



## C2 Education's Campaign Speech Writing Contest

### Grand Prize Winning Entry

"It's time we stop living in the shadows of recession. It's time we get people working again. The strength and prosperity of our nation comes only from the strength and prosperity of our people. There are families who have relied on government aid for so long that they're stuck in a cycle where they can't, won't, or are too scared to work. This is bad for the economy, the taxpayers, and most importantly the individual. I will not only add work incentives and requirements to Welfare, but also create 7 million jobs in the private sector. The goal is to provide jobs and promote self-esteem to minimize the amount of people needing federal aid. We need to strive to make the American people working and proud.

However, we cannot strive towards anything if we are unstable as a nation. In 1798, after the Revolutionary War, the first property tax was instituted to expand the army and navy in the case of a war with France. There are always threats pending to our nation and our armies must always be prepared to fight. Cutting military during a time with no war only leaves us vulnerable to attack. A restaurant does not close when the customers leave. The staff must prepare food, clean, take inventory, and count money before and after hours. In the same way, our armies must always be working to be up-to-date with our defense technology. The military must be the last resort when cutting spending.

ObamaCare, however, is not something I wouldn't mind cutting spending on. In fact, I would abolish ObamaCare entirely when elected. There is a reason why Canadians come to the United States to receive care, why cancer patients from around the world want to come here to have treatment. It is because our healthcare system is among the best in the world, and it did not get there from the government being in charge. It got there through medical professionals doing their jobs and taking control of what they know best. It did not get there from people with law degrees making decisions. Actually, I suppose in a way it did.

The healthcare system became great because former politicians let it thrive on its own. The government in the past threw up its hands and said "Laissez Faire". □ That's what we need to do now America. It's time we took our hands off."