



## Huckabee: ‘Feel Sorry’ for Democrats Who Have to Defend Obama

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While cautioning conservatives to brace for a close election, former Arkansas Gov. Michael Huckabee said he actually feels "sorry" for Democrats like James Carville and Donna Brazile, who are left trying to defend the record of President Barack Obama.

Huckabee, along with former George W. Bush presidential adviser Karl Rove, were invited to debate Obama's record on foreign affairs with Carville and Brazile earlier this week by the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies (FSWC) in Toronto.

“During the evening I actually began to feel sorry for them because I thought they’re doing as well as they can — and they’re very, very capable, smart, and articulate people,” Huckabee recalled. “But it’s hard to defend President Obama. And I realized that, what can you say, ‘he’s done a great job of leading the economy?’ You can’t say that. ‘He’s done a great job of making the world safer and building our relationships with our allies like Israel?’ No you really can’t say that. What can you say, that ‘he’s brought the political parties together and created a real consensus kind of government?’ No he’s done the opposite of that.”

Even so, Huckabee believes that it will be a close election.

“I don’t think it’s going to be a runaway. There are a lot of people who might still naively think that President Obama is a wonderful leader and it’s all the stuff that he inherited,” he said. “But I think in the end Americans have the good sense to realize the direction of this country for the past four years is not a good direction, and we need to change course and elect Mitt Romney president.”

Obama’s disappointing record also presents one of the best opportunities in years for

conservatives to explain their philosophy — in a political atmosphere where voters will be able to see the stark contrast between Obama and Romney.

“This is a great opportunity for conservatives in this election to demonstrate a fundamental difference between the idea of big government and big opportunity for individuals, and I look forward to a very vigorous debate,” Huckabee added.