

Last week I highlighted a story from Politico that indicated a [shift in strategy](#) by the Obama administration in 2010, to focus on the economy and jobs.

I along with many of my colleagues have been arguing since January that you absolutely cannot tackle any other domestic issues without the benefit of a strong economy and a pervasive jobs market. Right now, we have neither. Yet the Obama Administration has insisted on pursuing initiatives that are detrimental to jobs and job growth.

The main domestic focus for any President at a time like this should be...jobs, jobs, jobs.

Don't take my word for it, here is a comparison chart produced by the Heritage Foundation based on White House estimates and reality...

Unemployment Rate, October 2009

President Obama promised that government spending would “stimulate” the economy and quell rising unemployment by “creating or saving” millions of jobs. In January, Obama’s advisers produced a chart (bottom) visualizing the positive results of his recovery plan. But actual unemployment (below, detail from box at bottom) has far exceeded the White House estimates.

