

## RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA'S POLICIES

**Whereas** candidate Obama promised to bring real change to our nation's politics; and

**Whereas** tens of millions of Americans donated their time, money, and soul to his election and trusted Mr. Obama to live up to his word; and

**Whereas** President Obama violated Democratic values and [broke](#) Democratic hearts by:

1. escalating and widening the disastrous war in Afghanistan, causing attacks on civilians, cover-ups, and further hardship and casualties for our troops
2. threatening war with Iran
3. increasing total defense spending to nearly a [trillion](#) dollars a year
4. [delaying](#) the withdrawal of troops from Iraq
5. continuing domestic spying, overseas [rendition](#), and the Guantanamo prison
6. extending President Bush's unjust bailouts of the banks and Wall Street
7. [opposing](#) a bill that would have imposed windfall taxes on Wall Street bonuses
8. surrounding himself with military, [legal](#), and [economic](#) advisers held-over from the Bush Administration
9. cutting [back-room deals](#) with Big Pharma and Big Insurance that eliminated a public option and that benefited the corrupt and inefficient health industry
10. allowing anti-choice provisions to be included in health care reform
11. supporting [assassination](#) of an American citizen residing overseas
12. proposing to open sensitive coastal areas to offshore oil drilling
13. favoring \$50 billion in subsidies for nuclear power but not for green energy
14. appointing "[pesticide pusher](#)" Islam Siddiqui as chief agricultural negotiator in the office of the US trade representative
15. deciding to [prosecute](#) whistle-blower Thomas Drake, who exposed fraud, corruption, and illegal surveillance in the NSA "Trailblazer" program; [similarly](#) for an FBI whistle-blower
16. failing to prosecute Bush-era crimes, thereby aiding Republicans and allowing them to hide the truth about their policies from the American people; and

**Whereas** the President's centrism, his [failure](#) to lead, and his unwillingness to decisively break with conservative policies and [framing](#) have [confused](#) the voters and allowed our opponents to portray the Democrats as servants of the rich and the powerful; and

**Whereas** the President's unsatisfactory leadership [stifles](#) hope, divides the Party, and threatens the electoral prospects of Democrats in November; and

**Whereas** the fact that Republicans are worse is an [unacceptable](#) excuse; and

**Whereas** President Obama has [said](#): "We must form grass-root structures that would hold me and other elected officials more accountable for their actions" ; and

**Whereas** ignoring his mistakes just because the President is a Democrat would amount to tacit complicity in injustice: we must hold him accountable to prevent future wrongdoing; and

**Whereas** the fact that Obama may have promised to do some of the things he's doing doesn't in any way make those things right (he also promised to do some things he hasn't done, such as supporting a public option for health care); and

**Whereas** hiding our heads in the sand and pretending, for the sake of party unity, that all is well is counter-productive, since people will abandon the Democratic Party if they perceive that its members compromise their principles in order to win elections;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that we, the 41<sup>st</sup> District Democrats (Washington State Democrats,...), express sadness and disappointment at President Obama's repeated betrayals of our Democratic ideals; and

**Be it further resolved** that copies of this resolution be sent to the White House.

*Please consider signing the [petition](#). Further documentation can be found there.*