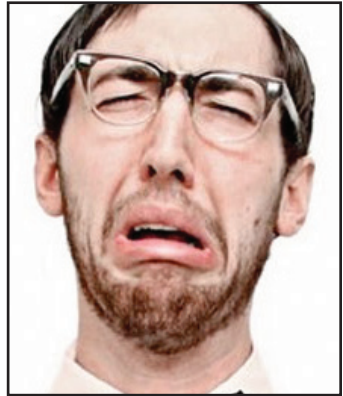


# When I was a kid, my family called a spoiled whiny brat **titty baby.**

A titty baby was the one who cried when things didn't go his way, the one for whom nothing was ever good enough. He was the one who wanted *more* ice cream and cake than the others, *more* of the car seat, *more* of Mom's and Dad's attention, the one who always felt that a fair turn wasn't enough, the one who flounced off the playground with "If I don't get to bat first, I'm not going to play!"



The thing the titty baby could never understand was that having ice cream and cake *at all* is a pretty good thing. That sharing what you had was better than having none at all. That playing fair and being part of a team, when the alternative was not getting to play at all, was a pretty good way to do it. That sometimes, Mom and Dad were doing the best they could under the circumstances, that the only alternatives were a lot worse.

Okay, we're not happy with everything Obama has done. We're not happy with the war, the economy, individual rights, bank bailouts, corporate corruption, politics, the tax code, health care, the environment, whatever.

But he has done this: He nailed Osama bin Laden. He ended the war in Iraq on schedule. He helped pass the first health care reform in decades. He championed women's reproductive rights, and equal pay for equal work. He's working to see that millionaires and billionaires do their part on taxes. He helped keep us out of another Great Depression.

Given the slate of Republican candidates, the alternative is a return to the Bush years that caused a lot of the shit Obama has been stuck cleaning up. And worse. How'd you like to see Social Security and Medicare crippled? How'd you like to see women's reproductive rights diminished to zero? How'd you like to have your kids taught other people's religion in the schools you help pay for? How'd you like to see science treated like a public enemy? How'd you like to see limitless corporate money continue to be injected into our political system? How'd you like to have even less of a voice on public issues, so that teabaggers and conservative extremists could have more?

## ***Stop being a titty baby.***

Let's get Obama re-elected, so that more of the things we all care about can get done in his second term, so we can nail down some of these progressive changes, and so the GOP Crazy Train doesn't make things worse.

Because, oh yes, it can get worse.