

Nominations for the 2009 Word of the Year
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Wayne's Words:
Nominations for the American Dialect Society's
Words of the Year 2009
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AGW Anthropogenic Global Warming (NewsBank Access World News: 100 hits for 2006-08; 226 hits for 2009)

angry mob Middle-class people protesting government-run health care at town hall meetings

birther Person concerned that Pres. Barack Obama was not born as a US citizen (NewsBank Access World News: 5 hits for 2000-08; 1,887 for 2009)

Brooks Brothers brigade Middle-class people protesting government-run health care at town hall meetings

CFC, C4C, Cash for Clunkers Federal program offering a subsidy for trading in a used less fuel-efficient automobile for a new more fuel-efficient one

cap-and-tax Government-administered system of carbon-emission controls with tradable allowances to pollute, otherwise known as "cap and trade" (NewsBank Access World News: 20 hits for 2007-08; 805 hits for 2009)

death panel Committee (like an insurance benefits review board) empowered to make life-and-death decisions (NewsBank Access World News: 130 hits before 2009; 3,428 hits for 2009)

he-cession Recession in which job losses affect more men than women

Irrational Disbelief Syndrome Jocular psychological condition of those who do not believe what other people believe without question

Obamacare Federal system of health care sketched out in broad, ambiguous terms by Pres. Barack Obama (NewsBank Access World News: 67 hits for 2007-08; 8,419 hits for 2009)

robust public option Federal health insurance plan to be forced upon US citizens and the US medical industry (NewsBank Access World News: 1 hit for 2000; 1209 hits for 2009)

tea bag Anti-government

tea bagger One who protests against excessive federal spending, taxation, and meddling in the economic and social affairs of a free people

Tea Party Rally held to protest excessive federal spending, taxation, and meddling in the economic and social affairs of a free people

too big to fail Of a business so vital to the survival of politicians that it must be propped up with public funds and controlled by political cronies and allies during hard economic times (NewsBank Access World News: 6,826 hits for 1983-2008; 11, 446 for 2009)

wee-weed up Upset, worked up

You lie! Words of Rep. Joe Wilson (SC-Rep.) during President Obama's healthcare speech to a joint session of Congress on Sept. 9, 2009 (either most necessary or most unnecessary depending on your politics)