

President Obama Needs To Be Candid Tonight, Holding Romney Accountable

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HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - When the President and former Governor Mitt Romney meet tonight to debate in Hempstead, New York, President Barack Obama needs to speak candidly about his vision and plan for moving America forward. He can't let Mitt Romney get away with dishonestly he was hiding in the last debate.

In the first debate, Romney offered a "new moderate Mitt" that had very different ideas from the "severely conservative" positions he has been stating repeatedly during the last two years. The President, the moderator, and the people in the town hall need need to hold the newly "moderate Mitt" accountable tonight.

President Obama can use tonight's debate as an opportunity to speak directly with the American people about his plans to move our country forward. He needs to be candid about his vision for an economy built to last from the middle out, not the top down, and his concrete and specific plans to get us there. The real Mitt Romney would take us back to the same failed policies that got us into this mess.

As we learned at the first presidential debate, Romney will say anything to win even if it's not consistent with his often stated policies or web site. Ahead of the second debate, he is probably practicing more ways to hide the "severely conservative" positions that the real Romney has run on for more than a year.

Everyone can remember what the real Mitt Romney said during the many town hall meetings he held during the GOP primary. His comments reveal his real, extreme positions, the same ones he has been trying to hide during the last weeks before Election Day.

- He said he would "like to see" *Roe vs. Wade* overturned.

- He promised to “cut off funding to Planned Parenthood.”
- He said he would veto the DREAM Act.
- He called it “tragic” when President Obama brought our troops home from Iraq.
- He told students to “shop around” and “borrow money” from their parents if they’re worried about college tuition.

The American people should not be fooled by Romney. With a little research, they can compare his real positions to the ones he claims to support in the final weeks of the campaign. As one ordinary American put it, “Instead of really saying what he’s going to do, he’s saying what people want to hear.”

Must Watch: [This new OFA video](#) on Romney’s dishonesty, “Don’t Be Fooled.” **Must Watch:** [This new OFA video](#) on what the real Romney told voters in some of the many town hall meetings he held during the Republican primary.

Must Read: To help voters and the media interpret the deceptive answers Romney will likely give at the second debate, OFA released a new memo from Campaign Manager Jim Messina translating Romney’s dishonesty into his real positions. To read it, click [HERE](#) for a link.

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