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The Obama Administration

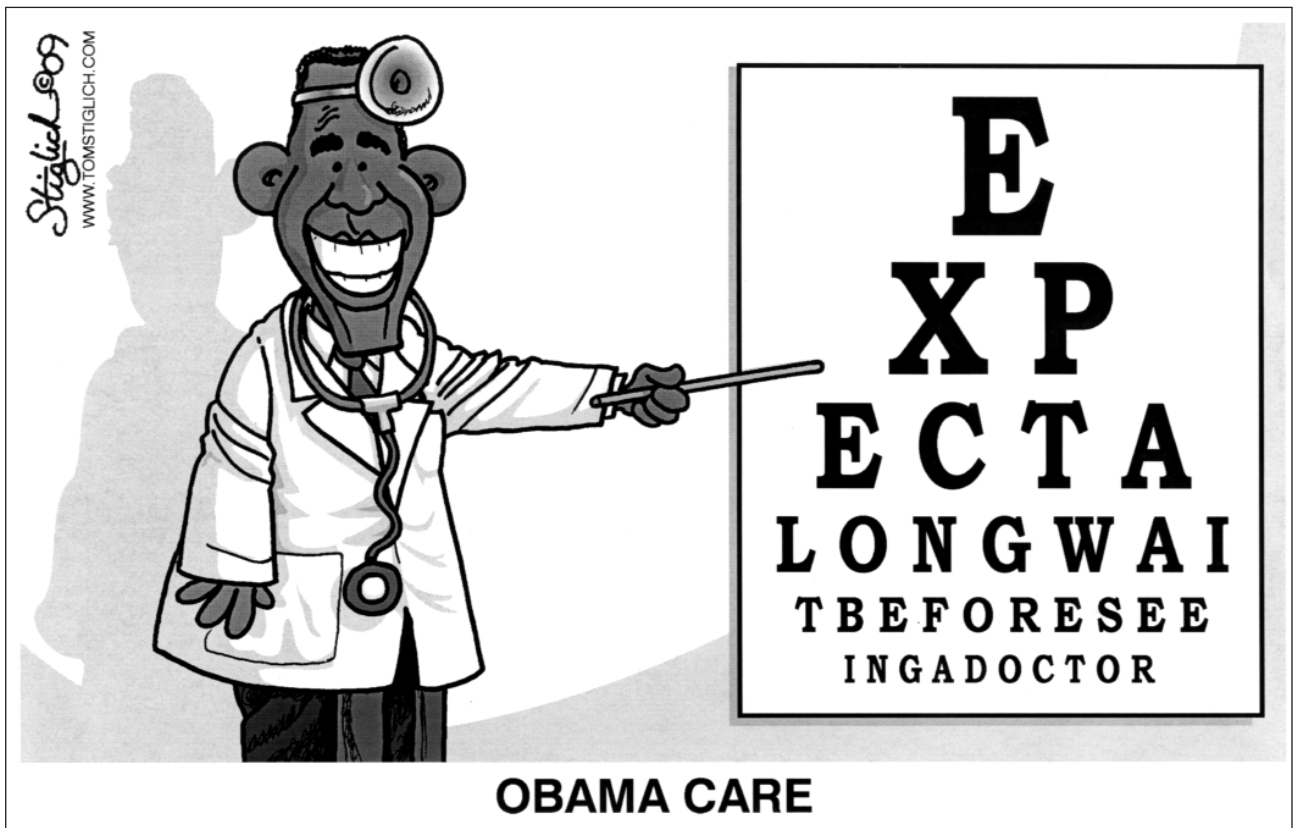
Barack Hussein Obama in January took office as the first black president of the United States. Although he faced a staggering economic crisis, the media hailed him as a new hope for real change. Many in the press were accused of losing their journalistic balance in their enthusiastic support for him. Candidate Obama promised to bring new openness to government, to reject congressional earmarks, and to close America's internment center at Guantanamo.

Within weeks, however, Congress had passed a monstrous earmark-laden spending bill and a stimulus package totaling trillions of dollars. Massive bailouts went to banks, lending institutions, and automakers.

