

ROMNEY'S LAYOFFS MENTIONED IN IOWA



In the past we have looked at Mitt Romney's history with laying off workers and the impact that it is having both on his presidential aspirations and how other Republican candidates and President Obama have used to it their advantage. Over the New Years holiday weekend another chance was taken to point that out to the voting people of American. In the state of Iowa, at an event that was held by the Democratic National Committee, there were some unusual guests of honor; some of the actual workers that Mitt Romney laid off during his tenure at Bain Capital. For those of you who are not familiar with the event Bain Capital the company let go of hundreds of workers during a restructuring designed to enhance profits for the company's management and shareholders. One of the workers, a Randy Johnson who was let go from American Pad and Paper as part of the Bain Capital action, told a reporter for the [Washington Post](#) and the crowd, "I really feel he didn't care about the workers there. It was all about profit before people." So, this may be one of those rare situations in US politics where the truth will actually get a chance to be told about a Politian's campaign pandering. A reporter for the [Washington Post](#) has already begun to speculate that we can expect to see a lot more from the victims of the Bain Capital layoffs: "Indeed, if Dems get their way, Romney's layoff victims may play a prominent role in this campaign, helping set the record straight about a central and defining episode in Romney's career. With Romney arguing that his Bain years proved he understands the engines of job creation — and castigating Obama over high unemployment — Dems are urgently moving to define Romney's Bain years in the public mind on their terms. They will likely rely on such workers to portray Romney as emblematic of the sort of predatory capitalism that caused the economic meltdown in the first place." At this point, as you may recall from our [earlier coverage](#) the campaign for Romney is not aggressive in defending themselves from their claims, "Spokespeople for Romney are instead of saying any real defense was to say the following to a reporter for the Associated Press, President Obama and his friends on the left are continuing their attacks on the free-enterprise system, and by attacking free enterprise they are willingly dividing Americans. Mitt Romney has a quarter-century of experience working with entrepreneurs and real businesses in the real economy." Please note, they never said anything about his actual history with laying off workers at all. "What is interesting is that Mr. Romney is also attempting to claim that he created jobs during his time in the private sector. His current claims are that he was able to create more than 100,000 jobs during his time at Bain Capital. As you may have expected independent fact checkers have not been able to verify his claims, and many have come to the conclusion that they are completely unsubstantiated.

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