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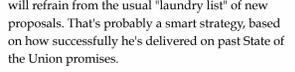
From curing cancer in our time to colonizing space, the president always uses the State of the Union to dream big

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Tonight President Obama will deliver his final State of the Union address, which the White House says will refrain from the usual "laundry list" of new proposals. That's probably a smart strategy, based on how successfully he's delivered on past State of the Union promises.

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Looking back, the numbers aren't pretty. From 2009 through 2015, Grabien counts 140 promises that remain unfulfilled.

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We should note that many of these promises are duplicated from one year to another. For example, almost every year he has pledged to pass comprehensive immigration reform, overhaul corporate taxes, reduce regulations, and close Guantanamo Bay.

Don't have time to read all 140? Here are some of the most notable:

cgent47 · a day ago
 Pinocchio, Snow White, and Superman are out for a stroll in town one day. As they walk, they come across a sign: Beauty contest for the most beautiful woman in the world. I'm entering" said Snow White. After half an hour she comes out and they ask her, Well, how'd ya do? First Place, said Snow White.

- Curing cancer (promised 2009, 2010, 2015)
- Freezing government spending for three years (2010) and five years (2011)
- Colonizing outer space (2015)
- Going "line by line" through the budget, eliminating needless programs (2009, 2010)
- Inventing "material thinner than paper but stronger than steel" (2014)
- Passing health reform that will let Americans keep their insurance (2010)
- Closing Gitmo (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- Ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (2014)
- Passing a law that will prevent mass shootings (2014)
- Keeping earlier promises he's already made (2013)

As they walk, they come across a sign: Contest for the strongest man in the world. I'm entering said Superman. After half an hour he comes out and they ask him, Well, how'd ya do? First Place, said Superman.

The full list is below. Montage above. Did we miss anything? Let us know in the comments.

They continue walking when they see a sign: Contest! Who is the greatest liar in the world? Pinocchio says this is mine. Half an hour later, he returns with tears in his eyes. What happened? they asked. Who the hell is Obama? asked Pinocchio
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2009

Tomas Cruz → cgent47 · a day ago
 Obviously Obama is delusional and needs to be institutionalized in a mental health facility for a very looong time.
 77 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

1. The stimulus bill will create 3.5 million jobs over the next few years, 90 percent of which will be in the private sector.

Tangair → Tomas Cruz · a day ago
 Well, while that won't happen the pathology is quite clear. History will come to regard him as the clown prince of the Presidency.
 65 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

2. Create program that will enable Americans facing foreclosure to lower their mortgage payments and save their homes.

Betty Gerdon → Tangair · a day ago
 Obama suffers a "Narcissistic Personality Disorder." Symptoms include:
 Has a grandiose sense of self-importance (e.g., exaggerates achievements and talents, expects to be recognized as superior without commensurate achievements)
 Is preoccupied with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love
 Believes that he or she is "special" and unique and can only be understood by, or should associate with, other special or high-status people (or institutions)
 Requires excessive admiration
 Has a very strong sense of entitlement, e.g., unreasonable expectations of especially favorable treatment or automatic compliance with his or her expectations
 see more
 46 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

3. Double the supply of renewable energy within the next three years.

Yale U → Betty Gerdon · a day ago
 I'll pass on this address. Obama cant even say radical islamic terrorism. He doesnt live in the same world that most Americans live in
 32 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

4. The "largest ever" federal spending program on science will yield breakthroughs in energy, medicine, science, and technology.

Yale U → Yale U · a day ago
 I predict he will mostly talk about costly environmental initiatives and white privilege and racism.
 Nothing on HIS \$20 trillion deficit or terrorism
 Just watch and see; I'll be right!!!!
 14 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

5. Lay down 1,000s of miles of power lines to connect Americans' homes to these new sources of energy.

cdw → Yale U · 18 hours ago
 No, Islamic countries would literally slaughter and behead Christian immigrants.
 10 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

6. Reduce Americans' energy bills by "billions of dollars."

ongelofelijik → cdw · 17 hours ago
 Is that what your educators at Yale teach you? Scary scary
 2 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

7. Cure cancer "in our time."

Burnt Orange → Yale U · a day ago
 Sure -- then they could enslave, brutalize, tax and murder them at will.
 4 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

8. Use stimulus funds to spend on preventive health care, which will get federal health spending "under control."

UnCL3 → Yale U · 8 hours ago
 2 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

9. Use the savings that result from the stimulus' reform of health-care to reduce the deficit.

mickey_moussaoui → Yale U · 20 hours ago
 no
 1 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

10. Cut the deficit in half by the end of his first term in office.

Jan Levine → Yale U · 9 hours ago
 Only to practice their knife skills.
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11. Go "line by line" through the federal budget to eliminate wasteful and ineffective programs - saving \$2 trillion over the next 10 years.

buzzlatte3 → Betty Gerdon · a day ago
 Pretty much defines liberals, too.
 5 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

12. Never raise taxes "a single dime" on any family earning less than \$250,000.

DontGruberMe → Betty Gerdon · 21 hours ago
 Very well done! The definition of a psychopath.
 3 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

