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Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson on President Obama and the wealthy.

Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson on "Fox News Sunday," Oct. 2:

Well, I think the president has to recalibrate his message. You don't get people to like you by attacking them or demeaning their success. You know, I grew up in a family of 10 kids, first one to go to college, and I've earned my success. I've earned my right to fly private if I choose to do so.

And by attacking me it is not going to convince me that I should take a bigger hit because I happen to be wealthy . . . [I] sort of take the old Ethel Merman approach to life. I've tried poor and I tried rich and I like rich better. It doesn't mean that I am a bad guy.

I didn't go into business to create a public-policy success for either party, Republican or Democrat. I went into business to create jobs, to create opportunity, to create value for myself and my investors. And that's what the president should be praising, not demagoging us simply because Warren Buffett says he pays more than his secretary. He should pay the secretary more and she will pay more.