



# WEEKLY UPDATE

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## President Obama Delivers a Statement on the Tragic Shooting in Charleston, SC

Yesterday, President Obama addressed the tragic shooting in Charleston, South Carolina where a gunman open fired at the Emanuel AME Church, killing nine people.

President Obama stated "hate has once again been let loose in an American community. And the senseless actions of a coward have once again cut short so many lives with so much promise."

Speaking of the lives lost, the President said "our hearts ache with sorrow with the entire Emanuel AME Church family as they seek solace and comfort in the shadow of a gunman's act of pure evil and hatred. Our love and prayers are with them."



Watch the President's statement [here](#).

The President pledged the nation's unwavering support for the Charleston community and the state of South Carolina, stating "all of Charleston's heart bleeds today—but the overwhelming display of unity will bring forth the city's healing. We will never forget those innocent souls who lost their lives. We will be there with all the strength and support and prayers we can offer to the families who now grieve. And as a nation we will come together."

Read the full remarks [here](#).

## DNC Chair Statement on Tragic Shooting in Charleston, SC

DNC Chair Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz also released the following statement:

"Today, the nation mourns as we learn more about the harrowing shooting at the historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. As law enforcement continues its work and as the victims' families and community begin to heal, we are heartbroken and painfully reminded that our work is far from done. No one should ever have a reason to be afraid to go to their place of worship. We must recommit to ensuring our communities are safe from senseless and hateful acts of violence."

### DNC Chair Statement on Jeb Bush's 2016 Announcement

"Jeb Bush's announcement later today that he'll seek the Republican 2016 nomination is good news if you happen to be Jeb Bush or someone like him. Throughout his career, Jeb Bush has consistently put what is best for himself and those at the top above the priorities of working Americans.

"As governor of Florida, Jeb Bush slashed taxes by billions, largely benefitting the wealthy and corporations. Since leaving public office more than eight years ago, Bush has leveraged his family name to reap profits for himself, immersing himself in problematic corporate business deals and cashing in on Wall Street while Americans were hit by the financial crisis.



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"We already know what to expect from a Bush Presidency, because we've seen it before. Jeb Bush supported his brother's disastrous economic and foreign policies that made us weaker at home and abroad. He supported his brother's plan to privatize Social Security and endorsed a budget that would end Medicare as we know it.

"But what makes the specter of a Jeb Bush presidency even more unpalatable is his belief in his own superiority and infallibility – in my 22 years in elected office I have never worked with someone who is as inflexible, uncompromising, and willing to do whatever it takes to get their way as Jeb Bush. These are not the qualities Americans need in their president if we are going to work together to get things done.

"On issue after issue, Jeb Bush's indifference toward the concerns of the middle class, women, students, immigrants, seniors and the LGBT community shows he is as out of step with the American people as every other candidate in the Republican field."

## **State Democratic Parties Respond to Jeb Bush's Announcement**

This week, state Democratic parties responded to Jeb Bush's presidential announcement. Here's what they had to say:

"Iowa Democrats fight every day to ensure our country is an inclusive place, accepting of all backgrounds and families, where everyone can have access to the ladder of economic opportunity. But Bush's policies as Governor of Florida and his campaign rhetoric leading up to this announcement give us a clear preview of who Bush would fight for: people like himself, not working Iowans." – **Andy Mcquire, Iowa Democratic Party**

"From the middle class to seniors, from women to the LGBT community, Bush's record of exclusion is nothing but a page from the failed Republican policies of the past. While Bush lays out his backwards and failed policies today, just remember all those he's left behind." – **Lizzy Price, New Hampshire Democratic Party**

"We know what to expect from Jeb Bush because we've seen it before – policies that wreck the economy, giving massive breaks to the wealthy and corporations while leaving the rest of the country behind. A third Bush presidency would marginalize so many hard-working Virginians, from single mothers to public school children and LGBT people. Jeb has consistently put himself and people like him over everyday Americans, which Virginia just can't afford." – **Morgan Finkelstein, Democratic Party of Virginia**

"Texas and the rest of the country are still suffering from George W. Bush's failed economic policies. Jeb Bush is no different than his brother. He opposes policies that help level the playing field for our middle class families. Texas needs a president that will help all Texans and all Americans receive a living wage and have access to affordable health care. Texans deserve a candidate that will champion a strong middle class, quality health care, and smart investments in our children's future. Jeb Bush is not that candidate." – **Gilberto Hinojosa, Texas Democrats**

"His views are vastly out-of-touch with mainstream America and Mainers who believe in equality and empowering all women and families. His policy beliefs aren't much better. He's actually endorsed budgets and policies that would slash early childhood education programs, college affordability and Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Bush's agenda would be disastrous for hard working Maine families, students and seniors." – **Phil Barlett, Maine Democratic Party**

## **DNC Statement on Donald Trump 2016 Announcement**

With Donald Trump's announcement that he is running for president, DNC National Press Secretary Holly Shulman released the following statement:

"Today, Donald Trump became the second major Republican candidate to announce for president in two days. He adds some much-needed seriousness that has previously been lacking from the GOP field, and we look forward to hearing more about his ideas for the nation."

