

## Obama's False \$2 Trillion Claim

During the final presidential debate, Obama again made the claim that Mitt Romney wants to increase defense spending by \$2 trillion over 10 years. Romney denied the charge. Where, then, did Obama get the number? Obama got the number by taking the much smaller amount by which Romney *does* want to increase defense spending, and adding it to the amount by which Obama wants to *cut* defense spending. That is, Obama wants to cut defense spending by X, while Romney wants to increase it by Y. Obama added X + Y to get \$2 trillion.

An example illustrates the absurdity of Obama's claim:

Assume Jack and Jill's food budget is \$350 per month.  
Jack says, "Let's cut that spending to \$300 per month."  
Jill says, "No, we need to spend \$360 per month."

What is the reality of the situation? Everyone would agree that Jill is proposing a small increase of \$10 per month in their food budget. Jack would be lying if he claims Jill is proposing a huge \$60 per month increase.

But that is exactly the kind of "math" Obama used to come up with his \$2 trillion figure!

Obama is shameless. That alone is reason to vote him out of office.

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