

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

OBAMACARE: I'M AMAZED that YOU'RE AMAZED!



By Stephen L. Bakke  April 28, 2014

Here's what provoked me:

In the paper on April 28, a writer took confused exception to my letter that was published on April 23. He totally reversed what I was trying to say i.e. that I'm not "buying" the latest CBO projections of ObamaCare costs. He preached to me a bit about the CBO non-partisan independent status. Thanks professor! My point was clearly the exact opposite of that! i.e. I totally accept their factual conclusions and that's why I don't "buy into" any celebration about ObamaCare's accomplishments. The "professor" then suggested I investigate "the real question" which is "What will be the impact of the ACA?" To which I say "OK, lets do that - The law has been a miserable failure when one compares the original goals to the current status and the projection from CBO! Here's how I dealt with this "pundit."

Here's my response:

ObamaCare: I'm Amazed that You're Amazed!

On 4-28 a writer took (confused) exception to my letter of 4-23. He wrote: "I read with amazement a separate April 23 letter in which the writer was not buying the latest projection from the CBO of the ACA's costs."

Truth be told, my whole point was that I AM buying the new report, and the one before that, and so on! What I'm NOT buying is the celebration of success with this terribly flawed legislation! CBO's numbers consistently point us to disappointment with the ACA in terms of its original goals.

The writer went on: "The real question is what will be the impact of the ACA?"

Precisely! CBO and other organizations prove to us (unfortunately) that the original goals of the ACA have been missed by a huge margin. Remember when the expressed goal was "provide coverage to virtually all citizens, for better healthcare, at less cost"? We won't be even close.

The original goal (which I enthusiastically endorsed) has now been changed to "let's just get something in place that covers (ever so slightly) more of the population than before - while at the same time (falsely) declaring cost savings." In the final analysis, costs will be up because of the law; healthcare will probably be less convenient than before; and after 10 years there will be only marginal improvement in the number of uninsured citizens.

The price for this dismal result will be a seriously damaged economy! Yes I'm "buying" the CBO study!