Obama found it difficult to close Guantanamo and came under fire for allowing the Justice Department to investigate CIA methods of interrogation. The conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan remained major challenges.

Obama chose universal health care as his top priority. Most insured Americans, however, expressed satisfaction with their medical coverage and opposed the government takeover of health care. As opposition to health care reform grew, Obama's personal approval ratings dipped below 50 percent.

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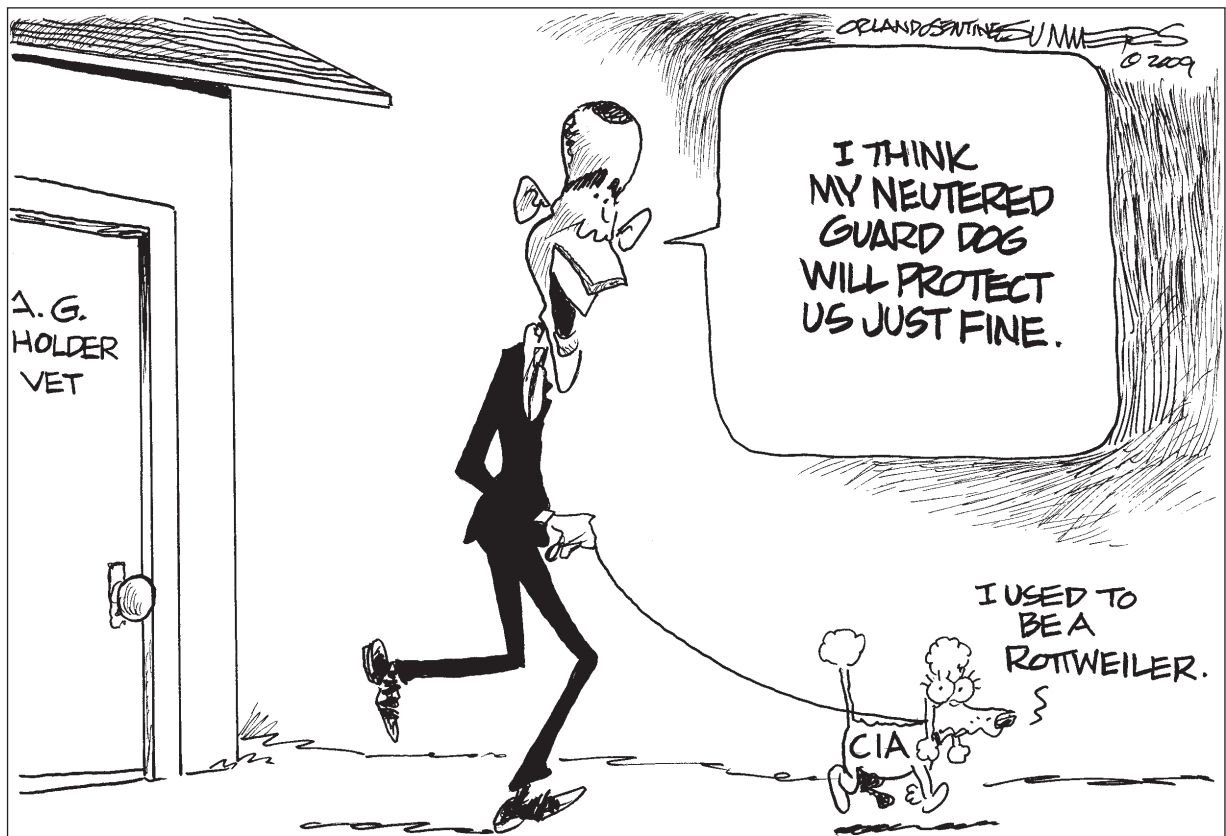
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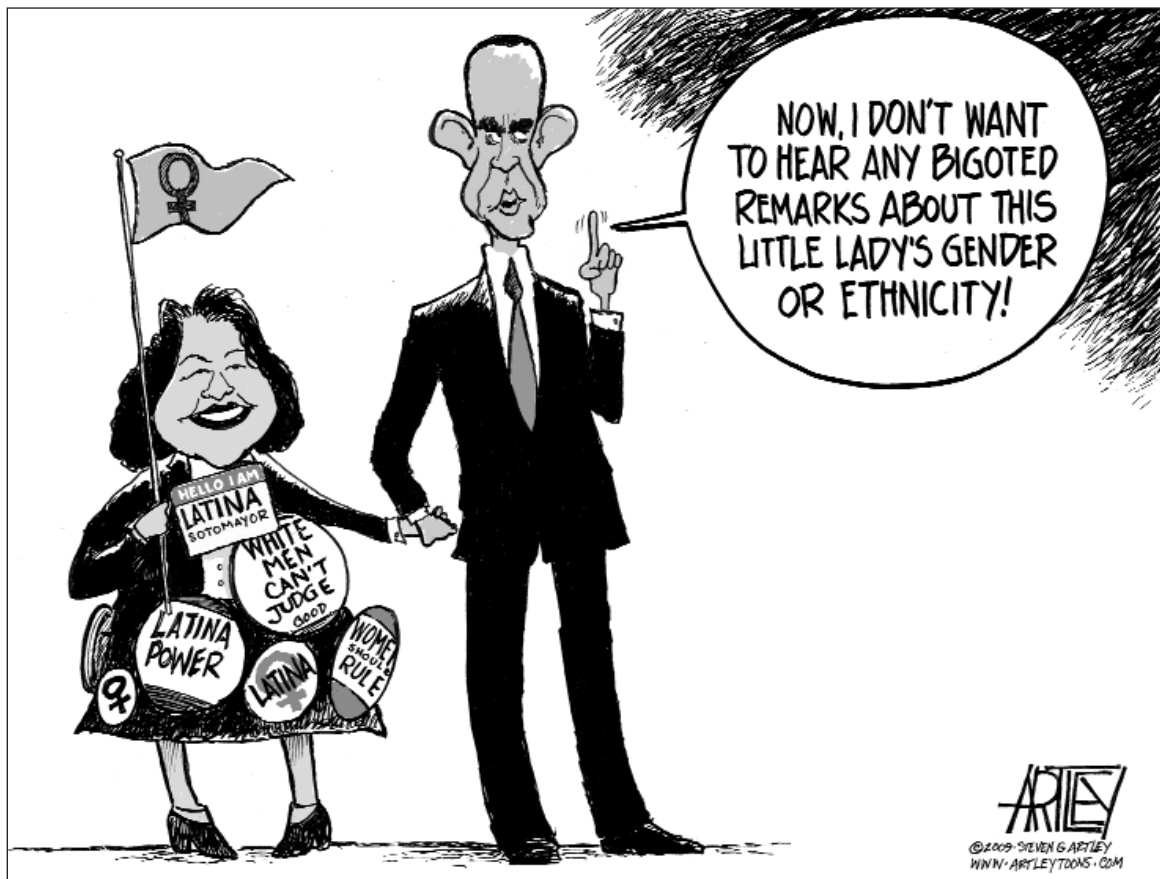
