

## Accusing others of 'greed' has been a staple of Reid press releases for the last seven years

### 12-18-07: Big Oil

"We are committed to an energy policy that invests in renewable energy, lowers gas prices, makes America more energy independent, reverses global warming and strengthens our national security. While we are proud that this bill raises fuel-efficiency standards for the first time in a generation, we will not be satisfied until Republicans fully join us to put consumers' interests ahead of Big Oil's **greed**.

### 5-1-08: Oil traders

It's time they stand up to **greedy** oil traders who manipulate the market. The Bush Administration's oil-friendly, anti-environment policies of the past seven years have resulted in one of the greatest shakedowns of American families in our nation's history, and Democrats are committed to reversing them."

### 5-12-08: Oil traders

"Third, we protect the American people from price gougers and **greedy** oil traders who manipulate the market. Part of the reason for record high oil prices is that market traders are bidding prices up for their own amusement and profit. They make out like bandits, but the rest of us have to face the real-life consequences of their recklessness.

### 5-16-08: speculators

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### 6-10-08: Oil traders

"First, we end the billions of dollars in tax breaks for big oil companies whose executives have been hauling record profits while we pay record prices. Second, we force the oil companies to do their part by investing some of their profits in clean and affordable alternative energy. Third, we protect the American people from price gougers and **greedy** oil traders who manipulate the market. And fourth, we stand up to OPEC and countries who are colluding together to keep oil prices sky-high.

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## 9-22-08: Corporations, Bush administration

"But the American people have a right to know what brought us to this grave economic danger. The answer is a president and Republican Congress determined to repeal all reasonable oversight and accountability, ignore what they couldn't repeal and allow corporate **greed** and recklessness to saturate our economy.

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"But the **greed**-fueled Bush/Cheney Administration thought they knew better. They put cronies and ideologues in charge of our most critical regulatory agencies, people who disdained government oversight of any kind and systematically put Wall Street ahead of Main Street.

## 9-29-08: Wall Street

Washington, DC— Nevada Senator Harry Reid made the following statement today on the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008:

"Eight years of **greed** on Wall Street and a disdain for oversight and accountability in the White House have brought on the deepest financial crisis in generations. Every American has a right to be angry about the situation we face, but every American also has an interest in fixing this crisis.

## 10-1-08: Wall Street

"The rescue package we are on the verge of passing is not for the titans of Wall Street. It is not for those who chose **greed** over prudence. It is not for the CEOs who failed their employees, then left town with multi-million dollar golden parachutes.

## 2-18-09: Corporate

Today we are not so fortunate. A national economic collapse beyond our state's control has brought our progress to a dramatic halt. A triple punch of corporate **greed**, consumer debt and lax government oversight has left Nevada and our country facing the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

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On the day he was elected President of our great nation, Barack Obama began working on a plan to address the economic crisis he inherited: spiraling unemployment, plummeting home values and unchecked **greed** on Wall Street.

## 3-17-09: Bush administration

"Eight years of **greed** and negligence have left our country with the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. President Obama took office in an economic climate that no President would relish: Staggering job loss. The largest national debt in history. A frozen credit market. Major banks teetering on the edge of insolvency. A record

foreclosure rate, forcing millions of families to lose their homes. A stock market in freefall, leaving senior citizens to put retirement on hold and putting the economic security of millions more at risk.

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“And President Obama, along with Democrats in Congress, understands that as deep as our immediate problems may be, the worst mistake we could make is to stop investing for the future. That’s why the President’s budget proposal lays the groundwork for an economy that doesn’t just recover in the short term, but also prospers in the long term. That starts with ending the previous administration’s era of passing the buck, refusing to make tough choices, to plan for the future or to hold anyone accountable for **greed** and corruption.

### 5-11-09: Executives

“For every **greedy** executive and devious con artist, there are millions of honest, hardworking Americans who struggle every day to make ends meet. They worry every morning about how much longer their job will be there, and every night about how to keep their families healthy and keep a roof over their heads. They worry about troubles they did not create, but which they alone cannot cure.

