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President Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and Vice President Biden Commemorate 11th Anniversary of September 11th Attacks

This week, along with the nation, President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama marked the 11th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks. They first observed a moment of silence and attended a memorial service to honor those who died during the attacks.

President Obama said: "It's true that the majority of those who died on September 11th had never put on our country's uniform. And yet, they inspired more than 5 million Americans -- members of the 9/11 Generation -- to wear that uniform over the last decade. These men and women have done everything that we have asked. Today, the war in Iraq is over. In Afghanistan, we're training Afghan security forces and forging a partnership with the Afghan people. And by the end of 2014, the longest war in our history will be over. Meanwhile, countless civilians have opened their hearts to our troops, our military families and our veterans.

"This anniversary allows us to renew our faith that even the darkest night gives way to a brighter dawn. Today, we can come here to the Pentagon, and touch these names and kneel beside a building where a single stone still bears



the scars of that fire. We can visit the field of honor in Pennsylvania and remember the heroes who made it sacred. We can see water cascading into the footprints of the Twin Towers, and gaze up at a new tower rising above the New York skyline. And even though we may never be able to fully lift the burden carried by those left behind, we know that somewhere, a

son is growing up with his father's eyes, and a daughter has her mother's laugh -- living reminders that those who died are with us still.

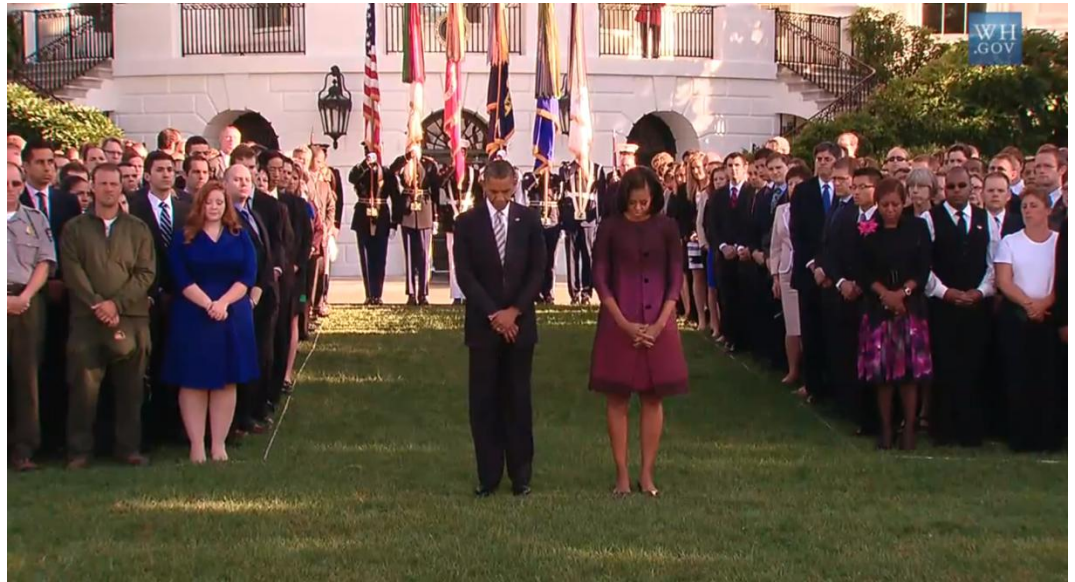
"So as painful as this day is and always will be, it leaves us with a lesson that no single event can ever destroy who we are. No act of terrorism can ever change what we stand for. Instead, we recommit ourselves to the values that we believe in, holding firmly, without wavering, to the hope that we confess. That's the commitment that we reaffirm today. And that's why, when the history books are written, the true legacy of 9/11 will not be one of fear or hate or division. It will be a safer world; a stronger nation; and a people more united than ever before."

Read the President's entire remarks [here](#) and watch the video of his remarks [here](#).

