

President Obama likes to speak. He likes to speak a lot. At one point while I was recovering from my surgery, I remember seeing him give 3 separate televised speeches on the same day! Whether it's Leno or a prime time press conference, he's on TV saying something pretty much every day.

But is he doing what he is saying? A couple of weeks ago an editorial appeared in none other than the Washington Post (not exactly a conservative publication) suggesting that he is saying one thing and doing another. I agree. Here are some specific examples:

"...I've pledged to slash earmarks by more than half when I am President" Candidate Obama - 11/22/08.

But one of his very first acts was to sign a massive spending bill with nearly 9,000 earmarks costing over \$7.7 billion. Heck, he didn't even ask, or try to ask, that the earmarks be removed. He appears to have no intention of following through on this popular campaign pledge.

"...I pledged to cut the deficit in half by the end of my first term in office" Address to Joint Session of Congress - 2/24/09:

This statement is so far from the truth that I hardly know where to start. The budget, as computed by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, does cut the budget in half in 5 years, but only because the first year deficit has been enlarged so much (to \$1.8 trillion) by the stimulus package and omnibus spending bill. It's like pledging to lose 10 pounds, but then gaining 20 pounds first. Secondly, after the 5th year, it rises again dramatically every year thereafter, even under his own numbers! His 5 year number is only a brief moment in time. His budget averages over \$1 trillion in deficit a year for as far as the eye can see. He will add more debt in 6 years than was accumulated by every president from George Washington to George W Bush. But, more on the budget tomorrow.

"So if you look at our budget, what you have is a very disciplined, fiscally responsible budget..." - 3/06/2009.

Give me a break. This is clearly the least responsible budget ever proposed, for the reasons I have laid out above.