

Be Honest. You TOO would like to fire people!

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In one more instance where what Governor Romney says is grossly taken out of context, his campaign has received a lot of heat from media people and from opponents that cherry-picked and took out of context the statement that he likes to be able to fire people that don't live up to their responsibilities.

But be honest. You agree with that statement!

Suppose you send your kids to school and she has a teacher that is abusive, or negligent, or does not know her subject, or is interested not in your child but in her tenure. Suppose this teacher is always late, unprepared, and is making your child fall behind. Suppose she is one of those who hits children, humiliates them in front of their peers, is never available for extra help. Suppose that she belongs to one of those unions that puts membership above merit.

Wouldn't you like to be able to fire her?

Assume that you go to a hospital and the nurse in charge of your care cannot read your charts. He is sloppy with your medication, he is dirty, never answers to your call, is never responsive to your needs. Suppose this nurse is irresponsible and does not care about your treatment, does not help you manage your pain, is distracted and incompetent. You suffer much more than you should and your very health and life are at risk because of his lack of knowledge and care. Assume this happens to the person you love the most and she suffers because she had the bad luck to fall in the hands of this nurse.

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Suppose you are the manager of a bank's branch and you notice that a certain teller is rude with her customers. She is slow, procrastinates, is sloppy with her accounting and worse, is a petty thief that pockets the occasional bill when nobody is watching. Suppose she fails to credit your deposit on time and your account is charged for an overdraft, a payee demands her payment (that bounced because of the negligence of the teller) or your credit card hikes your rate because it could not clear your payment.

I bet that you would like to be able to fire her.

Think about those times when you call customer service with a complaint and you are put on hold for hours. Suddenly you hear the "click" and realize the representative just hung up on you. You call again and get the same agent who puts you on hold one more time. When he picks up he is completely disinterested in your case and will do absolutely nothing to help you. Not only that but he is also rude and refuses to let you speak with a supervisor. You get frustrated and give up, perhaps losing the value of your purchase or getting stuck with a faulty product or service.

Would you like to be able to fire him? My guess is that you would.

Imagine getting to your vacation destination after a long day of travel only to find that the hotel receptionist does not have your reservation on file. You have a confirmation number and the print out of your reservation yet he refuses to give you a room. When you get to his manager, the receptionist denies that you had the relevant paperwork and refuses to take responsibility making you look like a jerk.

Would you like to set the record straight with the manager and ask her to fire him? My money is on you wanting to do just that.

As you can see, everybody would like to fire a person that cannot or will not do his or her job as expected; who does not meet the minimum requirements to get a job done; who creates more harm than good by keeping his or her job.

This is what Governor Romney said and meant. These are examples of how his statement works and is true for everybody, including you (if you are honest).

And there is more, another example that I will use to illustrate the benefits of being able to fire an incompetent job holder.

Suppose you hear a candidate offering you a better tomorrow, a brighter future, unity, fairness, growth, education, prosperity, hope and change. Then he gets into office and fails to close Guantanamo, spends his first year not focused on the chaotic state of the economy but rather on passing an unsustainable and unviable healthcare plan. He doubles-up on items that he repudiated during the campaign and not only reauthorizes the PATRIOT Act but also expands the government's role in wiretapping and prying into the private lives of the citizens. He pushes for a trillion-dollar "stimulus package" and promises to bring unemployment down when it is approved. Then you see this figure top 10%. He blames the previous administration for the state of the economy yet appoints one of the architects of the Wall Street bailout, Tim Geithner, to the Treasury. His strategy of blaming others is upped by his starting of a class war than only exacerbates the People's divisions and jeopardizes the nation's unity. For every problem he has a speech, never a solution. For every broken promise he has an excuse or someone else to blame. He is unable to admit failure and is willing to step over the Constitution to get his way.

Now, THAT is a person that I want to be able to fire!

And you should too.

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