

🇺🇸 LETTER TO THE EDITOR

OBAMACARE: ARE CONSERVATIVES DESPERATELY IN NEED OF A “TYPO”?

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Here's what provoked me:

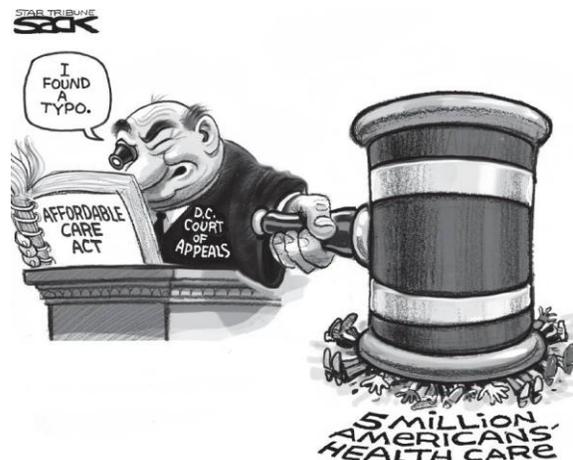
A few days ago a three-judge federal panel ruled that ObamaCare's subsidies for private health insurance applied only to state-run health exchanges – NOT federal exchanges. While there's little dispute that's what the law says, supporters contend it was a mere technical mistake – a “typo.” A Newspaper editorial took strong opposition to the actions of “anti-Obamacare hard-liners.” On the same page the paper presented an editorial cartoon depicting an obviously biased conservative judge searching the ACA for a “typo” so he could deny millions of Americans healthcare – based merely on a minor technicality. I thought maybe the ACA zealots might have a good point, for once. I decided to look into it a little farther.

Here's my response:

ObamaCare: Are Conservatives Desperately in need of a “typo”? NO! ACA supporters are just making it up as they go along!

A few days ago a three-judge federal panel ruled that ObamaCare's subsidies for private health insurance applied only to state-run health exchanges – NOT federal exchanges. While there's little dispute that's what the law says, supporters contend it was a mere technical mistake. Your editorial on July 25 took strong opposition to the actions of “anti-Obamacare hard-liners.”

On the same day you “piled on” with an editorial cartoon (shown here) depicting an obviously biased conservative judge searching the ACA for a “typo” so he could deny millions of Americans healthcare – based merely on a minor technicality. This cartoon could have been inspired by the following comment on MSNBC from Jonathan Gruber, MIT economist, an architect of the ACA: “It is unambiguous this is a typo..... they had no intention of excluding (non-participating states).” After reading this, I wondered if maybe these ObamaCare supporters had a valid point this time. (I should have known better.)



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When I looked into it, from several different sources I found Gruber's comments on this topic going back several years. When asked specifically about this issue, he stated in January of 2012: "What's important to remember politically about this is if you're a state and you don't set up an exchange, that means your citizens don't get their tax credits." **That and other comments by Gruber indicate he and others consciously structured the law exactly as the panel interpreted it.**

Folks, this is what you get when politicians start "making it up as they go along."