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## OBAMA ADMINISTRATION POLICIES CAUSING LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE TO PLUMMET

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President Barack Obama isn't the only one trying to shape the debate in Ohio on the jobs issue. With just one month before Americans vote on the policy direction of the U.S., Opportunity Ohio, along with the Liberty Foundation of America and 31 other state-based partners, released easy-to-understand one-pagers with supporting data for all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The states and partners are in the attached picture.

The project focuses on the plummeting Labor Force Participating Rate (LFPR), with special focus on gender and minority groups. With the most recent jobs report, the LFPR hit a 37-year low with over 55 million women now out of the labor force. Please see the attached one-pager with two charts showing the plummeting LFPR in Ohio. The supporting data can be viewed at [www.opportunityohio.org](http://www.opportunityohio.org).

Here are a few depressing stats for Ohio showing the LFRP drop from 2008-2013:

**Hispanic Men: nose-dived -9.0 points;**  
**Men Aged 45-54: a stunning -7.5 point reduction;**  
**Black or African-American Men: a -6.9 point decrease;**  
**All Ohioans Aged 45-54: a loss of -6.5 points;**  
**Women Aged 45-54: declined by -5.9 points;**  
**All Blacks or African-Americans: a -5.0 point drop;**  
**All Men: down -4.4 points;**  
**All Ohioans: winnowed by -4.2 points; and**  
**All Women: fell by -4.0 points.**

These declines mean tens of thousands of Ohioans, especially minorities, are falling behind economically. Because similar LFPR drops have occurred in nearly every state (see [www.libertyfound.org](http://www.libertyfound.org) for one-pagers and data for all fifty states and the District of Columbia), it is clear federal policy mandates and actions such as ObamaCare, the Obama Administration's attack on the energy industry, America's ineffective foreign policy, and other federal initiatives causing uncertainty in our economy are the leading causes of this outcome.

Opportunity Ohio did all of the data analysis and design development for this project that is garnering significant media attention across the country, including becoming a key debate issue in the Colorado U.S. Senate and gubernatorial elections. Shining a bright light on how liberal-progressive policies hurt Ohioans and America writ large is what we do best!