Vice President Biden traveled to Shanksville, PA and spoke at the Flight 93 National Memorial Commemorative Service to mark the anniversary of the fallen passengers and crew who perished there on September 11, 2001. Vice President Biden said: "Today we stand on this hallowed ground,

a place made sacred by the heroism and sacrifice of the passengers and the crew of Flight 93. And it's as if the flowers, as I walked here, as if the flowers were giving testament to how sacred this ground is. My guess -- and obviously it's only a guess; no two losses are the same. But my guess is you're living this moment that Yeats only wrote about, when he wrote, pray I will and sing I must, but yet I weep. Pray I will, sing I must, but yet I weep. My personal prayer for all of you is that in every succeeding year, you're able to sing more than you weep. And may God truly bless you and bless the souls of those 40 incredible people who rest in this ground."

Read the Vice President's remarks [here](#).



President Obama Honors Ambassador Stevens and Libya Attack Victims at Andrews Air Force Base

On Friday, President Obama honored U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans who were killed in an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi, Libya this week in a transfer of remains ceremony conducted by Marines at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. In his address, President Obama honored the lives and praised the dedication of the four Americans – U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, Navy Seal Glen Doherty, Navy Seal Tyrone Woods, and State Department official Sean Smith.

President Obama said: "To you -- their families and colleagues -- to all Americans, know this: Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. We will bring to justice those who took them from us. We will stand fast against the violence on our diplomatic missions. We will continue to do everything in our power to protect Americans serving overseas, whether that means increasing security at our diplomatic posts, working with host countries, which have an obligation to provide security, and making it clear that justice will come to those who harm Americans. Most of all, even in our grief, we will be resolute. For we are Americans, and we hold our head high knowing that because of these patriots -- because of you -- this country that we love will always shine as a light unto the world. 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' The flag they served under now carries them home. May God bless the memory of these men who laid down their lives for us all. May God watch over your families and all who loved them. And may God bless these United States of America."

President Obama Hits the Campaign Trail in Colorado and Nevada and Speaks About His Vision to Restore the American Dream

On Thursday, President Obama traveled to Colorado and Nevada and spoke about how he and First Lady Obama were able to achieve the American Dream because our country provided them the opportunities and the environment for those who were willing to work hard and get into the middle class and stay there.



President Obama said: ""Let's face it, a mixed kid from Hawaii born to a single mom is not likely to become President of the United States. But in America it can happen because of education, because somebody gave me opportunity.

"You know, a little black girl from the South Side of Chicago, whose mom is a secretary and dad is a blue-collar worker—not likely to become First Lady of the United States. But it happens because she got a great education, even though her folks didn't have a lot of money. It's the gateway of opportunity for middle-class families."

On Wednesday, President Obama traveled to Nevada and spoke about his vision and his strong belief that the United States will continue to be the greatest nation in the world.

President Obama said: "I won't pretend that what I'm offering is the easiest path. I've never said that. In 2008, I didn't say it was going to be easy. And as President Clinton reminded us last week, it's going to take more than a few years to solve challenges that have been building up over decades.

"But we've made progress. Every time I meet a child whose parents tell me, you know what, she was sick, but you helped her get insurance; every time I meet somebody who said, you know what, we were able to refinance our home and we've been able to save some money; every time I meet a spouse who says, you know what, you promised to bring my husband or my wife back from Iraq, and they're back now; every time I see that happen, I'm reminded of the progress that we've made.

"And we've got a long way to go. But let me tell you something: When we hear folks say that somehow this nation is in decline, they are dead wrong. We've got the best workers in the world, some of them right here in Las Vegas. We've got the best entrepreneurs in the world, some of them right here in Las Vegas. We've got the best scientists and the best researchers, the best colleges, the best universities. We've got this incredible diversity that you see in this audience and you see all across the country, people from every background, but all bound together by this creed, this faith that we have in this nation."



Vice President Biden Travels to Wisconsin, Talks Education and the Future of the Country

Vice President Biden traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and highlighted the importance of education in moving America forward. Vice President Biden said: "The President and I know neither one of us would be standing where we are today were it not for help we received in scholarships and loans . . . Six out of every 10 jobs in the next 10 years are going to require a degree or certificate beyond high school—we must be prepared . . . Our plan focuses first on education—100,000 new science and math teachers in the next 10 years . . . The Romney-Ryan budget calls for massive cuts in elementary and secondary education."

