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## Obama's First Six Months: By the Numbers

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On Monday, President Barack Obama will mark his first six months in office. Americans for Tax Reform has assembled the following numbers for taxpayers evaluating Obama's performance:

- 10            Number of years it will take to double the national debt under the Obama budget
- 16            Number of days it took Obama to break his [central campaign promise](#) to not raise “any form” of taxes on Americans earning less than \$250,000 per year by signing an increase in the federal excise tax on tobacco (Smokers' median income is \$36,000 per year)
- 153           Number of days it took Obama to [abandon his campaign promise](#) to allow the public to view legislation on his desk for [five full days](#) : “*When there's a bill that ends up on my desk as president, you the public will have five days to look online and find out what's in it before I sign it, so that you know what your government's doing.*”
- 500           Number of Fortune 500 companies who would ship jobs abroad as a result of Obama's proposed [double taxation](#) of American companies overseas
- 0             Number of developed countries that have a higher corporate income tax rate than the United States (we're tied with Japan at 40%)
- \$50 billion    The amount of tax money raised per year for every one percentage point in a Value Added Tax (VAT) scheme [not ruled out](#) by White House officials
- 33%           The percentage of families filing a tax return that had zero or less in income taxes paid (making it mathematically impossible to cut taxes for “95 percent of working families”)
- 800,000       Minimum number of Americans attending tax tea parties since Obama's inauguration

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