Obama To Propose Tax Hikes On Wealthy To Help Out Middle Class

During tonight’s State of the Union address, President Obama will reportedly propose that Congress raise taxes on the wealthiest taxpayers, in part by closing a “trust fund loophole” protecting inherited money from taxes, and use the funds to expand tax credits for the middle class. What do *you* think?

#mc Obama

#mc wealthy people

#mc trust fund children / inheritors

#mc middle class

#mc congress

#ac people who do taxes for people and find the loop holes

#assumption this is good

Why? the wealthy should be taxed more, they can afford it

Why? The middle class pays too much taxes and are suffering

Trust fund children are bad - they don’t use their inheritance well, they haven’t earned it,

(violation: wealthy people have earned it)

Why? This will help fix wealth inequality.

#assumption this is bad

-Why? More taxes are always bad.

-Why? You should be able to keep inheritance as a rememberance for your parents.

#assumption taxes are complicated

Maybe introduce new loopholes.

Real Answers:

1. **“That’s just like Obama to try to tax Americans out of their hard-earned inheritances.”**

#assumption thisIsGood (violation; this is bad for inheritors)

#assumption inheritance is bad. Why? because it isn’t earned. (violated by assuming it is hard earned)

1. **“But if they close the trust fund loophole, the wealthy will have no option other than to avail themselves of the numerous other loopholes that allow them to circumvent their tax obligation.”**

#observation: there are lots of loopholes

#assumption: this will actually fix things

1. **“This is just the kind of impossible symbolic gesture the middle class needs.”**

#assumption: this will actually fix things

Report: NFL Investigating Patriots Locker Room Attendant For ‘Deflategate’

The NFL is reportedly zeroing in on a New England Patriots locker room attendant as a “person of interest” in the so-called Deflategate scandal, in which 11 of 12 Patriots footballs used during the AFC title game were found to be under-inflated, with one source claiming a team employee took two bags of 12 balls into a single bathroom stall before the game. What do *you* think?

#mc NFL

#mc Patriots Players

#mc Patriots coaches

#ac Patriots fans

#mc Patriots locker room attendant

#mc footballs

#mc deflated footballs

#mc inflated footballs

#assumption The Patriots cheated

Why? Because they wanted to win the game.

How? Deflating the ball gives them an advantage

#assumption the attendant deflated the balls in the bathroom stall

Why? He could deflate the balls in the bathroom stall in privacy.

(violation: he was just talking to them)

#assumption this is a big deal

Why? Cheating is bad.

Why? Cheating on TV is bad.

Why? Everybody can see you.

Why? Football matters. (as much as Presidents)

**“Before we jump to conclusions, let’s remember there are plenty of innocent reasons a person might sneak off to the bathroom with two dozen footballs.”**

#mc attendant.

#assumption guilty

**“Well, it’s highly unlikely a powerful organization would throw a low-level employee under the bus, so this is probably as high as it goes.”**

#mc NFL

#mc attendant

#assumption even if the attendant did it, he probably didn’t act alone. (violated, by this person assuming that “this is as high as it goes.”)

**“They should wrap this up soon so there’s nothing to distract from the game except every other scandal that’s happened in the NFL this season.”**

#observation: NFL has a lot of scandals

#insult NFL

Study: Earth 44% Doomed

A new study from a team of international researchers has found that human activity has pushed earth across four of nine environmental boundaries needed for humanity to exist in a “safe operating zone,” and that the planet is headed toward a danger zone in which long-term survival is unclear. What do *you* think?

#mc Earth

#mc Humans

#mc residents of earth

#ac aliens

#ac EPA

#association Global Warming

#rxn This is horrible, we might not survive

(violation:

Who is this good for?

* aliens waiting to take over our planets
* cockroaches that will survive anything
* people betting against the Earth
* people know that they can have an effect

#assumption the research is correct

Why do we assume that?

we hear a lot about global warming

humans arn’t good at taking care of the planet

#assumption We’re doomed

Violation: we’re not doomed.

Why not?

We can turn this around. #lens a football game. Last quarter anything can change

Only 44%, not even half.

How are we ruining it?

using too many resources

why? because we’re greedy

Violation: maybe it’s the Earth’s not greedy

Violation: maybe the Earth isn’t trying hard enough.

Real Answers:

1. **“They’re going to need words stronger than ‘doomed’ and ‘global catastrophe’ to get me to pay attention.”**

#assumption: this is serious (violated by someone who doesn’t think this is serious)

2) **“Okay, but how doomed am I personally?”**

#assumption this is serious (violated by someone not taking it personally)

also, we only care about ourselves (we’re greedy)

#pov somebody self-centered

3) **“I’m so sick of these ivory-tower scientists telling us to stop destroying the earth.”**

#pov someone who doesn’t care about global warming

#assumption: this is correct

#assumption: we need to do something about this

Study: 1 In 5 Spouses Commits ‘Financial Infidelity’

A new study conducted by the site CreditCards.com has found that one in five married people in the U.S. commits so-called financial infidelity by hiding purchases from their partner, with men twice as likely as women to make secret purchases on items like electronics. What do you think?

