

Congressman Steve King today made the following statement on President Barack Obama's group of czars, including so-called "green jobs" czar Van Jones.

“President Obama has assembled a lineup of over 30 czars that are out of touch with mainstream Americans. Drawn from a vast reservoir of Obama's pre-office, out of the mainstream affiliations, these czars are unaccountable to Congress and the American people. They are accountable only to the President and reflect his values, policy and positions.

“It is ironic that on a day in which the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the U.S. economy lost 216,000 jobs in August and the national unemployment rate is now the highest level in twenty-six years at 9.7%, President Obama's 'green jobs' czar is under fire. Green jobs are a hoax and deny the realities of a free market economy. There can only be 'green jobs' if they are mandated by a socialized government. Rather than creating more bureaucrats and taxpayer-funded 'green jobs' at a direct cost in real jobs in the private sector, this Administration needs to reverse its Keynesian attack on economic recovery and stop spending our grandchildren's money.”

“Van Jones is a self-avowed Communist and currently the most visible of President Obama's friends and confidants. Firing Van Jones will only remove one anti-American counterculturalist from the czar ranks, but it is a start.”

More info on Van Jones is [available here](#).