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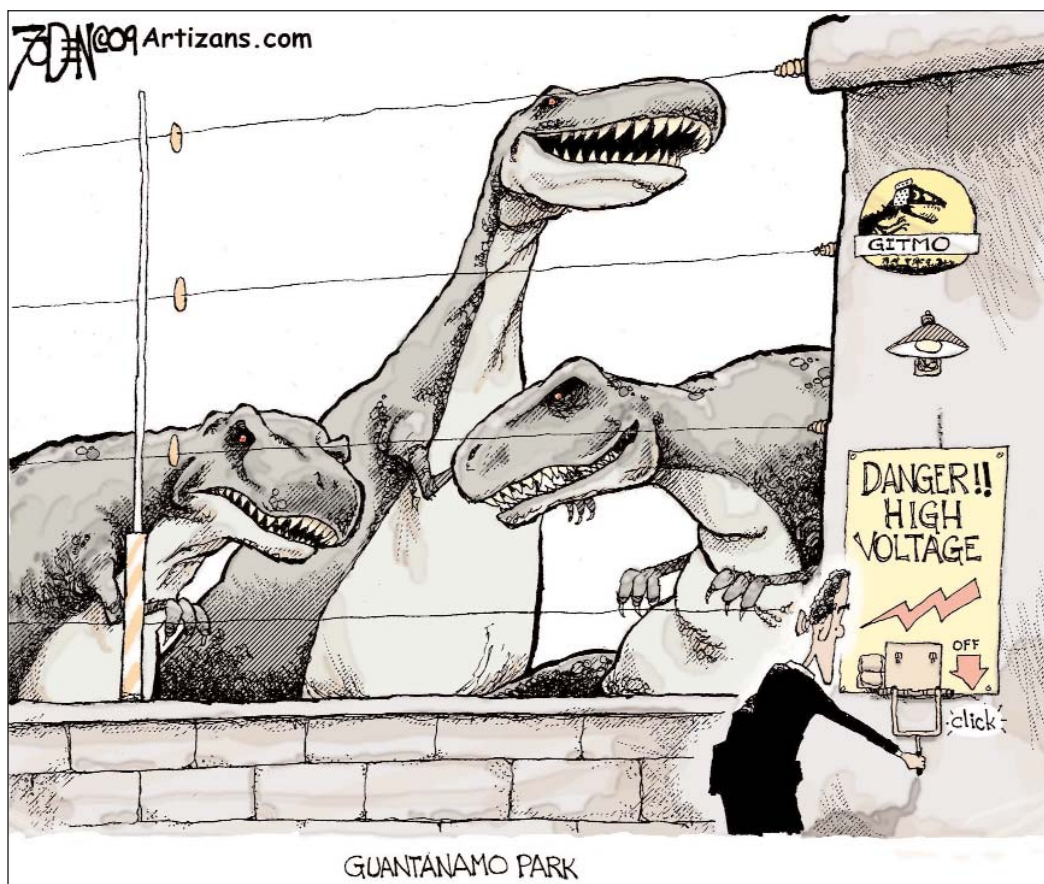
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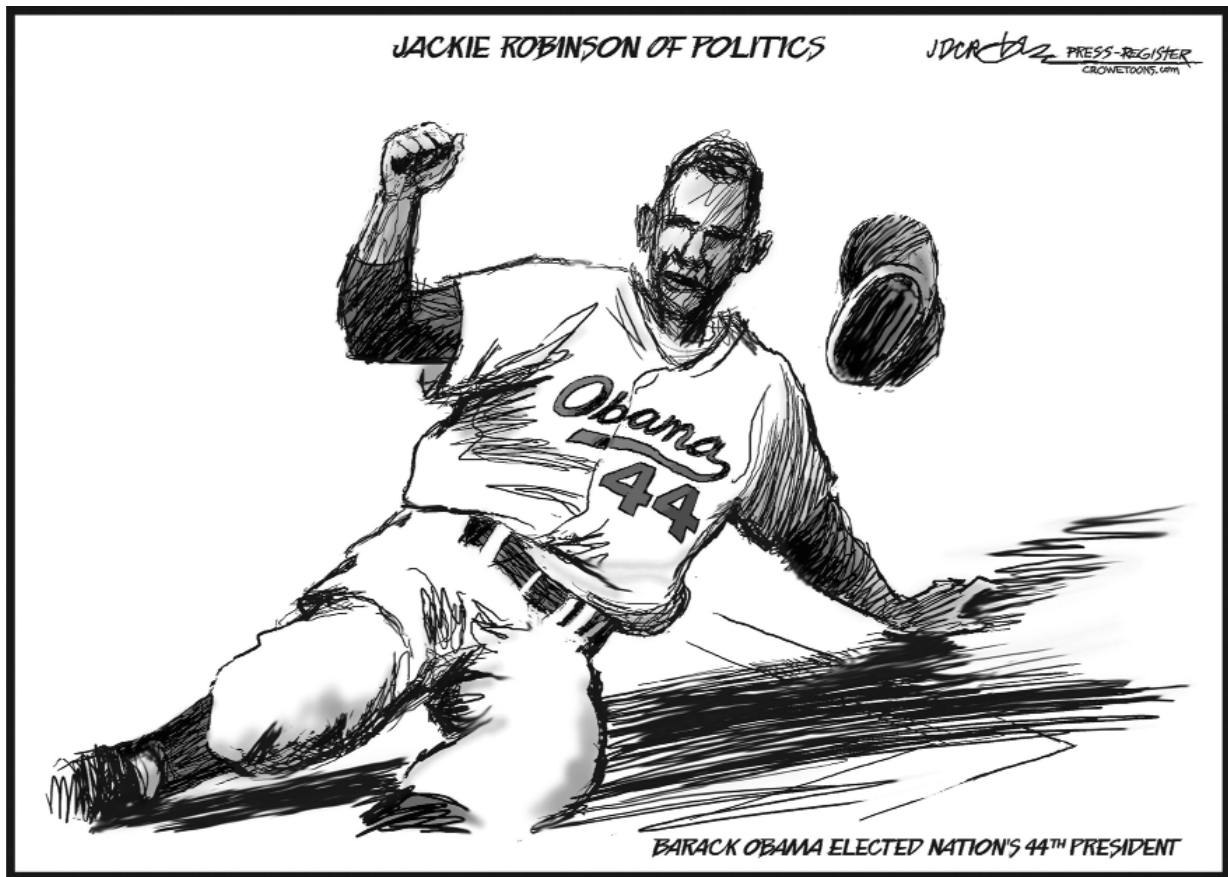




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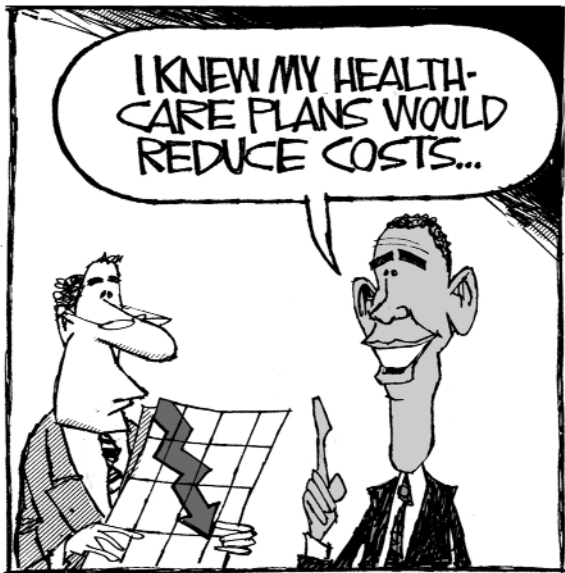