### 12-16-09: Insurance companies

“Those who oppose making health insurance more affordable and making health insurance companies more accountable would like you to believe that’s not the case – and they’re being led by the insurance industry.

“They want you to think that the American people are happy when these **greedy** insurance companies deny health care to the sick and take away their coverage at the exact moment they need it most.

### 4-14-10: on Wall Street

“Every day, I hear from Nevadans who lost their savings and their economic security because of the **greed** and excess on Wall Street that put our economy on the brink of collapse.

### 4-16-10: on Wall Street

“Nevadans want strong reform, not some letter that is intended to delay efforts to hold Wall Street fully accountable. If Republicans want to allow the same Wall Street **greed** and excess that crippled our economy to continue, that is their choice.

### 4-19-10: on Wall Street

“That’s why the bill we will bring to the floor includes the strongest protections ever against Wall Street **greed**. It will give families more control than ever over their own finances, and give consumers more clarity so they can make the right financial decisions.

## 4-20-10: on Wall Street

"That's what this good reform will do. It will enforce the strongest protections ever against Wall Street **greed**. It will give families more control over their own finances, and give consumers more clarity so they can make the right financial decisions.

## 4-21-10: on Wall Street

"Nevadans and Americans were forced to pay the price for years of **greed** and reckless gambling on Wall Street – families lost their homes, small businesses went under, and millions of Americans lost their jobs. That's why Senate Democrats are committed to holding Wall Street accountable and putting consumers back in control.

## 4-26-10: on Wall Street

"This past weekend, I met with many Nevadans who are still struggling due to the unchecked **greed** and excess of Wall Street: some lost their retirement savings, some lost their homes and many lost their economic security.

## 4-28-10: on Wall Street

"Seniors, small businesses and middle-class families in Nevada and across America are still paying the price for the unregulated **greed** and excess on Wall Street that almost sunk our economy. Democrats are trying to make sure that this never happens again, and we are eager to have an open debate on the Senate floor about how best to hold Wall Street accountable. But Republicans have allowed for another day to pass with the same rules in place that cost many Nevada families everything.

## 5-5-10: on Wall Street

Headline: Reid: Democrats Are Fighting To Make Sure That Nevada Taxpayers Never Again Have To Pay For Wall Street **Greed**

## 5-7-10: Wall Street banks

Headline: Reid Leads Fight Against Wall Street **Greed** and Protects Nevadans

Weekly update: Nevada Senator Harry Reid was recognized this week as a "Legislative Superhero." He continued leading the Senate in its work to reign in the **greed** and recklessness of big Wall Street banks and ensure that Nevada taxpayers never again have to bail them out.

## 5-17-10: British Petroleum

"Last night's edition of '60 Minutes' reported damning evidence that the roots of this tragedy are in BP executives' efforts to pad their own wallets.

"Their **greed** led to 11 horrific and unnecessary deaths. It has harmed an enormous tourism industry, threatened business at countless fisheries and disrupted life for many along the Gulf Coast. As the pollution grows worse, those consequences will only compound.

## 5-20-10: Wall Street

Washington, DC—Nevada Senator Harry Reid released the following statement today after the Senate Democrats led passage of Wall Street accountability legislation:

“The stakes of the Wall Street reform debate have always been clear to Senate Democrats: the economic security of real people in Nevada and across America who were left to pay the price for risky bets and reckless behavior at big banks on Wall Street. You can draw a straight line from the unchecked **greed** on Wall Street to the layoffs and foreclosures throughout Nevada and the rest of the country. The bill that we are passing tonight is a strong statement to Wall Street that business as usual is over.

## 6-7-10: Wall Street

“And two, we have to finish the Wall Street reform bill that protects families’ life savings and seniors’ pensions. The bills both the House and Senate passed will enforce the toughest protections ever against Wall Street **greed**, will guarantee taxpayers they will never again be asked to bail out a big bank, and will make sure no bank can become too big to fail. I hope we can send our final bill to the President this month.

