

## Citizens treated shoddily

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I heard Omaha radio host Chris Baker say “2013 is the year we found out our leaders think we suck.” Actually, this has been apparent for years, i.e., Barack Obama telling a crowd in California, when things go bad for people in small town America “they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy toward people who aren’t like them.” If you didn’t vote for Obama, you’re an angry, gun-toting, religious zealot and a racist.

After Obama and Treasury Secretary Geithner transformed the TARP into a bailout for world banks, did you ever wonder what happens to the interest collected on those loans? Why does the Federal Reserve pay big banks interest on money they keep at the U.S. central bank, actually paying them not to lend that money to us? If you think losing over 60% of banks in the U.S. since 1985 is a problem and the ones left are becoming too big to fail, you’re a conspiracy nutbag. So, step right up and get your Obama loan.

Obama mentions focusing like a laser on jobs from time to time, but his speeches and policies are all about helping people get on food stamps and welfare. If you think waste and fraud are a part of the huge increase in food stamp recipients from 31.9 million to 47.6 million since 2009, you must want people to starve.

Obama created an enigma for the media at the White House two weeks ago. If Congress would pass an extension of unemployment benefits for the hardworking, unemployed standing behind him (victims of his economic policies), they could use the money to stimulate the economy. In other words, paying people not to work creates jobs. The press had to juggle the talking point that the economy is getting better, with the argument that people out of work still need help. They also had to report lower unemployment figures, but not mention the manipulated figures don’t include people who have simply given up looking for a job and left the workforce. If you think the left’s ridiculous policies are keeping 92 million able-bodied people out of work (the lowest workforce percentage in 35 years), you’re a hater.

If you admire tea party movement hero Andrew Breitbart, who wanted to give a voice to people who were called bigots for wanting to uphold the value of personal responsibility, there must be something wrong with you. A voice for people skeptical of both political parties? Wanting the American people to understand why every penny is being taken from their pocket and put into government coffers goes against everything the left believes. If you think Barack Obama is a symptom of the problem, raised in academia, embedded in the institutional left with radical values like Saul Alinsky’s, sold to us by Hollywood with creative and artistic videos viewed by tens of millions, you’re wrong. It’s Bush’s fault.

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Perhaps these events became more noticeable to Chris Baker last year, because Republicans began to see how well it was working for the Democrats and are now getting in on the action. We are failing to hold any of them accountable. Maybe we do suck.