13. Stop the growing cost of Medicare and Social Security.

5 to 1, 1 in 5 → Betty Gerdon · 15 hours ago
 Worse than that, he is a 'malignant' (extremely harmful) narcissist.
 Google that sometime
 2 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

14. Make Social Security sustainable.

LouAnnWatson → Betty Gerdon · 19 hours ago
 you forgot being vindictive when suffering public ridicule
 2 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

15. Create tax-free savings accounts for all Americans.

Roberta → Betty Gerdon · 21 hours ago
 You just described my mother.
 1 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

16. Close the detention center at Guantanamo Bay.

LouAnnWatson → Roberta · 19 hours ago
 and my sister
 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

2010

The Matt Hatter → Betty Gerdon · a day ago
 Reminds me of the way he was portrayed in "My Pet Goat II" A pretty boy with vampire teeth and a cunning smile.
 1 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

17. Use stimulus funds to build a high-speed railway in Florida.

Coarsegoldgirl → Betty Gerdon · 3 hours ago
 Betty Gerdon you are so right, Obama to a tee, Has a grandiose sense of self-importance (e.g., exaggerates achievements and talents, expects to be recognized as superior without commensurate achievements)
 Believes that he or she is "special" and unique and can only be understood by, or should associate with, other special or high-status people (or institutions)
 Requires excessive admiration
 Has a very strong sense of entitlement, e.g., unreasonable expectations of especially favorable treatment or automatic compliance with his or her expectations
 Lacks empathy, e.g., is unwilling to recognize or identify with the feelings and needs of others
 Regularly shows arrogant, haughty behaviors or attitudes
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18. Research funds from the previous year's stimulus will cure cancer, lead to "the cheapest solar cells."

Waldo → Tangair · a day ago
 Jimmy Carter rejoices every time he picks up a newspaper.
 21 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

19. Building a new generation of nuclear energy plants.

TboneAgain → Waldo · a day ago
 The peanut farmer probably used his Habitat hammer to build a shrine to the Kenyan in the barrel. Nothing else could have saved him from the bottom of the barrel.
 3 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

20. Passing a climate-change law that will make clean energy profitable

Mel Anosis → Tangair · 19 hours ago
 The amphet suit ever in the White House.
 5 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

21. Passing health-reform that lets Americans keep their doctors and their plans.

Bob332 → Tangair · 19 hours ago
 His legacy.....R.I.P. - U.S.A.
 3 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

22. The health-reform law will reduce costs for "millions" of families and businesses

Jim1937 → Tangair · a day ago
 Maybe he can take Slack's title of "Elder Statesman" of the dimoCrap party.
 3 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

23. The health-reform law will bring down the deficit \$1 trillion over the next 20 years.

Restore Truth to Leadership → a day ago
 Not the worst, but the most dangerous
 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

24. Starting in 2011, government spending "will be frozen for three years."

insure Guy → Restore Truth to Leadership · a day ago
 Both.
 9 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

25. Cut programs we don't need to maintain a balanced budget.

LouAnnWatson → Restore Truth to Leadership · 19 hours ago
 nefarious
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26. Veto spending bills that don't adhere to balanced budgeting.

beansandrice → Tomas Cruz · a day ago
 Every time I hear about the presidential library, I feel sick. It will be a house of lies, for sure.
 26 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

27. Go through budget "line by line" to eliminate programs that we can't afford and don't work.

johnnyrh → beansandrice · a day ago
 "Ripley's Believe it or Not"
 15 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

28. Create a bipartisan fiscal commission; the recommendations of which he'll enact.

randyo99 → beansandrice · a day ago
 Gonna be a phone booth somewhere in N Chicago.
 7 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

29. Restore the pay-as-you-go budgeting rules.

chris → beansandrice · 19 hours ago
 A wishing well. He will come by monthly to pick up the coins.
 5 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

30. Create a website that publishes every lawmakers' earmark requests.

insure Guy → beansandrice · a day ago
 It'll be nothing more than the "I hoped" museum of lies.
 5 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

31. Never give up "trying to change the tone of our politics."

chris → beansandrice · 19 hours ago
 The shelves will be empty. I wonder if he will unseal any of his school writings, if they exist.
 4 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

32. Pass a comprehensive immigration reform bill.

typicalwhiteguy → beansandrice · 11 hours ago
 Probably be a lean to built behind Man's Country in Chicago.
 3 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

33. Secure America's borders.

rhadagast → beansandrice · 10 hours ago
 It will be filled with Marxist propaganda. It will look very similar to something they had in the Kremlin during the 1950s.
 1 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

34. Enforce existing immigration laws

Rush_Fan → Tomas Cruz · 20 hours ago
 "Obviously Obama is delusional and needs to be institutionalized in a mental health facility for a very looong time."
 So do the clueless idiots who voted for the incompetent community organizer.
 10 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

35. Create pathway to citizenship

Randy Dandy → Rush_Fan · 17 hours ago
 Exactly. Plus . . . the incompetents who let our educational system be turned into an indoctrination asylum, the incompetents who did NOT hold our politicians feet to the fire over the last 50 years. The idiots who didn't slam the door on same sex marriage, political correctness and global warming. Hey . . . that's US!
 2 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

