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Administration Spins Red Tape Instead of Cutting It

Republicans, Democrats and America’s job creators have repeatedly told President Obama that red tape is destroying jobs across the country. Instead of cutting red tape, this Administration is spending its time trying to convince the American people that red tape doesn’t hurt jobs.

- **EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson** said those concerned about regulations were “*using the economy as cover.*” ([Los Angeles Times](#) - 10/21/11)
- **HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius** said “*there has been no explosion of new rules.*” ([Wichita Eagle](#) - 10/23/11)
- **Treasury Assistant Secretary Jan Eberly** said “*none of these data support the claim that regulatory uncertainty is holding back hiring.*” ([Treasury Department’s Blog](#) - 10/24/11)
- **Labor Department** is pushing data that government regulations contribute to only a limited number of mass layoffs. ([CNN](#)- 10/23/11)
- **The Office of Management and Budget** pushed rhetoric that the Obama Administration is better than the Bush Administration on regulations. ([Bloomberg](#) - 10/25/11)

The Facts Tell a Different Story:

- Small business owners say “**complying with government regulations**” is the **most important problem** facing them today. ([Gallup](#), 10/24/11)
- The Federal Register reports that President Obama introduced **17.5% more rules** during his first two years of office than President Bush.
- Average Annual Final Major Rules on an annual basis are **up 72 percent** from the last administration (38.3 vs. 66). Average Annual Cost of Rules are **up 57.5 percent** from the last administration (\$5.11b vs. \$8.05b).
- As Jim McNerney recently wrote in the *Wall Street Journal*, “**a tsunami of new rules and regulations** from an alphabet soup of federal agencies is paralyzing investment and increasing by tens of billions of dollars the compliance costs for small and large businesses.”
- Steve Jobs warned the Obama Administration that regulations had created too many burdens on the economy.