The Vice President also contrasted his and President Obama's vision with that of the Romney-Ryan ticket: "The President and I have a fundamentally different vision than Governor Romney and Congressman Ryan, and a different value set that guides us . . . To them, it doesn't matter much where American companies put their money or where they create jobs . . . They are not for Medicare. They are for a plan called Vouchercare . . . What they're proposing will not extend the life of Medicare. It will actually put the trust fund in jeopardy in the year 2016 . . . We see a future where America leads not only by the example of our power, but by the power of our example . . . America is coming back. We're not going back. We're going forward."



First Lady Michelle Obama Traveled to Virginia and Urged People to Get Involved in the Campaign

On Thursday, First Lady Michelle Obama traveled to Virginia and urged folks to get involved in the campaign. First Lady Obama said: "We won Virginia by 235,000 votes [in 2008]. Now, that's wonderful. And while that might sound like a lot, think about this: When you break that number down, that's just 100 votes per precinct. Now think about that—100 votes. That could mean just a couple of votes in your neighborhood, just a single vote in your apartment building."

"So for anyone here who might be thinking that your vote doesn't matter, that your involvement doesn't count, that in this complex political process, ordinary folks can't possibly make a difference—anyone who is thinking about that, I want you to think about those 100 votes. Think about that. I want you to think about, with just a few evenings on a phone bank, with just a few weekends knocking on doors, just a few of you here today could swing an entire precinct for Barack Obama. Just you all here could do that."



Holding Republicans Accountable

This week, the President's campaign released four new television ads titled "[The Cheaters](#)" and "[Won't Say](#)" as well as Spanish language ads, "De Eso Nada" and "Pagar la Cuenta." "[The Cheaters](#)" lays out how Romney hasn't really ever stood up to China—in fact, he's invested in firms that focus on relocating jobs overseas. Now, part of Romney's fortune is invested in China.

The television ad "[Won't Say](#)" looks at the questions Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan won't answer—like how to pay for their \$5 trillion tax cuts weighted toward millionaires and billionaires. Romney and Ryan continue to evade legitimate questions about the specifics of their plan because their campaign thinks it would be "suicidal" to release details. To pay for Romney and Ryan's tax breaks for the wealthy, their plan would raise taxes on middle-class families. Independent, nonpartisan experts have found that their plan could only be paid for by limiting tax deductions like the mortgage interest deduction—this would raise taxes on middle-class families with kids by an average of \$2,000 a year.

Along with the ad, the President's campaign released a new memo from Policy Director James Kvaal that sheds more light on the GOP ticket's budget proposals. Romney and Ryan may have campaigned on a \$5 trillion tax plan, but they have repeatedly avoided fundamental questions about how they would pay for their plan without raising taxes on middle-class families. And their budget plans fall \$6 trillion short of Romney's promise to balance the budget – a total of 11 trillion questions remaining unanswered for voters. That's just more of the same bad math that crashed our economy in the first place. Click [here](#) to read the policy memo.

"[De Eso Nada](#)," features Cristina Saralegui and shows how President Obama took steps to prevent another Great Depression and is continuing to rebuilt our economy from the middle class out, while Mitt Romney wants to take us back to the same economic policies that brought us to the brink of collapse. "[Pagar la Cuenta](#)," features Nydia Menendez, a Puerto Rican lawyer from Florida. The ad details Romney's opposition to the nomination of the first Latina justice, Sonia Sotomayor, to the Supreme Court.

On Friday, Congressman Paul Ryan spoke at the Values Voter Summit in Washington, DC. The DNC released a video, "[Let's Talk About Values](#)," which highlights the types of values that Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan share. If Paul Ryan wants to talk about values, we're happy to have that conversation because when it comes to the values middle class families cherish – being in this together, lifting one another up and moving our country forward – Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan are nowhere to be found. If you want to go to college, Mitt Romney says borrow money from your parents. When the American auto industry teetered on the brink of collapse, Mitt Romney said, "Let Detroit go bankrupt." Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan would voucherize Medicare, raise taxes on the middle class and pass along that money to millionaires and billionaires in the form of budget busting tax cuts. Paul Ryan wants to talk about values? Fine. Let's talk about values.

