

Americans suffering from partisan gridlock

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A political commentator says the American people are suffering from the political impasse between Republicans and Democrats in the United States.

"Millions of Americans are suffering because of this. There is some backlash against Republicans," Edward Corrigan told Press TV on Wednesday.

Some people suggest that "Republicans don't like the fact that Obama is black. There is no race issue. There is political issue. The fact that they failed to defeat him bothers them so they are using these extraordinary and questionable tactics trying to bring the government to its knees and it's the American people that end up suffering," he added.

The standoff between Republicans and Democrats over the budget has led to a government shutdown from the beginning of this month.

He added that Republicans are against Democrats for "ideological reasons."

Corrigan said the issue is very "damaging" for the United States' credibility in the world.

The House Republicans have resisted funding the government for the current fiscal year or raising the debt limit until they obtain concessions from President Obama that would delay or defund his signature healthcare law known as Obamacare.

Neither Republicans nor Democrats have offered any sign of progress in the budget stalemate and both blamed the other side for the impasse.

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