

**OBAMA & DEMOCRATS:
WITH GLEE, THEY DECLARE
THAT O'CARE PROVIDES
FREEDOM FROM WORK?!
THEY'S MAKIN' ME **CRAZY!!!****

- Part Two -

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Look what they're doing to my golf game!

This is the second of a two part report on some real craziness that's coming out of this administration and the democrats in congress. In Part One, I introduced the facts as I understand them, provided some liberal politicians' and administration comments, and threw in a little personal commentary. In this report I will continue my commentary and focus more on some opposition reaction.

HERE is a link to Part One issued a few days ago.

HERE is a link to over 60 reports I have written about Health Care and its reform.

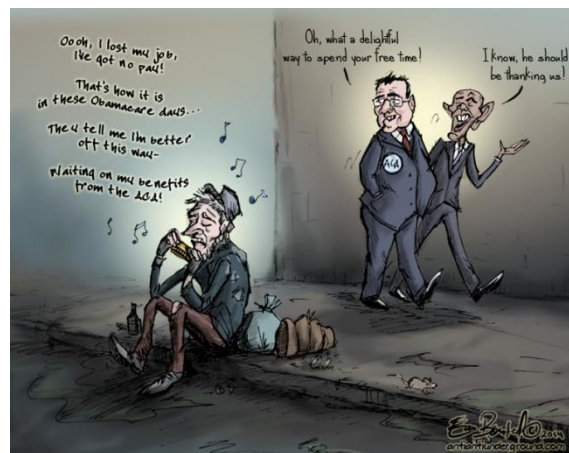
HERE is a link to over 60 reports I have written about Economic Issues, including "jobs."

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"For the life of me," I can't imagine our leaders not comprehending and foreseeing the negative impact of the many incentives in ObamaCare, not to mention the other favorite policies and priorities of this administration, the democrats, and also some republicans. These include minimum wage proposals, regulation of traditional energy sources and exploration, plutocratic abuse by "picking winners," spinning tales of class warfare, poverty entrapment through our welfare system, the refusal to implement what would be a "fix" for social security, insistence on continuing the time proven failed theories of egalitarianism, the disrespect for intelligence of the citizenry (generally anyway), and on and on – you continue the list.

Tying this discussion to some of my recent commentary, please recall my discussion of Obama's top priority of eliminating economic inequality. Don't he and his minions see the contradiction and hypocrisy of stating that goal one minute, and following that up with comments extolling the virtues of ObamaCare providing the opportunity to step back from the day to day grind of everyday work? Like I said **THEY'S MAKIN' ME CRAZY!!!!**

Ambition and hard work have always been the fuel of our country's success engine. It's sad the attitude seems to be in danger of fading away – or being pushed away by this administration's policies and priorities. As the CBO Report points out (see [Part One](#)), lower and middle class Americans are ultimately discouraged (**YES DISCOURAGED!**) from working more and harder. Energy and ambition is significantly quieted.



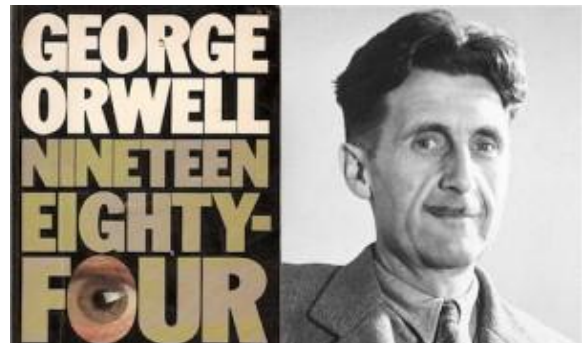
They have always been major factors in our growth economy. Our excess paternalism is **“letting the air out of our economic tire.”** Lower income employees are given incentives **NOT** to move into higher paying jobs. Yet they will have increased entitlements from and economic ObamaCare. **And who do you think is paying for this “freedom” for a few to work less, or not work at all? HMMMM?**

You’ve got it right, SB! This wonderful country was built upon, and has succeeded from, a system of “merit.” What people make of themselves – socially, financially, or whatever – is mostly their individual responsibility! And what’s wrong with that? Anything less than an emphasis on hard work perpetuates mediocrity! – **Stefano Bachovich** – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – my primary “go to guy.”

This is almost “Orwellian”!