Over the weekend, Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan appeared on Sunday shows and completely failed to provide the American people any budget specifics on what tax loopholes they would close to pay for their budget-busting tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires. On Monday, DNC National Communications Director Brad Woodhouse, Oregon Senate Majority Leader and breast cancer survivor Diane Rosenbaum, and Women's Activist Sandra Fluke held a press conference call reacting to Paul Ryan and Mitt Romney's stunning lack of budget specifics.

Brad Woodhouse said:

"Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan took to the airwaves on Sunday morning . . . [W]hat America saw was a pair of candidates who continue to be as evasive about their plans as they were in Tampa . . . On NBC's 'Meet the Press,' Mitt Romney refused to name even one tax loophole or deduction that he'd close to pay for his \$5 trillion in new tax cuts favoring the wealthiest Americans, suggesting that Americans should just trust him to do what he says. Now that's a tough sell coming from a campaign that says they aren't going to be guided by the facts. Paul Ryan did more dodging on ABC's 'This Week' – probably because, as Romney's advisers have said, they both know it would be politically 'suicidal' to let the American people know what their plans actually are . . . [T]hey know there are simply not enough loopholes for the wealthy in the federal budget that Mitt Romney could eliminate to pay for his tax cuts weighted too the wealthiest Americans. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center found that his tax plan could only be paid for by limiting popular tax deductions like the mortgage interest deduction, which would raise taxes on the average middle class family with kids by \$2,000 a year.

"Now to add insult to injury, Romney gave voters even more reason to question his intentions when he flip flopped yet again on healthcare. On 'Meet the Press' Romney said he liked the Affordable Care Act's provision that requires insurers to cover preexisting conditions, and would support something similar if elected President. Hours later, his campaign clarified he did not, however, support a federal ban against denying coverage for preexisting conditions. Hours after that the Romney camp had circled back again to the same position it held back in March: that the governor supports coverage for preexisting conditions for people who have had continuous coverage. So how does Romney plan to keep protections for those with pre-existing conditions for those without continuous coverage which is at the heart of the major Obamacare reforms? Again no specifics from the Romney campaign."

Diane Rosenbaum said:

"As you mentioned Mitt Romney caused quite a stir yesterday with his lack of budget specifics and providing Americans, particularly women even less clarity with what his actual position is on healthcare reform . . . In addition to being a longtime advocate for quality affordable healthcare for Oregonians, especially women – I am also a breast cancer survivor. I was so fortunate to have great health insurance and an incredible standard of care. [W]hen Mitt Romney talks about repealing the Affordable Care Act and can't seem to keep his story straight regarding pre-existing conditions - I take that personally, too. Because let's be clear about what repealing Obamacare would really do. He's asking women to go back to the days when some of them couldn't afford the care they needed. And apparently he thinks it's perfectly fine for insurers to continue denying coverage to breast cancer survivors like me, many of us that are only here because a screening caught our cancer in time."

Sandra Fluke said:

"The landmark reforms contained in the health care law will: make it illegal for an insurance company to charge you more than a man for the same coverage; ensure that being a woman is no longer a preexisting condition; and millions of women have gained access to important preventive care like mammograms, well-woman visits, birth control, and additional screenings for diabetes and other types of cancer, free of charge. For women across Oregon and in every corner of the country, preventive care allows us to stay healthy and catch potentially serious conditions at an early, more treatable stage. And now that insurance companies have been required to cover these critical servicesMeanwhile, Mitt Romney wants to turn back the clock on all that we've achieved and take women backward. We've seen him unapologetically take one extreme position after another on women's health, including: vowing to take away all federal funding for Planned Parenthood; declaring his support for the Rubio-Blunt Amendment, which would hand women's health decisions over to their bosses; and promising to repeal the Affordable Care Act – even though all three branches of government have now agreed that ALL Americans have a right to quality, affordable health care."

