

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### OBAMACARE: THEY KEEP MOVING THE GOAL POSTS!



By Stephen L. Bakke  April 10, 2014

#### *Here's what provoked me:*

*Remember when ObamaCare's goal was "more health care coverage for more people, at less cost"? And then what happened? Sneaking into the debate to confuse the issue are Obama's proclamations of success even though the very clear original goals are nowhere in sight! Someone's letter to the editor in early April proclaimed success and told conservative critics they should be embarrassed because ObamaCare met its goal. Even national syndicated columnist E.J. Dionne proclaimed victory. And what is their measurement of success? Read my letter below.*

#### *Here's my response:*

#### **ObamaCare's goal line has moved!**

In support of ObamaCare, Ray Clasen's April 6 letter states: moving past "computer glitches ... we deal with lies and distortions." On April 7 columnist E.J. Dionne gloats about how wrong critics have been because ObamaCare "hit its original goal of signing up more than 7 million people..."

Remember when the goal was: **MORE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE FOR MORE PEOPLE, AT LESS COST! When did that change to a mere 7,000,000 signups?** Many original ObamaCare objectives are worthy! **The law is flawed because incentives and results go counter to the intent.**

**They keep moving the goal posts so they can proclaim success.** It just isn't so! We can't ignore ObamaCare realities: **Higher costs for most! Less choice for most! Many can't keep doctor! Drug coverage reduced for many! Huge net drain on the economy - bad for employment, debt, and economy per CBO! The young aren't responding adequately!** I could go on and on!



And the "biggie": **Failing at the primary goal of insuring 40,000,000+ uninsured!** A Kaiser Health poll found no significant current improvement in the number of uninsured! Only a small dent in this number seems a likely eventuality - that's supported by the Administration's current count of newly covered in that 7,000,000 signup total - probably only about 2,000,000!

**ObamaCare enthusiasts should acknowledge the obvious failure regarding achievement of the worthy ideals used to sell this horribly flawed legislation!**