2011

punkin89 → Rush_Fan · 17 hours ago
 I curse them everyday!
 1 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

36. More nuclear power, more natural gas, more wind and solar.

2Conservative → Tomas Cruz · a day ago
 Definitely don't want HIM owning guns when he's out of office!
 7 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

37. Pass comprehensive immigration reform.

LouAnnWatson → 2Conservative · 19 hours ago
 secret service has his back for life
 1 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

38. Secure America's borders.

2Conservative → LouAnnWatson · 7 hours ago
 It's a long time, but not for life. Although, it IS kinda special that guns are needed by, and for protection of, the elites but the 2nd Amendment is deemed antiquated and overly broad by those same elites.
 1 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

39. Enforce existing immigration laws.

Abby → Tomas Cruz · 19 hours ago
 Not delusional but doing exactly what he wants to do. The Democrats want to create distrust and discord, by having open borders letting in unskilled workers and unlimited H1B immigrants it puts americans out of work and the wages are lowered, so the poor and middle class will vote for more solutions ie more money from the Democrats will be spent out of work or can not get a good paying job. Obama is very smart
 2 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

40. Create pathway to citizenship.

Randy Dandy → Abby · 17 hours ago
 That's right. Also, elevating the Latinos into being the 1st minority in the country with all the rights and privileges to which they are entitled. The blacks are left with the crumbs of strikes, riots and civil commotion while La Raza 'moves on up'.
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41. Reduce unemployment by increasing the number of people working on infrastructure projects - ensuring these projects are "fully paid for."

csbubba → Tomas Cruz · a day ago
 From his own filthy mouth, he can NEVER own a gun.....He's a mental case by his own life.
 2 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

42. Recruit private sector financing to assist these infrastructure projects.

Jim1937 → Tomas Cruz · a day ago
 He should be on the end of a rope.
 1 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

43. Projects will be prioritized by importance, not by politics.

Bob332 → Tomas Cruz · 19 hours ago
 ASAP!
 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

44. Give 85 percent of Americans access to high-speed rail within 25 years.

tom56 → Tomas Cruz · a day ago
 GITMO is a mental health facility is it not?
 ^ | v | [Reply](#) · [Share](#)

45. Within the next three years, enable 98 percent of Americans to receive high-speed wireless Internet.

That → cgent47 · a day ago

46. Lower the corporate tax rate and eliminate loopholes.

47. Reduce business regulations restraining growth and investment.

48. Starting this year, freeze domestic spending for the next five years.

49. ObamaCare will slow rising costs of health-insurance premiums.

50. Enact medical malpractice tort reform.

51. Consolidate various federal departments to streamline federal bureaucracy and ensure it's "more competent and more efficient."

52. Create website that lists all federal spending.

53. Veto every bill that contains earmarks.

2012

54. Reduce corporate income taxes.

55. Consolidate federal jobs-training programs - creating a single website that makes all information about these programs available in one place.

56. Convert federal unemployment insurance into a system that focuses on finding the unemployed jobs.

57. Enact comprehensive immigration reform.

58. Force all high schools to require students to stay in school until they graduate or turn 18.

59. Open more than 75 percent of offshore U.S. territory to drilling.

60. Go "all out" on every type of energy.

61. Take "every possible action" to expand natural gas production.

62. Ordering "every federal agency to eliminate rules that don't make sense."

63. Create "financial crimes unit" to crack down on white-collar crime.

64. Work with Congress to procure power to consolidate federal bureaucracy.

65. "End the notion that political parties must be engaged in a perpetual campaign of mutual destruction."

2013

66. Reform Medicare and Medicaid to save as much as was proposed by the Simpson-Bowles Commission.

67. "Reduce taxpayer subsidies to prescription drug companies."

68. Raise taxes on the wealthiest seniors.

69. Bring down health-care costs by changing the way the federal government pays for Medicare.

70. Eliminate loopholes and deductions for the "well off."

71. Enact comprehensive tax reform that brings down the deficit and encourages job growth.

72. Cut "red tape and speed up new oil and gas permits."

73. Create an "energy security trust."

74. Create a "fix it first" program that will direct the unemployed to the highest priority programs.

75. Make "high quality" preschool available to every child in America.

76. Require that aid to colleges be distributed according to the value they impart upon students.

77. Pass comprehensive immigration reform.

78. Raise the minimum wage to \$9/hour.

79. Create a tax incentive for companies to hire the long-term unemployed.

80. Create a program to put people back to work by rebuilding vacant homes in rundown neighborhoods.

81. Enact new tax credits for businesses that hire and invest.

82. Eliminate the marriage penalty for low-income couples.

83. Encourage fatherhood through tax policy adjustments.

84. By the end of 2014, end the war in Afghanistan.

85. Never make promises the government can't actually keep.

86. Keep the promises already made.

2014

87. Lower corporate income taxes, close loopholes.

88. Use the money saved from corporate tax reform to finance new infrastructure spending.