

# The Democrat's new math

Our eight-year-old has a charming concept of numbers. He is wont to say things like "million-jillion" or "cadrillion gabillion" when totaling up time or money. If we ask him to clean up his playroom, as he stomps around, he will say something like, "To do that would take 2 gazillion hours!" If we send him to his room, we get a retort like, "So I have to stay in my room for 3 hundred mazillion days!" Oh, the agony. For all of us.

His concept extends to money. He thinks that we are somehow capable of manufacturing a "trillion jillion" dollars, particularly if that involves buying large Lego sets.

Then it occurred to me: our child conceptualizes numbers the way Democrats do. In other words, he, like they, has no real concept or concern. We of course are praying that he grows out of it, and think he will.

Not so with Democrats.

This week, as the Democrat party faithful gathered in Charlotte, NC to re-anoint the Anointed One, the national debt passed \$16 trillion. Fitting.

A trillion is an astounding number, one that is practically as un-real as our son's mazillion gabillions. President Obama, in a single, as yet incomplete, four year term has added a third of that debt. We have had trillion dollar deficits for each of his four years. And, if Obama is re-elected, there is no end in sight.

A trillion dollars is a one followed by twelve zeros. A trillion equals a million million. It is a thousand billion. And Americans now owe sixteen of them, many to the Chinese government and other foreigners who do not even like us.

It still may be hard for you to wrap your mind around a trillion dollars; it is for me. I cannot

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understand a "million million."

A quick Google search reveals several sites that try to quantify it graphically and otherwise. According to one site, mint.com, a trillion dollars could pay the rent for every renter in America for three years, or the mortgage of every homeowner for fourteen months. Or, it could repurchase every home that went into foreclosure in 2007 and 2008. Or, for a real fantasy: a trillion dollars could pay for eleven weeks of vacation for every American worker. (I am not sure if that counts the 23 million workers currently on forced "vacations" because they are unemployed, underemployed, or just gave up trying to find a job during Obama's "recovery summer(s).")

Or, a trillion could be veritably wasted by the federal government, with no real result to show for it. Such has been Obamanomics, which has left us substantially more in debt for the weakest "recovery" since World War II.

Obama's nearly one-trillion Stimulus, passed when Democrats exclusively controlled DC over Republicans or anyone else who dared question them, spent about \$225,000 for every job created, if you credit the rosy Administration job figures credited to the Stimulus. So, the government could have mailed three million people \$200,000 checks and saved money. And, no doubt, given them a substantial raise over what the actual jobs "created" paid.

Solyndra is a comparatively small example. The now-defunct "green energy" company only wasted half a billion tax dollars when it tanked after ample warning to the Administration. It would take 2,000 Solyndras to equal a trillion dollars. Don't think Obama's Energy Department isn't working toward that goal.

Then there is Obamacare, the "Affordable Care Act," which will produce an unaffordable \$2.6 trillion in new cost over the next ten years. Nancy Pelosi famously said we had to pass Obamacare to find out what was in it. A cadrillion dollars of spending, turns out. Instead of eleven weeks of vacation for every American worker, that would be over 28 weeks off. Which, coincidentally, will be the waiting time to see your government-assigned doctor once Obamacare kicks in fully.

When campaigning in 2008, Barack Obama said it was "irresponsible" and "unpatriotic" for President Bush to have added \$4 trillion in debt over his two terms in office. Safe bet you will not hear anything like that in Charlotte, though Obama easily surpassed Bush's record in merely three years.

And, there is no way that the spiraling debt doesn't impact our economic prospects. America has been downgraded under Obama, and we watch as Europe struggles not to implode, for the same course we are now steering. My son may not understand what a "jillion-gabillion" is now, but bless his generation when they have to repay it.

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