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'Audacity of Deceit' Shows Voters Wise to Obama Tax Hikes

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Prolific author Brad O'Leary's new book, "The Audacity of Deceit, Barack Obama's War on American Values," shows readers the man behind the soaring oratory and almost hypnotic powers, and the picture he paints is not pretty. Instead of the messiah Barack Obama and the media claim him to be, the book casts him as a dangerous man.

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During an exclusive interview with Newsmax.com, O'Leary explained that, despite Obama's persuasiveness, new polls show the voters are not buying his line of political goods.

Newsmax: Americans believe Obama's claims that his tax increases will affect only the so-called rich: folks making \$250,000 a year and more. He cited a Zogby poll of 1,000 Americans taken last weekend at his request.

O'Leary: We asked two questions that have an effect on the economy. Since January 2008, Barack Obama has talked about the fact that he wants to have a tax increase only on the rich and we decided to see what kind of effect that was having on the American public, whether they thought that his tax increase plan was good for the economy.

We asked if Barack Obama is elected president and followed through on his plans to raise taxes on businesses and the wealthy do you think that this will have a negative effect. Will this be bad for you or good for you?

More than 51 percent of the American public thought that his tax increases would be bad for them, including 52 percent of women, 50 percent of independents and a majority of young people. Only 36 percent felt that that tax increase would make them better off.

Newsmax: Do people understand that when he say 95 percent of the people are not going to be adversely affected, that he is only going to tax the rich?

O'Leary: I think they hear it, but they don't believe it. If 51 percent of the American public says that the tax increases he has been talking about it since January would be bad for them and only 36 percent think it's good for them, then they understand something about what he's talking about.

The second question we asked drives home those numbers in an even greater way. We asked the question if he were elected president, and he would put through the taxes on the wealthy and on businesses, who would eventually pay for them?

We had a multiple choice there. So you can say it would be absorbed as a cost of doing business, or would be paid out of profits, or the consumer price on goods sold by these people would be increased or two, they would hire fewer employees, and, three, they would actually reduce the staff that they have currently.

Seventy-eight percent of Americans replied that tax increases on business would be passed on to them in the form of price increase on goods, employee layoffs or reduced wages. Only 13 percent thought that this would take the cost of Obama's tax increase out of their own pockets. And amazingly, an incredible 64 percent of

Obama's own supporters say the plan to raise taxes would result in their paying for it through increase prices of goods.

Seventy-six percent of Democrats and 78 percent of women feel at way.

When you look at numbers like that. Obama has to say to them, "You don't understand what I mean," but they're saying to him, "We understand totally what you mean, and it is a lot of bull."

I don't think after saying that repeatedly since January 2008, if those are the polling numbers then, the American public has figured out its flimflam.

Newsmax: Do you think that the American people accept Obama's charges against McCain and Bush of being responsible for the current debacle on Wall Street?

O'Leary: I don't think so. When the leading Democrat in the Senate, Sen. Reid says we're gonna go home because frankly we don't know what to do. He should be replaced, or he wants Obama to lose.

Ten or 20 years ago, you might have been able to finger point at one party or another, but I think you have now a very sophisticated voter electorate here, who is giving George Bush very low approval ratings, but they've given Congress, which is a Democratic Congress approval ratings that are the a third lower than George Bush's.

Newsmax: Are the Democrats and Obama overstating the depth of the financial crisis?

O'Leary: No I don't think either side is overstating it. It's time for a Bretton Woods type conference that the major countries of the world had right after the second World War.

There a lot of things that are affecting the economy and what's happening now. There's the price of oil, and the greed on the part of the Arab countries, Russia flexing their muscles to try to regain the power they lost over the last few years and from a public relations standpoint starting a war at the beginning of the Olympics certainly didn't please their nominal partners, the Chinese.

So they are bad feelings everywhere. This is an international problem, not merely a domestic one. The emergence of Brazil and India and China as major powers has changed the dynamics of the international monetary system.

It isn't just the greed of Wall Street that has gotten us into this problem, but the well-intentioned attempts by many presidents to do things in different ways for people, such as the goal of presidents going back past Clinton to Jimmy Carter, which has been to make homeownership available for all Americans whether they could afford it or not.

This should have been some brakes put on that system, but there were not. It all came out of an attempt to do good for people.

Newsmax: Will the American people take it out on the Republican Party because of the current economic crisis?

O'Leary: No. There's another problem here. When Clinton was being impeached, I was asked to give a number of speeches and I was cautioned by many of my Republican friends that my speeches were upsetting people, because they were saying that impeachment was the greatest thing that could happen because in the next election Clinton could be defeated.

I went around saying that you have to read the polls to find out that most Americans really have the sense that you're being unfair to Bill Clinton, whether

he's guilty or not. They are responding to this lynch-mob attitude about impeaching him.

I said then that the Republican brand was being judged as unfair, and we will pay a price in the next election. And we did.

What's happening now is, if you look at all the polls you find that women, independents and some Democrats and young people believe that the Democratic brand is being unfair to Sarah Palin, and they believe the criticism of her, which hasn't stopped is completely unfair.

Polls show that 75 percent of the American public say she is not being treated fairly. That tells me that they understand what's happening and they don't think it's fair. It's a mistake on the Democratic side but it's wonderful for us. Because they are doing to Sarah Palin, exactly what Republicans did to Bill Clinton, and they'll pay the price.

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