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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -  
JOB CREATION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued "The Bush Administration Misstatement of the Day" on job creation.**

Yesterday, during a campaign stop in Columbus, Ohio, President Bush told supporters that while *"some people are nervous"* about the economy, he assured them *"there are jobs out there."*

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Today, however, the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that [only 32,000 jobs were added last month](#) , even though analysts had predicted that the economy would create between [215,000 and 247,000 jobs in July](#).  
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The [BLS reported](#) :[]

- Nonfarm employment was little changed (+32,000) in July.
  
- The unemployment rate has shown little movement since December 2003.[]
  
- Both the number of unemployed persons, 8.2 million, and the unemployment rate, 5.5 percent, were essentially unchanged in July.[]
  
- The number of persons who were marginally attached to the labor force was 1.6

**million in July, the same as a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals wanted and were available to work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months.**

**- There were 504,000 discouraged workers in July, little changed from a year earlier. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, were not currently looking for work specifically because they believed no jobs were available for them.**