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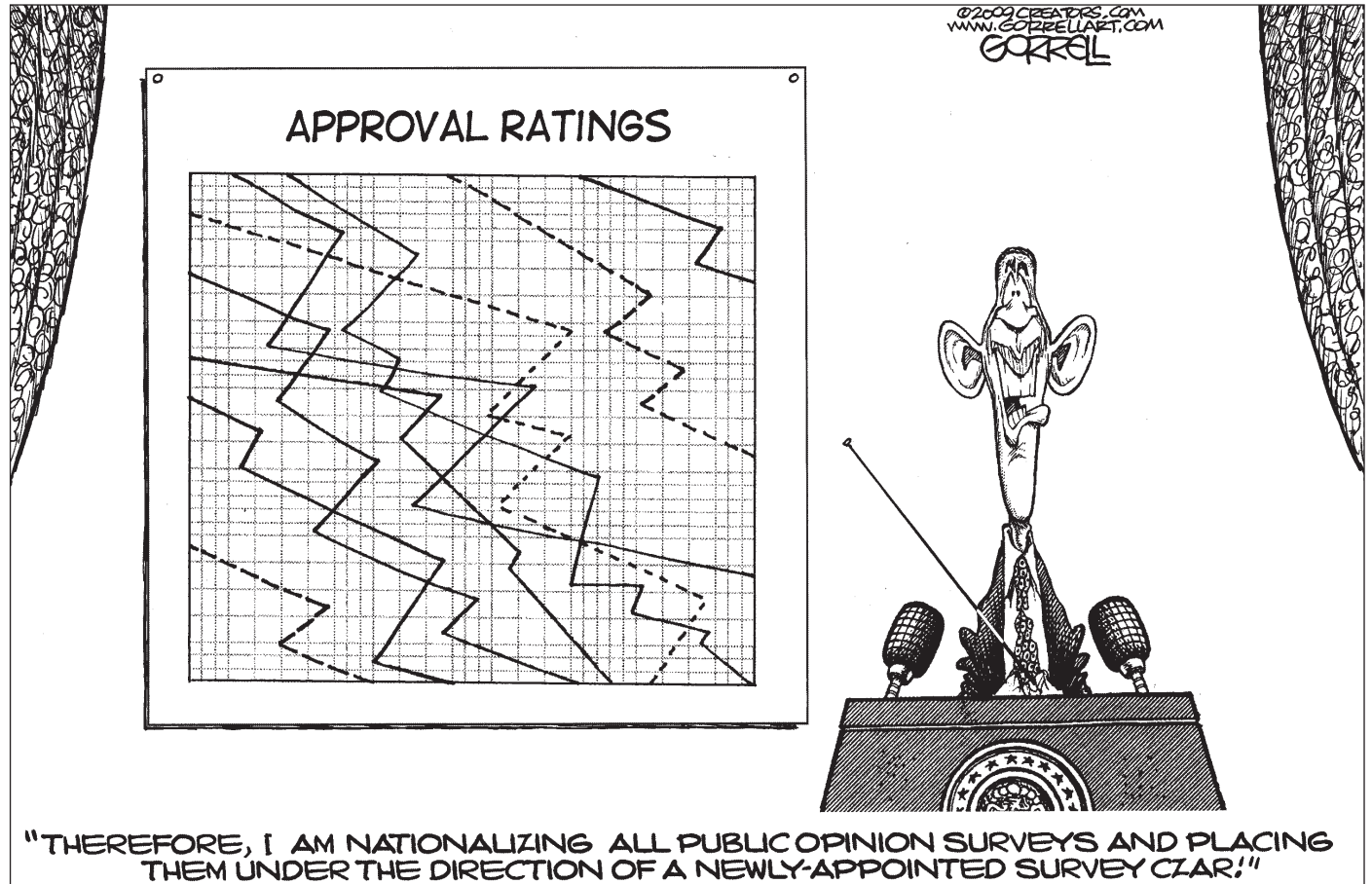


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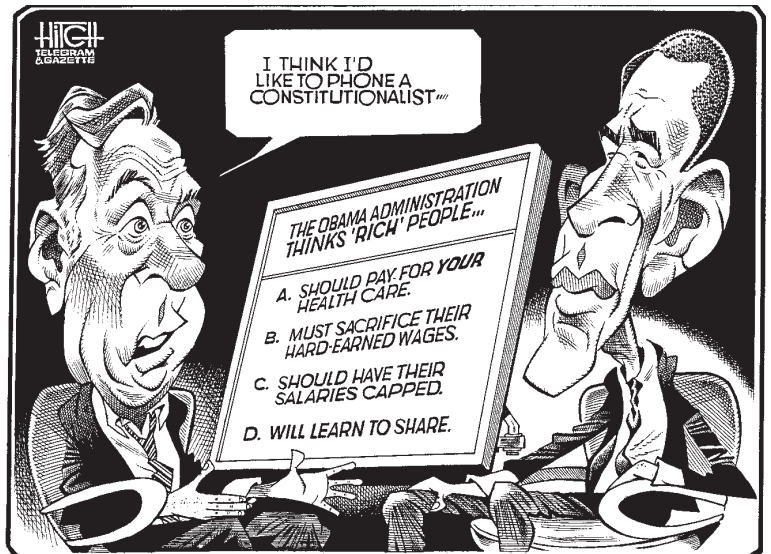


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