Honesty is an important factor in relationships, sometimes a white lie is acceptable.

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We all’ve been told honesty is the best policy. Countless times we’ve seen cartoons of a woman saying “I love you” and her hand trembling with, “But…” or “And…” Did you really mean it? Of course you did. If she was a bad person with a lousy personality, she would have said the truth.

In relationships, there are really too many things you just don’t need to tell your significant other. For example, if she is a bad cook, why do you need to tell her? She’ll still want to see you and be your girlfriend, doesn’t she?

Some people might find their mouths moving before their brains. This is called a white lie.

Many men do this and don’t even realize it. Men often lie to save their pride or to save a relationship. Sometimes they lie to avoid hurting your feelings or to avoid hurting their own.

A little bit of lying is necessary to function normally in a relationship. Some relationships need white lies to survive.

Girls are just as guilty of telling white lies. Some of the lies girls have told include:

- **“I’ve been waiting for you.”** When she’s not.
- **“It’s not a big deal”** when you just spilled coffee on her shirt.
- **“Your face looks so great.”** When you just spilled coffee on her shirt.
- **“I love you.”** When you just spilled coffee on her shirt.

Do you know anyone who tells a lot of white lies? If so, what are some of their lies?

Dear President Obama,

In a recent speech, you said we need to change our spending habits. I agree. My savings account is empty, and I can’t even afford to go shopping for milk.

But I don’t think you really mean this. I think you mean it as a way to get more votes for your re-election. I mean, who doesn’t want to see a picture of you standing in front of a large crowd of adults who are holding signs that say “We want health care for all!”

Dear Mr. President, I first gained this insight about the gravity of our nation’s debt while perusing the financial pages of the New York Times. The article was titled “The Trillion Dollar Debt Clock.”

I was shocked to learn that our national debt has reached $18 trillion dollars. That’s a lot of money. In fact, it’s more than the entire GDP of China.

I was also surprised to learn that the debt is growing at an alarming rate. In fact, the Treasury Department has projected that the national debt will reach $21 trillion by 2020.

I understand that you are working hard to address this issue, but I don’t think you are doing enough. The American people need to know that you are serious about reducing the debt.

That’s why I am writing to you today. I am concerned about our national debt and I believe that you need to do more to address this issue.

First, I urge you to prioritize reducing the deficit. We have a choice here. We can either pay the cost of our irresponsible spending or we can pay the cost of the stimulus package.

Second, I urge you to consider other options for reducing the deficit. For example, we need to cut back on government spending and end the war in Afghanistan. We also need to repeal the health care overhaul.

Finally, I urge you to be more transparent about your budget proposals. We need to know exactly how you plan to reduce the deficit.

I am a concerned citizen and I urge you to take action to address our nation’s debt. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]