



TWO THUMBS DOWN

The Reviews Are In: The Media Describe Obama's Budget Cuts As "Tiny," "Minor," And "Modest"

Obama's attempts at fiscal responsibility aren't fooling anyone, including the media. His proposed cuts, which are less than those proposed by President Bush and include many of the same programs, barely make a dent in his huge \$3.5 trillion budget. What are the media saying about Obama's cuts?

"Relatively Minor" (Andrew Taylor, "Obama To Seek \$17B In Budget Savings," *The Associated Press*, 5/7/09)

"Tiny Fraction" (Lori Montgomery and Amy Goldstein, "Obama's Budget Knife Yields Modest Trims," *The Washington Post*, 5/7/09)

"Tiny Amount" (David Lightman, "Obama Budget Would Cut Or End 121 Government Programs," *McClatchy Newspapers*, 5/6/09)

"Modest Trims" (Lori Montgomery and Amy Goldstein, "Obama's Budget Knife Yields Modest Trims," *The Washington Post*, 5/7/09)

"Not Being Bold Enough" (David Lightman, "Obama Budget Would Cut Or End 121 Government Programs," *McClatchy Newspapers*, 5/6/09)

"Less Than Half Of 1% Of His Budget" (Richard Wolf, "Obama Set To Suggest \$17B In Cuts," *USA Today*, 5/7/09)