## 7-15-10: Wall Street

“You can draw a straight line from the **greed** on Wall Street to the grief on Main Streets throughout Nevada and across America.

## 7-22-10: Wall Street firms

Nevada Senator Harry Reid today joined President Obama as he signed into law the sweeping Wall Street Reform bill. The new law will hold **greedy** Wall Street firms accountable for their reckless behavior and protect Nevada taxpayers from having to bail them out. The law puts an end to the rampant fraud and abuse on Wall Street and protects taxpayers, consumers and small businesses in Nevada. It puts a new cop on the beat and sets new standards of fairness, transparency and accountability for Wall Street banks.

## 2-23-11: Wall Street bankers

First, the program that brought our economy back from the brink of collapse. No one wanted to help the banks that jeopardized our economy and crashed the housing market. Just like you, I’d seen the foreclosure signs multiply across our state, and I had no sympathy for the **greedy** Wall Street bankers who forced them there.

## 7-5-11: Wall Street

The last time this country was plunged into a major recession – three short years ago – we took the world with us. When Wall Street **greed** caused the near collapse of our financial system, Americans across the country lost their jobs, their homes and their savings. And so did people across the globe.

## 11-15-11: Wall Street

The Republicans would have you believe that the common-sense rules that check the **greed** of Wall Street banks, keep huge corporations honest and stop Big Oil's unnecessary risk taking are also causing small businesses great harm.

Indeed, that would be a terrible thing – that is, if it were true.

## 11-29-11: Wall Street banks

Republicans in the House, on the other hand, are focused on gutting the safeguards that keep our air clean, make our workplaces safe and check the **greed** of big Wall Street banks.

## 12-12-11: Wall Street

And they blocked the nomination of Richard Cordray to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau despite his obvious qualifications for the job.

He has a long history of protecting the middle-class against unfair practices by financial predators. And he would have been a great asset in our fight to protect Main Street from the kind of Wall Street **greed** that caused the 2008 financial crisis.

## 1-24-12: Wall Street

And although the economy has made slow progress toward recovery, there is still much more work to be done before every American who wants to work can find a job.

But the terrible recession is only part of the problem. The same Wall Street **greed** that caused the financial collapse is fueling the greatest income disparity since the Great Depression.

## 1-30-12: Wall Street

This Republican obstructionism is supposedly retribution for President Obama's recess appointment of Richard Cordray – an eminently qualified nominee – to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

With a qualified leader at the helm, the Bureau will be able to effectively protect middle class families from the **greed** and excess of big Wall Street banks.

## 2-7-12: Wall Street

When Wall Street **greed** collapsed the economy in 2008, the housing market collapsed along with it. That meant freefalling home prices and a staggering numbers of foreclosures.

## 2-9-12: Wall Street

When Wall Street **greed** caused the economy to collapse, the housing market collapsed along with it, and no state has been hit harder than ours.

## 5-23-13: Corporations

Republicans aren't concerned about Mr. Corday's ability to do the job. Quite the contrary. If anything, they're concerned he might actually do the job – protecting consumers from the kind of corporate **greed** that collapsed the financial markets – a bit too well. If Mr. Cordray received an up-or-down vote he would be confirmed immediately.

## 7-11-13: Wall Street banks

But the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau continues to operate without a leader, because Republicans want to roll back a law that protects consumers from the **greed** of big Wall Street banks.

## 11-21-13: Wall Street banks

But the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – the brainchild of Senator Elizabeth Warren – went for more than two years without a leader, because Republicans refused to accept the law of the land – because they wanted to roll back a law that protects consumers from the **greed** of big Wall Street banks.

## 7-05-14: Wall Street banks

How unfortunate for the world that the Koch brothers trash this beautiful planet and jeopardize our children's health and future, just to add more zeroes to their huge bank balance.... I urge my Republican colleagues in the Senate to stand up to Charles and David Koch and vote to advance this bill before us today. Energy efficiency and independence is good for the U.S., good for American families, and good for the Earth we live in. Don't be fooled by the **greed** of a couple of billionaires named Koch.