

**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**

**NEWT GINGRICH**



**JOBS**

- **Getting Americans Back to Work.** President Obama unveiled his jobs plan, which would encourage small businesses to grow, prevent up to 280,000 teacher layoffs and provide a \$1,500 tax cut for the average family.
- **Millions of Jobs Created.** President Obama’s economic recovery plan created 3.6 million jobs.
- **More than 300,000 Public Sector Jobs Saved.** President Obama preserved more than 300,000 state and local public sector jobs—preventing layoffs of police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, teachers and other trusted public servants.

- **Tax-Free Pass for Corporations.** Gingrich proposed the complete elimination of taxes for corporations that create jobs.
- **Allow Big Corporations to Set Tax Policy.** Gingrich supports extending tax breaks for big corporations and wants to let them set the tax cut expiration date.
- **“Right-to-Work” for Less Leads to Job Creation.** Gingrich said passing “right-to-work” legislation will lead to job creation because those states are “creating a lot more jobs today than the heavily unionized states.”

**WORKING FAMILIES**

- **Tax Cuts for Working Families.** President Obama provided tax cuts to 95 percent of working families.
- **Unemployment Insurance for 2.5 Million Americans.** The president extended unemployment insurance—assisting 2.5 million Americans who lost their jobs in the recession.
- **Making College More Affordable.** President Obama expanded Pell Grants and revamped the student loan program by eliminating fees paid to private banks.

- **Tax Giveaways at the Expense of Working Families.** As House speaker, Gingrich protected corporate subsidies and extended tax giveaways to the wealthy while reducing spending on programs that help working families, such as job training, education funding and affordable housing assistance.
- **Unemployment Insurance is “Money for Doing Nothing.”** Gingrich supports changing the current unemployment benefits system into a worker training program to “not give anybody money for doing nothing.”

**WORKERS’ RIGHTS**

- **Protecting American Workers.** President Obama called the efforts to curb collective bargaining in states an “assault on unions” and recognized public employees “make enormous contributions to our states and our citizens.”

- **Unions Create Inefficiencies and Protect Mediocrity.** According to Gingrich, public employee unions “create work rules and inefficiencies and protection of mediocrity and blocking effective management.”

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**HEALTHCARE**

- **32 Million Americans Covered.** President Obama’s historic healthcare reform law expanded healthcare coverage to an additional 32 million uninsured Americans.
- **Quality Coverage Regardless of Pre-Existing Conditions or Illness.** The law prevents people with pre-existing conditions from being denied quality insurance coverage and prohibits insurance companies from dropping people due to illness.
- **Coverage for Young Adults and Children.** Parents are allowed to keep their children on their health plans until age 26. President Obama gave 11 million children coverage under the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

- **Repeal “Centralized Healthcare Dictatorship.”** Gingrich described President Obama’s healthcare reform as “centralized healthcare dictatorship” and said repealing the law is a necessary step.
- **An End to Medicare and Medicaid.** Gingrich lent his support for the Ryan budget, which essentially ended Medicare—affecting 48 million elderly and disabled Americans. As House speaker, he tried to eliminate Medicare altogether.

**FINANCIAL REFORM**

- **Reforms that Hold Wall Street Accountable.** President Obama enacted the most sweeping financial reform package since the Great Depression.
- **Better Protections for Consumers.** The President established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which increases regulation and oversight over big banks and mortgage companies.
- **Credit Card Rates and Fees Reined In.** President Obama also enacted the CARD Act, which reins in and reduces credit card rates and fees.

- **Protecting Wall Street.** Gingrich wants to repeal the Wall Street reform law and a 2002 law strengthening accountability standards for corporations.
- **Deregulation to Save Corporations Billions.** During his time in Congress, Gingrich made deregulation the centerpiece of his “Contract with America.” He claimed rolling back regulations would “save businesses billions of dollars each year.”

**RETIREMENT SECURITY**

- **Protecting Social Security.** President Obama vowed to protect Social Security benefits and refused to increase the Medicare eligibility age.
- **Immediate Relief for Seniors.** The president’s economic recovery act provided immediate relief to retirees, giving beneficiaries a one-time payment of \$250.

- **Private Social Security Accounts.** Gingrich supports using private savings accounts, a move that would shift risk to seniors and increase the federal budget deficit.

**IMMIGRATION**

- **A Balanced, Comprehensive Approach.** President Obama supports comprehensive immigration reform, understanding that a balanced approach is the only solution to end illegal immigration.
- **Supports the DREAM Act.** The President is an ardent supporter of the DREAM Act, legislation that provides upstanding undocumented immigrants who were brought to America as children a pathway to citizenship.
- **Halted Noncriminal Deportations.** President Obama released a strong policy that halted deportation proceedings for noncriminal immigrants .

- **No Pathway to Citizenship.** Gingrich is opposed to creating a pathway to citizenship for immigrant workers.
- **English Only.** In 2007, Gingrich wanted to replace bilingual education with English immersion so immigrants could “learn the language of prosperity, not the language of living in a ghetto.”