

Obama deserves rebuke from Massachusetts

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Obama richly deserves the rebuke from Massachusetts. Armed with a nation's fervent hopes a year ago, he spurned the unrivalled opportunity offered by economic crisis to do what he pledged: usher in substantive change. He's done exactly the opposite. Wall Street has been given the green light to continue with business as usual. The stimulus package was far too weak. The opportunity for financial reform has passed. Trillions will be wasted in Afghanistan.

When will so called radical politicians get it? People want them to be radical.

In which context it's good to see my Green New Deal colleague Ann Pettifor is seeking a safe Labour seat. I can't see Ann losing her radical edge if elected.