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Gibbs: Furor Over School Speech is "Silly"

The White House on Friday dismissed as pointless the furor over President Barack Obama's plan to deliver a televised back-to-school speech to the nation's students in which he will exhort children to think about how they can help the White House. [full story](#)

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Interest groups are unleashing a torrent of modern and old-fashioned lobbying tactics at members of Congress returning for the autumn battle over health care, from spending sky-high amounts on TV ads to staging rallies in the capital and perhaps outside insurance company offices. [full story](#)

Public Schools Unclear on Obama School Message

Jillian Bades: With President Obama slated to give a televised address to public school students across the nation on Tuesday, schools in the D.C. area - including the school from which Obama will broadcast the speech - are trying to play their cards as diplomatically as possible. [full story](#)

Obama Speech to Students Sparks Controversy

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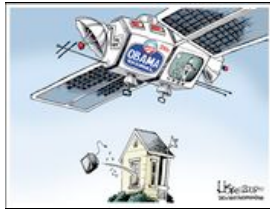
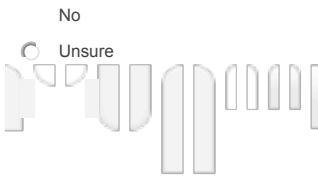
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