

The Economy According to Do-Nothing Washington Republicans

“I'd say 'Look at what the economy has done. It's strong. We've created a lot of jobs.’” [President Bush, AP, 9/18/06]

“The American economy is strong...it continues to provide more economic opportunity and higher wage jobs to working families across the country.” [House Majority Leader John Boehner, Statement, 9/1/06]

The Economy According to America's Working Families

“[W]aitress Jeanine Gordon, 32, who makes the minimum wage, mused about her latest trouble -- her van has been in the shop for a week because she and her husband can't afford to fix it. ‘This is the least I've ever made in my entire life,’ the Republican and mother of three said. ‘The gas prices went up and the tips went down.’” [AP, 9/18/06]

“Debbie Brewer, 50 and a deli owner, rattled off her biggest complaints about the economy as she counted change while closing her register for the night. ‘We'll never see 99 cents again,’ the Republican said of gas prices. ‘Everything's jumping -- your gas, your food and everything -- but your wages don't go up.’” [AP, 9/18/06]