

**From:** DNC Rapid Response  
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**To:** DNC Rapid Response  
**Subject:** Fact Checking Mitt Romney's Boston Herald Op-Ed

Please see below a fact check on claims made by Mitt Romney in an Op-Ed in the Boston Herald this morning.

**ROMNEY RHETORIC:** “Where should we go from here? Having spent my career in the private sector, I know a thing or two about how jobs are created and how they are lost.”

**REALITY: ROMNEY’S PRIVATE SECTOR CAREER CONSISTED OF PROFITING OFF OF LAYING OFF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS**

**Romney’s Fortune “Was Made On The Backs Of Companies That Ultimately Collapsed, Putting Thousands of Ordinary Americans Out On The Street.”** [[New York Post, 2/19/11](#)]

**Romney-Led Bain Capital Closed US Factories, Caused Hundreds Of Layoffs And “Pocketed Huge Fees Shortly Before The Companies Collapsed.”** [[Los Angeles Times, 12/6/07](#)]

**Romney’s Tenure at Bain “Resulted in the Loss of Thousands of Jobs Through Layoffs And Bankruptcies.”** [[CNN.com, 1/30/08](#)]

**Former Bain Partners: Romney Had Chances To Fight To Save Jobs But Didn’t.** [[Boston Globe, 1/27/08](#)]

**REALITY: ROMNEY’S JOB CREATION RECORD IN MASSACHUSETTS WAS ONE OF THE WORST IN THE COUNTRY**

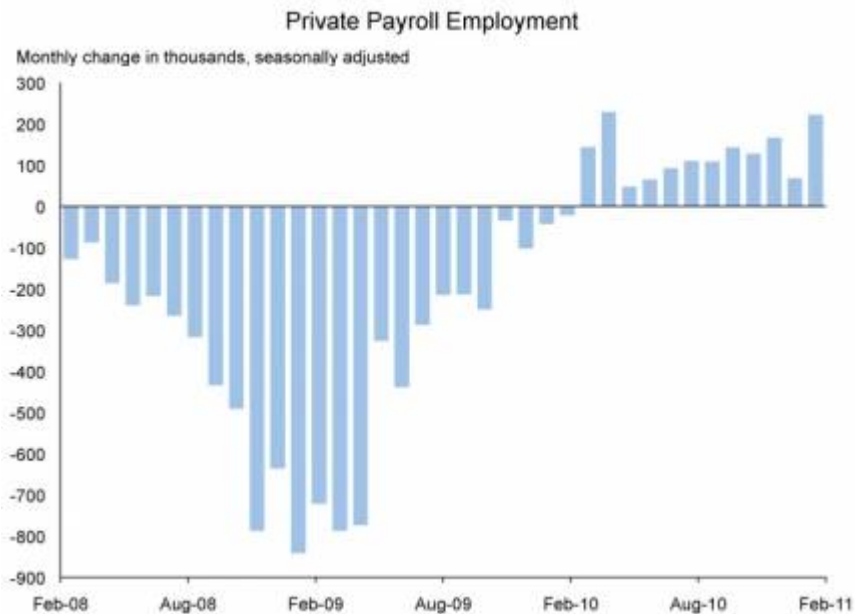
During Romney's Tenure as Governor, Massachusetts' Economic Performance Was "One Of The Worst In The Country" On "All Key Labor Market Measures." [[Boston Globe, 7/29/07](#)]

Factcheck.org: "Romney's Jobs Record Provides Little To Boast About." [[Factcheck.org, 1/11/08](#)]

In Romney's Four Years As Governor Massachusetts Ranked 47<sup>th</sup> Out Of 50 In Jobs Growth. [[Marketwatch, 2/23/10](#)]

**REALITY: OBAMA'S POLICIES HAVE CREATED MILLIONS OF JOBS AND PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS HAVE ADDED 1.5 MILLION JOBS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS**

Private Employers Added 1.5 Million Jobs In The Last 12 Months And The Unemployment Rate Dropped .9% Points Over The Last Three Months, The Largest Such Decline Since 1983. [[White House Council Of Economic Advisers Blog, 3/4/11](#)]



**CBO Said The Recovery Act Increased The Number Of People Employed By Up To 3.6 Million.** [[ABC News, 11/24/10](#)]

**USA Today: “President Obama’s Proposed Fiscal 2012 Budget Is Potentially a Massive Job-Creation Engine.”** [USA Today,[2/15/11](#)]