

“Government Shutdown: Get up to speed in 20 questions” Article

CNN: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/30/politics/government-shutdown-up-to-speed/index.html>

Get up to speed with why the government shutdown occurred, and what will happen as a result.

President Obama’s speech on Government Shutdown

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmRA_tML2tE

A specific faction of the Republican Party has shut down the government because they want the Affordable Care Act to be repealed, and pass their own version of a healthcare bill. They also want to cut government spending to critical programs/ services to decrease US’ deficit. However, data has shown that the deficit has in fact been falling under President Obama’s leadership, and that cuts to these programs will raise the deficit and roll back on progress that’s been made. The irony of this video is that while the Tea Party and their partisans think the government shutdown will repeal the Affordable Care Act, the bill has already been passed in both house, signed into law by President Obama, and upheld by the Supreme Court as constitutional in 2010. This shutdown won’t change the outcomes of this bill, yet they still put their ideologies ahead of US citizens’ security by preventing the government to function.

“Repeat After Me: The Deficit is Falling. The Deficit is Falling.” Article

<http://www.motherjones.com/kevin-drum/2013/09/deficit-falling-falling-falling>