#mc husbands

#mc wifes

#mc creditcards.com

#ac credit card companies

#mc married couples

#ac single people

#ac financial cheaters (1 in 5)

#ac financial non-cheaters (4 in 5)

#assumption: this is bad

#assumption: this isn't bad

Why isn't it that bad?

- At least it's not real infidelity

- It's only money, money can't buy you love

- you shouldn't know your spouses finances. it's kinda like snooping to know

Why is it bad?

- it's secret keeping

- it ruins trust.

- #assumption: spouses should share this knowledge

How could this be good

- for BestBuy

- silver lining: it's only one in 5.

Maybe Best Buy encourages this?

#lens Best Buy as a homewrecker

"I always knew Best Buy was a homewrecker.""

Real Answers:

1) “Okay, okay, I bought a laser rangefinder last Tuesday night, but it meant nothing.”

#ac financial cheaters (1 in 5)

#assumption: this is bad

#assumption: it ruins trust (and he's trying to win the trust back)

#lens to real infidelity (showing that this is not real infidelity)

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**“It’s just evolution—humans aren’t meant to share their purchases with the same person their whole lives.”**

#pov narrator

#assumption: this is not bad.

#assumption: spouses should share this knowledge

we aren't meant to share purchases

#lens:

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“**Not me. My husband and I end every day by exchanging receipts before falling into each other’s arms.”**

#ac financial non-cheaters (4 in 5)

#assumption: this is bad.

winning by being in love

insult: weird relationship

Study: Dog Movies Spur Adoption For Up To 10 Years

A study has found that popular dog movies can boost adoption of featured breeds for up to 10 years after their release, though in previous cases, many families have quickly returned dogs they were not prepared to own. What do you think?

#mc dogs

#mc adopters

#ac shelters

#ac hollywood producers

#ac dog actor in Air Bud

#pov dog owner

#ac owner who returns a dog

#ac kid who begs for a dog, until his parents cave in

#assumption: this is bad for the dogs.

#rxn: this is not that surprising

#rxn: the people who do this are bad.

Why do people return the dogs?

- #assoc unrealistic assumptions.

- False advertising

-- "We got a golden retriever after he failed to score any goals."

their cat didn't like them

they are expensive

they poop

Why do they have unrealistic assumptions?

People believe all sorts of stuff they see in movies. (insult to people who buy stuff from movies)

#ac Harry Potter wand returned.

The dogs in the films are trained?

Who's winning?

- Dog breeders.

- Movie makers

**“It’s surprising that the kinds of people impulsively adopting dogs because of movies sometimes turn out to be irresponsible pet owners.”**

#mc people who return dogs

#assumption: surprised that people return them

#pov - narrator

#observational : duh! people return them

**“If only the film industry had portrayed both the joys and the sorrows of owning a shaggy dog.”**

#ac film industry

if the film industry showed both sides of the story, this wouldn't happen.

#assumption: people adopt them because the films make them look good

**“I’m kind of tired of hearing about what suckers we all are.”**

(funny by comparison to the first two.)

#observation: all these studies point out how much we suck.

#notInsult

Study Links Negative Tweets To More Heart Disease

According to a new study, tweets that convey negative emotions such as hate, hostility, or boredom correlate to higher rates of heart disease-related deaths in the surrounding community. What do you think?

\*mc negative tweeters

\*ac positive tweeters

\*ac doctors

\*ac twitter

#assumption, it's the hating tweeters that die

#assumption hatred causes heat-disease

why do negative emotions correlate to higher rates of heart disease?

#assumption

#assumption this is bad

who is it good for? people who were bullied

This is nature's way of getting rid of meanies.

#assumption hate causes fear causes death

KFC has to stop targeting hateful communities.

real answers:

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**“Well, then it’s a good thing that the vast majority of tweets are so positive and uplifting.”**

#mc tweets (people who tweet)

#mc the general population who is going to die because of all the tweet

#sarcastic

#bad to worse -> many tweets are bad which implies a lot of people are going to sufer

#observational humor?

#notInsult?

#pov - narrator

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**“But how else am I supposed to deal with my emotions other than throwing them carelessly into a void?”**

\*mc negative tweeter

has a good excuse

sympathize with the negative tweeter, see the good side of what they're doing.

#winning (negative tweeting is how they win)

**“Even if they do slowly kill everyone around you, it’s still kind of nice knowing that what you say on Twitter actually affects stuff.”**

\* mc negative tweeter

\* winning - what they say matters (silver lining)

#assumption this is bad (makes it good)