On Thursday, DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz released a statement on the eighteenth anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act:

"Eighteen years ago today, the Violence Against Women Act – landmark legislation written by Vice President Biden, a U.S. Senator at that time – was signed into law. As a result of VAWA, so many women across the country who have been victims of violence are alive today, and this critical law is still helping to save lives and decrease the annual rates of domestic violence by 60 percent.

"When the Violence Against Women Act first became law, it received overwhelming bipartisan support – and understandably so. Yet this past summer, when Democrats acted to strengthen VAWA, Republicans in the House attempted to weaken it, and Mitt Romney has refused to say whether he supports its full reauthorization. To this day, Congressional Republicans still refuse to take action, and the reauthorization of this incredibly important law remains stagnant. But despite the GOP's senseless opposition, we are proud to say that President Obama, Vice President Biden and Democrats believe in the full reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and are working day in and day out to prevent violence against all Americans – whether you are a man or a woman.

"Sadly, we know our struggle is far from over; far too many women in this country still face the violent reality of rape, and far too many die every day because of violence in their communities and their own homes. We can and must do more. That is why it's time for Republicans in Congress to come to the table

and demonstrate the leadership required to deliver the crucial protections and justice system that our sisters, friends, mothers, wives and daughters deserve.”

On Friday, on the eve of the 4th anniversary of Lehman Brothers’ collapse, Rep. Barney Frank (MA), Rep. Paul Tonko (NY) and Rep. Allyson Schwartz (PA) held a press conference call on Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan’s plan to repeal Dodd-Frank and once again allow Wall Street to write its own rules as Mitt Romney fundraises in New York City. As we approach the four year anniversary of the collapse of Lehman Brothers, it’s as important as ever to examine what the Romney-Ryan plan to repeal Wall Street Reform would mean for millions of middle class Americans.

Representative Barney Frank said:

“Wall Street Reform curbs predatory mortgage lending and cracks down on other abuses in the mortgage system that contributed to the housing crisis, requiring people generating risk to keep a piece of that risk themselves rather than getting rid of it. Most importantly Wall Street Reform set up the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to prevent abusive and predatory financial products that take advantage of consumers, overseeing everything from mortgages to credit card fees to student loans . . . Under Romney and Ryan, financial companies would be allowed to go back to the same policies that got us into the financial crisis to begin with. They would reduce oversight and accountability, allowing Wall Street, mortgage lenders and credit card companies to go back to writing their own rules. Simply put – this would be catastrophic to our nation’s economic recovery and is yet another example that Romney-Ryan economic agenda is to basically retry everything that we already know hasn’t worked.”

Congressman Paul Tonko said:

“The President is a strong believer in the free market. Jobs are not created by government, but by businesses and entrepreneurs willing to take a risk on a good idea. The President knows that the government’s role is to make sure the ground rules are fair so the market can be more vibrant and accessible to everyone. That’s why President Obama overcame fierce opposition from the financial industry to pass the most far-reaching reform of Wall Street in generations, creating a consumer watchdog agency, bringing new transparency to financial markets and putting an end to taxpayer-funded bank bailouts. The President also reined in excessive and hidden credit card fees designed to take advantage of consumers.”

Representative Allyson Schwartz said:

“For far too long in this country, we had banks playing by one set of rules and other financial institutions – such as certain payday lenders or independent mortgage brokers – playing by another, with a frequent lack of oversight . . . And though Congress, President Obama and the American people have come a long way in forming an agency singularly dedicated to consumer protection, American families will continue to be at risk if Romney-Ryan have their way and repeal Wall Street Reforms so that big banks can go back to playing by their own rules while the middle class suffers. President Obama is fighting to get us to an economy that is not rooted in costly tax loopholes, shipping jobs overseas, and reckless financial deals – but is instead built for the long haul, with investments in priorities like education and small business growth and in creating goods that will sell in the global economy.”

