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Obama's Regulatory State

A Majority of Americans Agree Regulations Hurt the Economy...

Which concerns you more: that the federal government has too few regulations to hold private businesses accountable, or that the federal government has too many regulations and hurt the economy?

Too Few	36%
Too Many	55%
Don't Know/No Opinion	9%

(Resurgent Republic/American Action Forum, Pollster Whit Ayers, April 17-20, 2011)

Regulations Piled Up in 2010

- Regulatory costs of **\$1.75 trillion** absorbed nearly 12% of U.S. GDP.
- Government spent a record **\$55 billion** developing and enforcing rules – a 69% increase from 2001.
- Federal Agencies have **224 “Economically Significant” rules** (categorized as costing \$100 million or more) in the pipeline. This is a 50% increase from 2001.

(Ten Thousand Commandments, CEI, April 2011)

Jobs at Risk from Regulations

- **72%** say “additional environmental regulation increases the price of energy for things like gasoline and electricity.”
- **73%** say “government regulations hit small businesses much harder than big corporations.”
- **75%** say “if regulations make it too expensive to keep jobs in America, businesses will continue to move overseas where there are much lower labor and environmental standards.”

(Tarrance Group/Public Notice, Pollster Brian Tringali, March 2011)