An article in GOPUSA recalled those scary messages in Orwell’s “Nineteen Eighty-Four” – a world of contradiction, confusion, uncertainty, “catch-22s” galore, and extreme government manipulation and control of the people. They reinvented the meaning of ordinary words and made up new words – this was known as “double-speak.” “Job-lock” is one (of many) such “Orwellian” phrase invented in an effort to turn a bad outcome into a desirable event. The devastating report out of the CBO, that ObamaCare will be reducing “equivalent workers” by 2.5 million in 10 years, all of a sudden became a Godsend, according to Obams! How? Workers are freed from “job-lock,” and are free to

work, work less, or not work at all, at their discretion, without giving up the availability of government benefits. “Work fewer hours, make less money and create fewer outputs – and be happy.”



When I talk to anyone or read the writings of anyone who has any axe to grind, I feel that intellectual honesty and balanced judgment have simply disappeared from the face of the earth Political writing in our time consists almost entirely of prefabricated phrases bolted together like the pieces of a child’s Meccano set. – George Orwell, two quotes taking issue with BOTH political extremes.

Would you ever have believed the U.S. would come this close to being an Orwellian nation?

A digest of conservative reaction

I recognized after many difficulties in early childhood that the person who has the most to do with what happens to me in life is me. Other people and the environment could not thwart me unless I permitted it. Only my attitude and acceptance of the victim mentality could get in the way In other words, protect people and get out of the way. – Dr. Ben Carson

In the reduction ad absurdum of entitlement liberalism ObamaCare creates the “opportunity” that “allows families in America to make a decision about how they will

work, and if they will work In the traditional opportunity society (there is incentive) to achieve the dignity of work and its promise of self improvement and social mobility. In the new opportunity society, you are given the opportunity for idleness while living parasitically off everyone else. – Charles Krauthammer

Less than 24 hours elapsed after the Congressional Budget Office reported that ObamaCare was likely to cause many workers to have their hours cut back, before Democrats were all talking about the "freedom" this would give workers to pursue other interests, rather than being "locked-in" to long hours on a full-time job. It was a slick and dishonest argument, but the point here is that Democrats immediately saw the need for articulation — and for all of them to use the same words and phrases, so as to establish their argument by sheer repetition. – Thomas Sowell

There is no ladder of opportunity here. It's (ObamaCare) really a work trap that becomes a poverty trap. – Economist Lawrence Kudlow

There was a time within my lifetime when the idea that going on the dole was a liberating event would have been treated as the ridiculous – and pernicious – garbage it truly is. – Arnold Ahlert

ObamaCare could effectively raise the marginal federal tax rate (the tax on the next dollar earned) for a moderate-income family from 37% to 50%. – Keith Hennessey an economic adviser to George W. Bush.

Freeing people not to work has never been a national goal that I can recall, though everyone acknowledges the problem of tying insurance to employment. This is why Republicans have argued, belatedly, for portable insurance. – Kathleen Parker

*(Referring to a liberal professor's contentions) By reducing the number of jobs in the American Economy, it must have increased the value of those jobs that remained! "O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!" The recession, it seems, was actually good for labor. Who knew? Why doesn't the distinguished professor himself quit and just take it easy? Maybe because he understands that economic decisions affect a lot more than the economy, that they have something to do with **dignity, self-respect, the satisfaction of a job done** – Pulitzer Prize winning editorial writer Paul Greenberg*

There are only two problems with this strategy: First, someone has to pay for it; second, it is not the recipe for human fulfillment. Leisure time is only leisure time when it is earned; otherwise, leisure time devolves into soul-killing lassitude Work fulfills us. It keeps us going. – Ben Shapiro

Maybe I should quit my job and become a poet or artist and let the next person pay for me. Pretty soon there will be no more "other people" to subsidize all the new artists and poets. – Deborah McMicking, San Francisco, WSJ, Letters to the Editor.

Memo to POTUS: Margaret Thatcher once observed that, "The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money." You might want to consider that before coming up with another big government scheme to "fundamentally transform the USA." – Bernard Goldberg

In order to drive real wages and buying power up, we need policies that incentivize both investors and workers, rather than celebrating disincentives. – TownHall's Ed Morrissey

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



The Labor Department reported only 100,000 new jobs were created in January. The administration is undaunted. President Obama declared that from now on the percentage of unemployed Americans will be known as the "liberation from work rate." – Comedian Argus Hamilton