Issues in the News

MIDDLE-CLASS TAXES: Even the Experts Romney Cites Agree That He’d Have to Raise Taxes on the Middle Class to Pay for His Huge Tax Breaks for The Wealthiest

Key Point: Even the tax experts Romney cites agree that he’d have to raise taxes on middle-class families to pay for his budget-busting tax breaks for millionaires like himself.

- **Independent, nonpartisan tax experts – even the ones Mitt Romney cites to tout his tax plan – agree that Romney would have to raise taxes on middle-class families** to pay for his \$5 trillion tax breaks skewed to millionaires and billionaires.
 - **Must Read:** [Today’s Bloomberg report](#), “Romney Tax Cuts Work Only When Mortgage Deduction Mostly Reduced.”

- **Romney's math only works if he raises taxes on the middle class.** To pay for his tax breaks for the wealthiest, he'd have to eliminate tax benefits that middle-class families rely on, like the home mortgage deduction, the charitable deduction and the ability to get health insurance from your employer without paying taxes on it.
 - Even analyses skewed to favor Romney show families making more than \$100,000 – like two teachers or a police officer and a nurse – paying higher taxes.
 - That's why Romney's advisers believe it would be "suicidal" to tell voters what he'd actually do if elected.
- **With 53 days until Election Day, Romney should find the courage to be honest** with the American people about his policies and the devastating impact they'd have on middle class families and our economy.

ROMNEY'S CHINA HYPOCRISY: Romney Talks Tough on China despite Making a Fortune Doing Business with Chinese Companies; He Has Zero Credibility

Key Point: Mitt Romney's tough talk on China has zero credibility. He made a fortune investing in firms that specialized in shipping American jobs to low-wage countries like China, and he still has part of his fortune invested there.

- **Mitt Romney's hypocritical attacks on China have zero credibility.** He's never stood up to China – instead he made money while American jobs were sent there.
 - Romney invested in firms that specialized in shipping jobs to low-wage countries like China. Part of his fortune is still invested in Chinese companies, even though his advisors falsely claimed to have dumped his investments in China before he changed his rhetoric.
 - Romney attacked the President for enforcing trade laws against China, calling it "bad for the nation and our workers." His campaign called it "protectionism."
 - Romney's policies would hurt American workers and businesses. His corporate tax plan could create up to 800,000 jobs in countries overseas, including China.
 - Even the news agency representing the official views of China has called Romney's attacks "foolish" and "ironic."
 - ***Must Read:*** Today's [Reuters](#) report, "China commentary slams Romney's 'foolish' China-bashing."
- **President Obama has a strong and consistent record of holding China accountable** and standing up for American workers and a level playing field.
 - He's challenging China's unfair trade practices that hurt American autoworkers.
 - He's consistently pressured China on its undervalued currency and will keep pressing for policy changes that will make exchange rates more flexible.
 - He's brought trade cases against China at twice the rate of his predecessor, and recently won several WTO cases against China's unfair trade practices.
 - He defended our tire and steel industries against China's unfair trade practices.
- **We've added half a million manufacturing jobs in the past two and a half years.** The President has a concrete plan to create 1 million new manufacturing jobs by the end of 2016. Romney's plan would encourage companies to ship American jobs overseas right when manufacturers are starting to bring jobs back home.

ROMNEY'S TAXES: Romney Asked for 10 Years of Tax Returns From His Potential Running Mates But Has Only Given the American People One Year of His

Key Point: Romney asked his potential running mates for 10 years of tax returns but only gave the American people one year of his. He needs to come clean and release his tax returns so voters can know whether he tried to avoid paying his fair share and judge how that might influence the tax reform debate if he were president.

- **Mitt Romney asked potential running mates for 10 years of tax returns, but only gave the American people one year of his.** He should come clean and release the same amount. Voters deserve to know whether he's used foreign tax havens to avoid paying his fair share, and how that would influence the tax reform debate if he were president.

