

 **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**
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Here's what provoked me:

Liberal columnist E.J. Dionne Jr. once again came to Obama's rescue regarding the evolving realities of ObamaCare. Note the current claims by Dionne and others re: success, and then compare those to their original promises. They have "moved the goalposts" and declared victory! The opportunity for effective, efficient reform was squandered because of conservative shortsightedness and abject, naïve foolishness from the progressives.

Here's my response:

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E.J. Dionne Jr. came to Obama's rescue in "On health care: Congress aside" 11-14-14. He considers it "a shame" that ObamaCare faces opposition, because in his fantasy, ACA is a huge success and he seeks culprits to blame for its serious problems: Supreme Court, vindictive conservatives, and congress members who would "stand on their heads and stop breathing" if necessary to accomplish their "dirty work." He uses the words "repeal," "kill," and "abolish" in reference to Republican intentions for ACA.

In fact, Dionne wants to do exactly what MOST conservatives support regarding ObamaCare. Whether you say "repeal and replace" or "fix," it's mostly semantics. Whatever words you use, a vast majority of legislators want a true reform that is DIFFERENT than what we have. Dionne wants to fix the problems, but he doesn't acknowledge what's wrong.

Those claiming success don't acknowledge that: there will be approximately as many uninsured citizens as before (approximately 30,000,000); the economic cost per "unit of service" WILL be higher than without the law; and think about the broken promises!

One claim by ACA backers is that many have very low premium rates under this law – but those rates are heavily subsidized by others. In fact, the TOTAL per patient costs are much higher, and there are many negative incentives in the law.

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