

Mitt Romney:

He's Out of Touch



- The former Massachusetts governor was trying to show his sympathy for those felled by the Great Recession when he told a group of unemployed people at a Tampa coffee shop, “I should tell my story. ... I’m also unemployed.”

—Wall Street Journal [6/16/2011]

- “Corporations are people, my friend ... Of course they are. Everything corporations earn ultimately goes to people. Where do you think it goes? ... Whose pockets? Whose pockets? People’s pockets. Human beings, my friend.”

—Mitt Romney [Think Progress, 8/11/2011]

- “It also means that if you don’t like what they do, you could fire them. I like being able to fire people who provide services to me. You know, if someone isn’t giving the good service, I want to say, ‘I’m going to go get someone else to provide this service.’”

—Mitt Romney [Politico, 1/9/2012]

- “... This feels good being back in Michigan ... The trees are the right height. The streets are just right. I like the fact that most of the cars I see are Detroit-made automobiles. I drive a Mustang and a Chevy pickup truck. Ann drives a couple of Cadillacs actually, and I used to have a Dodge truck so I used to have all three covered.”

—Mitt Romney [Think Progress, 2/24/2012]

- “Let Detroit Go Bankrupt.”

—Mitt Romney [New York Times, 11/18/2008]

- “Don’t try and stop the foreclosure process. Let it run its course and hit the bottom.”

—Mitt Romney [Las-Vegas Review Journal, 10/17/2011]

- “I have some great friends that are NASCAR team owners.”

—Mitt Romney [Think Progress, 2/27/2012]

“But I’ve got a lot of good friends, the owner of the Miami Dolphins, and the New York Jets — both owners are friends of mine.”

—Mitt Romney [Think Progress, 3/12/2012]

- “I’m not concerned with the very poor. We have a safety net there. If it needs repair, I’ll fix it. I’m not concerned about the very rich, they’re doing just fine ... My campaign — you can choose where to focus. You can focus on the rich, that’s not my focus. You can focus on the very poor, that’s not my focus.”

—Mitt Romney [CNN, 2/1/2012]

- Democrats are targeting Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney over his statement this week that an extension of the payroll tax cut is a Band-Aid approach to fixing the economy.

—New Hampshire Union Leader [10/14/2011]

Just A Few Examples...

- Romney calls for a tax policy that will help “us” in the middle class.

—CBS News [9/21/2011]

- Mitt Romney explains why he pays just 15 percent in taxes:

“It’s probably closer to the 15 percent rate than anything,” Mr. Romney said. “Because my last 10 years, I’ve — my income comes overwhelmingly from some investments made in the past, whether ordinary income or earned annually. I got a little bit of income from my book, but I gave that all away. **And then I get speaker’s fees from time to time, but not very much.**”



So how much in speaker’s fees does Mitt Romney consider to be not very much? To most people it would be a lot: \$362,000.

—Daily Kos [1/17/2012]

- Mitt Romney: Federal Workers Are Making More Money Than I Am

—Huffington Post [11/8/2011]

- Answering a question about the 1% paying their fair share:

QUESTIONER: “Are there no fair questions about the distribution of wealth without it being seen as envy, though?”

ROMNEY: “I think it’s fine to talk about those things in quiet rooms and discussions about tax policy and the like. But the president has made it part of his campaign rally. Everywhere he goes we hear him talking about millionaires and billionaires and executives and Wall Street. It’s a very envy-oriented, attack-oriented approach and I think it will fail.”

—Talking Points Memo [1/11/2012]

- Romney Failed to Disclose Swiss Bank Account Income

—ABC News [1/26/2012]

- At Mitt Romney’s proposed California beach house, the cars will have their own separate elevator.

—Politico [3/27/2012]



- Romney insisted that he’s the “perfect example of why we need to send to Washington someone who has not lived in Washington, but **someone who has lived in the real streets of America.**”

—Think Progress [1/19/2012]

- In 1983, the Romneys embarked on a 12-hour drive from Massachusetts to Canada. Since there wasn’t enough room in the car for the family dog, Seamus, Romney put the Irish setter in a crate fastened to the roof of the car. Though Romney has said Seamus loved roof rides, during this particular trip the dog suffered a bout of diarrhea that forced Romney to pull over and hose off the car.

—Huffington Post [5/1/2012]