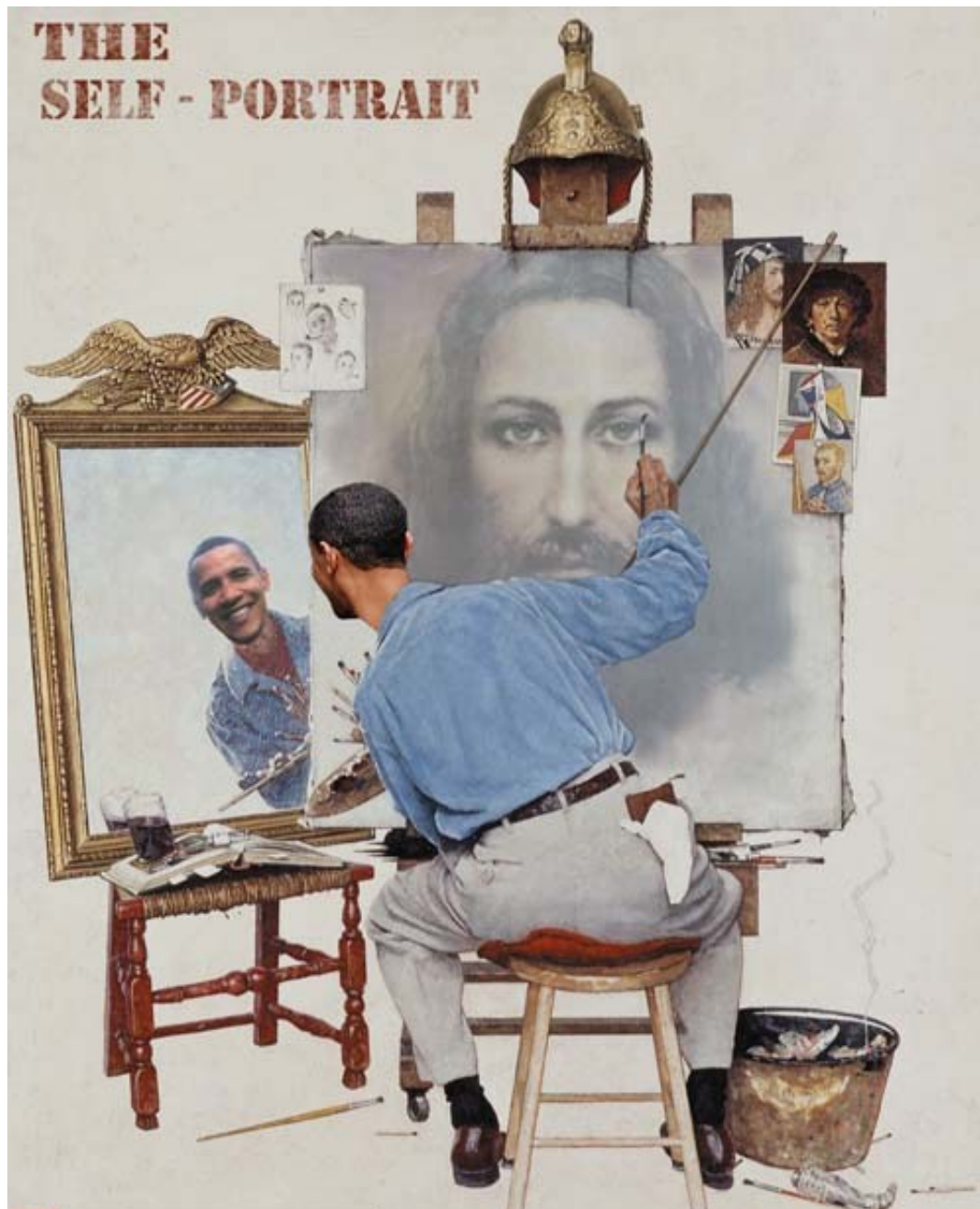


Portrait of Ourselves?



Someone sent this Norman Rockwell/Barack Obama "Self Portrait" "Take Off" to me by email and it got me to thinking. Is this just a perhaps unfair caricature of our President or is there a deeper and more troubling truth here?

How do those who govern us see themselves?

When what we get from those who govern us is "**Talking Points**" and "**Spin**" how do we know what to believe? I would suggest that what we can believe is facts. Not "Spin". Not "Talking Points". Not fancy speech's. Reality. Facts.

The "Troubled Asset Relief Program" (T.A.R.P. for short), which began under the Bush administration, was originally scheduled to be a **\$700,000,000,000.00** (700 Billion) program to "Save" the Banks and get them to start lending again. A big chunk of this money seems to have disappeared; maybe to the 15th Congressional District in Arizona? And, the **banks have tightened up on lending**.

We were told (by the Obama administration) that if we passed the **\$787,000,000,000.00** (787 Billion) Stimulus Bill that millions of new jobs would be created and unemployment would not rise above 8.5%.

Stop Pulling the Wagon

Are You Tired Of Government Lies, Hypocrisy and Corruption?

By the governments own statistics the unemployment rate is 10.2%. This same government does not deny that there is another group that has given up looking for work and still another that is "under"employed, that is working either just part time or at jobs that pay much less than the jobs they were working at 6-18 months ago. Total unemployment rate is somewhere in the 17+% range.

I could go on with many more examples. The question is: Are they lying to themselves or are they lying to us?

Another question: How long will it take for our government to figure out that what they are doing is not working? Its been tried before and it didn't work and its being tried now and it is not working. The first rule is: **When you find yourself in a hole - stop digging! You cannot borrow your way to prosperity!**

At some point the old addage comes to mind: Lie to me once, shame on you! Lie to me twice, shame on me! **What do I see when I look in the mirror? Do I see the truth or only what I want to see? -Bob**