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## US HISTORY #47-OBAMANATION

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- ☐ 8. The \_\_\_\_\_ Party is also very concerned that deficits are out of control and that rising government spending is going to ruin America.
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**Answer Key**

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