

Lesson of Joplin: Oust Obama!

Speaking to a grieving crowd in Joplin, Missouri on May 29, after the tornado that flattened the city a week before, President Barack Obama said: “We do not have the capacity to answer. We can’t know when a terrible storm will strike, or where, or the severity of the devastation that it may cause. We can’t know why we’re tested with the loss of a loved one, or the loss of a home where we’ve lived a lifetime. These things are beyond our power to control....”

When are the American people going to give this President the answer he deserves? He is *lying* when he once again denies that we have the power to forecast, and protect ourselves against, serious storms like the tornado that hit Joplin. He knows perfectly well that he, and his Administration, cancelled the programs that could forecast such weather events. People *died* as a result of his decisions.

Did this narcissistic President know what he was doing when he made his deals with Republican fascists to cut these programs? He certainly had access to the information he needed to have to come to that conclusion.

LPAC-TV and this magazine have repeatedly identified some of the programs that Obama cut, such as the weather satellites and other Earth orbiters which provide vital data for forecasting major weather events. On top of that, on Feb. 15, Dan Sobien, president of the National Weather Service employees organization, issued a statement about the impact that the 2011 budget deal which the President made with the Republicans, would have on his agency’s operations.

Speaking of the 30% cut in the National Weather Service budget, which funds the National Hurricane Center, the Storm Prediction Center, the Aviation Weather Center, the River

Forecast Center, and the local weather forecasting offices, Sobien said: “This information is vital for weather modeling and essential for accurate tornado watches and warnings. In the next hurricane, flood, tornado or wildfire, *lives will be lost* and people will ask what went wrong” (emphasis added).

When the budget was finally passed in April, Sobien added that one of the casualties was the Weather Service’s low-orbit satellites. He noted that when the Service ran a forecast model of the snowstorm that hit Washington, D.C. last Winter, excluding the data from those satellites, the forecasts were off by 50%. The implications for the following months of severe weather—which can be expected to continue—are clear.

So, can the President say he didn’t know what he was doing in cutting these budgets? Only if he is clinically insane. Or that he is knowingly taking actions that will lead to the preventable deaths of American citizens.

In either case, President Obama must be removed from office now! He is implicated in gross criminal negligence, either because of his insanity or his lying. He is fully eligible for being thrown out of office on the basis of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which provides for the orderly replacement of a President deemed “unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.” The only alternative is impeachment, on the basis of his committing multiple acts tantamount to treason, and “other high crimes and misdemeanors.”

Hundreds of people have already died this Spring from weather events whose results could have been mitigated, if not prevented, if the U.S. had a sane President who cared. It’s past time we got one: Oust Obama now!