## **CBO: Repealing Obamacare Would Leave 19 Million Uninsured; Raise Federal Deficit** **NATIONAL JOURNAL // DYLAN SCOTT**

Repealing the Affordable Care Act would increase the federal deficit by \$137 billion or more over the next 10 years and would increase the number of uninsured Americans by 19 million in 2016, according to a [new report](#) from the Congressional Budget Office.

The projections are the first official score of full Obamacare repeal since 2012 and come as the Supreme Court weighs the *King v. Burwell* case, which could substantially hinder the health care law by limiting federal subsidies in 34 states. Some congressional Republicans have advocated repealing the law if the Court rules as they hope it does; such a decision would invalidate the law's subsidies for more than 6 million people, putting their health insurance at risk.

Should Obamacare be repealed, CBO estimates that 20 million would lose insurance when Obamacare's exchanges close and 8 million would lose Medicaid coverage. But about 6 million people would pick up employer coverage and 4 million would buy individual plans, leaving a net effect of 19 million people losing insurance.

The impact increases in later years, with about 50 million nonelderly Americans being uninsured starting in 2020 and onward. CBO [estimated](#) earlier this year that there are 35 million uninsured Americans in 2015 and the number would drop to 24 million by 2020 under the ACA.

The new CBO score assumes that the ACA's repeal would take effect on Jan. 1, 2016, but does not account for any alternative health care policy being passed in its place. The estimates are also the first since Republicans took over Congress and installed a new CBO director, Keith Hall, a veteran of the George W. Bush administration. The CBO has also begun to incorporate so-called "dynamic scoring," which tries to measure the larger economic effects of the policy changes the agency is evaluating.

Using dynamic scoring, CBO estimated that the federal deficit would increase by \$137 billion over the next 10 years. The agency projected that the largest economic effect would be more people working and therefore more taxable income, which would help offset the increase to the deficit. Repealing some of the law's taxes would also increase incentives to save and invest, CBO said, which would lead to a greater economic output.

The agency did acknowledge that dynamic scoring is highly uncertain. Without it, the estimate deficit increase would be \$353 billion. In both cases, the deficit would initially dip after repeal before increasing in the later years.

Those are both higher numbers than the 2012 estimate, which projected a \$109 billion rise in the deficit from 2013 to 2022.

"Most of the difference between that earlier estimate and the current one stems from a shift in the budget window to encompass later years—in which repealing the ACA is estimated to increase budget deficits sharply," the CBO explained.

The agency also emphasized that the overall effect is difficult to project, giving the complexity of the law and the difficulty projecting economic effects so far into the future.

## In The States

- On Monday, Democratic Party of Florida Chair Allison Tant issued a response to Gov. Jeb Bush's announcement that he will be seeking the Republican nomination for President: "Florida Democrats stand ready to introduce the Jeb Bush we've known for years to voters across the country. Nearly a decade after he left office, Floridians are still suffering the fallout from his disastrous education policies. We haven't forgotten the shame and embarrassment he brought Florida when he unconstitutionally abused state government to bully and harass Terri Schiavo's husband." Read the full press release [here](#).
- On Wednesday, the Louisiana Democratic Party released the following statement regarding the shared failures of the Jindal- Angelle administration, a tandem that created a 1.6 billion dollar deficit, and fought against equal pay: "Attempting to speak with media outlets regarding the \$1.6 billion deficit his failed GOP policies created, Gov. Bobby Jindal's appointee and former protégée Scott Angelle offered baffling, incoherent policy proposals. Rebutting an assertion that no one made, Angelle insisted we cannot blame Texas or Arkansas for the budget crisis. He went on to suggest that a powerful executive branch was at the core of what's wrong with state government." Read the full press release [here](#).
- On Wednesday, the Wisconsin Democratic Party released the following statement regarding a recent federal jobs report highlighting the effects of Gov. Scott Walker's disastrous policies on Wisconsin's economy: "As Scott Walker returns from yet another taxpayer-funded presidential campaign trip out of the country, federal jobs numbers are confirming that Wisconsin ranked dead last in the Midwest in private sector job growth in Scott Walker's first term in office." Read the full press release [here](#).
- On Wednesday, the Democratic Party of New Hampshire issued a statement reminding voters of the Real Jeb Bush, a third act to the failed tenures of his father and brother: "Jeb Bush is back in New Hampshire trying to convince us he has something new to say. He doesn't. Over the past month we've seen him try to figure out what his position is on Iraq, changing his mind seemingly every day. We've seen him defend his book that supports shaming single mothers. We've seen him try out the same failed policies of the past, and it's clear that's where Jeb Bush is stuck. Jeb Bush isn't interested in leveling the playing field for Granite Staters. He's out to do what he's done his whole career: put himself and people like him over every day Granite Staters." Read the full press release [here](#).
- Yesterday, the Democratic Party of Texas distributed a release reflecting voter sentiment towards Donald Trump's announcement that he will seek the Republican nomination for President: "L.O.L." Read the full press release [here](#).