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They're Full Of Malarkey

We're Not Taking It Anymore



Where has the Republican Party been for the past 5 years? To hear them tell it, they've simply been spectators, watching President Obama and the Democratic Congress advance their agenda. They, the Republican Party, have been powerless to do anything to effect the direction of the country. Give me a break! To use Joe Biden's phrase, they're full of malarkey.

Have you ever heard of gridlock? Lest you've forgotten the Republican Party has controlled both the Senate and the House of Represen-

tatives for the majority of President Obama's presidency. The President and the Democrats in Congress can do very little without the support of the Republican Party. With few exceptions the Republicans have not voted for the President's initiatives. This includes failing to vote on immigration reform, an infrastructure bank, funding to combat the Zika virus, confirmation hearings for a Supreme Court justice and on and on and on. Can you believe that they have left the Supreme Court operating with 8 justices since February 13, 2016 and have vowed not to consider anyone for that vacancy until the next President takes office?

The last time I looked, Congress controls the purse strings. Since the Republicans are in control of Congress nothing of importance can happen without Republican approval. So... when I hear Republicans complain

about the state of the country's public schools, the state of the country's infrastructure, the state of the economy and the deficit among other things, I literally want to scream. Again I say they're full of malarkey. Obstruction is the name of their game. It's their ultimate power play. They make sure that nothing gets done, than they blame the resultant problems on the other guy. They did it! Don't fall for the [old okie-doke](#). The Republicans in their desperate attempts to regain the Presidency have done every thing within their power to torpedo Obama's presidency. In doing so, the Republicans have severely injured our country.

Well, it's time to act. The citizens of this country should be sick of the Republican Congress's antics. They should not be rewarded for refusing to do the job that they have been handsomely paid to do. The

citizens of American need to make a statement in defense of our Democratic Republic. You see, if we vote in overwhelming numbers, we can send them an unmistakable message, compromise is not a dirty word! We need a mandate. The country needs a mandate. No more my way or the highway! Enough! It's time to move on, time to get to work. We must tell the Republican Congress to get on the train or get left behind. We're leaving the station.

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