- **Must Read:** [This new OFA video](#), "The Top Five Reasons Why Mitt Romney Won't Release More Tax Returns."
- **Even Republicans want Romney to come clean and release more tax returns.** He's left too much unexplained about his private-sector record, which he's made the cornerstone of his campaign. Maybe they're wondering what John McCain saw in 23 years of Romney's tax returns that made him decide to pick Sarah Palin instead.
- **Romney believes in a tax system with two sets of rules – one for himself and others at the top, and another for everyone else.**
 - Romney supports an unfair tax system that lets many of the wealthiest taxpayers take advantage of special breaks and loopholes unavailable to many middle-class families.
 - Romney picked Paul Ryan, who once proposed a plan that would've let Romney pay less than 1 percent in taxes.
 - Romney may have taken advantage of foreign tax havens to avoid paying his fair share. We didn't know about Romney's \$3 million Swiss bank account or his Bermuda shell corporation until he released one full year of tax returns. What else is he hiding by not releasing more?
 - Romney's own tax plan would mean that big businesses wouldn't have to pay any U.S. taxes on profits earned overseas, including in foreign tax havens.

TAXES: Romney and Ryan Won't Explain How They'll Pay for Their Tax Breaks for the Wealthiest Because It Would Require Raising Taxes on the Middle Class

Key Point: Romney and Ryan won't say which loopholes and deductions they'd end to pay for their \$5 trillion tax cuts skewed to the wealthiest because it would require a tax hike on the middle class. Their plan is full of the same bad math that got us into this mess.

- **Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan tried yesterday to dampen voters' obvious enthusiasm for President Obama's vision** to move the country forward. But they were as evasive about their plans as they were in Tampa – ducking and dodging the most basic questions.
 - **Must Watch:** [This new OFA video](#) on Romney and Ryan's evasiveness.
- **Romney and Ryan both refused to name even one tax loophole or deduction** they'd close to pay for their \$5 trillion in new tax cuts favoring the wealthiest Americans. As Romney's advisers have said, they both know it would be politically "suicidal" to do so.
 - They'd have to raise taxes on the middle class to pay for their tax breaks for the wealthiest because, under their plan, the budget doesn't have enough loopholes for the wealthy that they could eliminate to make the math work.
 - Nonpartisan, independent tax experts say their tax plan could only be paid for by limiting popular tax deductions like the mortgage interest deduction, which would raise taxes on the average middle class family with kids by \$2,000 a year.
 - **Must Read:** [This new OFA Truth Team blog post](#), "Fact check: Romney's tax plan defense doesn't pass the arithmetic test."
- **The Romney-Ryan plan is full of the same bad math that crashed our economy in the first place.** As President Obama told Florida voters yesterday, "They want your vote, but they don't have a plan. Or at least they don't want to tell you their plan. And that's because they've got the same plan they've had for 30 years."

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN: President Obama Has a Real, Achievable Plan to Move America Forward and Restore the Promise of Middle-Class Security for All Americans

Key Point: Unlike Mitt Romney, President Obama has a real, achievable plan that will create jobs, expand opportunity and ensure an economy built to last – one that's built from the middle out, not the top down. It will help us meet a set of goals in manufacturing, energy, education, national security and the deficit.

- **President Obama did in Charlotte what Romney failed to do in Tampa:** honestly and clearly laid out his vision and plan to move America forward and restore the promise of middle-class security for all Americans.

- **Must Read:** *The President's goals for America* at www.barackobama.com/goals.
- **The President has a real, achievable plan to create jobs, expand opportunity and ensure an economy built to last** – one that's built from the middle out, not the top down – to help us meet a set of goals in:
 - Manufacturing: Create 1 million new manufacturing jobs by the end of 2016 and double our exports by the end of 2014.
 - Energy: Cut net oil imports in half by 2020 and support 600,000 new natural gas jobs by the end of the decade.
 - Education: Cut the growth of college tuition and fees in half over the next 10 years, recruit 100,000 math and science teachers and train 2 million workers at community colleges for jobs that exist today.
 - National Security: Invest in nation-building here at home using half the money saved from responsibly ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
 - Deficit: Reduce the deficit by more than \$4 trillion over the next decade.