

New York Times Editorial: What Happened to Obama?

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This editorial appeared in the Sunday New York Times. [What Happened to Obama?](#) I personally think it is a must read if you are wondering what the hell happened to our country and Obama.

The last paragraph of the editorial pretty much sums up the situation for me.

*“But the arc of history does not bend toward justice through capitulation cast as compromise. It does not bend when 400 people control more of the wealth than 150 million of their fellow Americans. It does not bend when the average middle-class family has seen its income stagnate over the last 30 years while the richest 1 percent has seen its income rise astronomically. It does not bend when we cut the fixed incomes of our parents and grandparents so hedge fund managers can keep their 15 percent tax rates. It does not bend when only one side in negotiations between workers and their bosses is allowed representation. And it does not bend when, as political scientists have shown, it is not public opinion but the opinions of the wealthy that predict the votes of the Senate. **The arc of history can bend only so far before it breaks.**”*

I was rooting for Hillary from the git-go of Bush's first term. The woman has her issues (Bill?), but she knows the ropes, has the respect of her peers or least as much as you can in Washington. And she is tough as nails. I truly believe she has the good of little people in mind.

In part I blame the election of Obama on Oprah. She spent years with every woman in America hanging onto her utterances. However, when it came down to it, she chose race over gender. Which is particularly sad considering how inexperienced Obama was and how experienced Hillary is. But I also think that the corporate powers that really rule this country do not want competent leadership in Washington. If that happens they might not be able run roughshod over the rest of us.

Deep sigh.

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