

🇺🇸 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
WHO GETS TO SAY
WHEN IT'S TIME TO DIE?
"Zeke" and his dismissive
attitude about "old folks"
..... IS BACK!



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Here's what provoked me:

Hey SB! We've almost forgotten the furor that occurred over the issue of "death panel" provisions in ObamaCare. I forget who started all of that, but it may have been Sarah Palin – she really knows how to stir the pot, doesn't she. Truth be told, I always thought that whole discussion was silly because the choice of the term "death panels" didn't effectively advance the conservative argument.

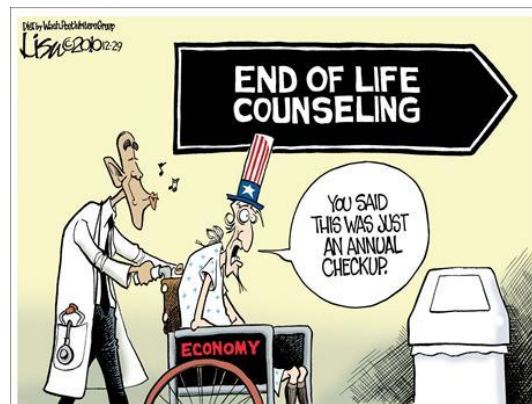
Still, there was substance there! The debate was really all about "Who gets to decide when it's time to die?" Recently, one of the architects of ObamaCare, and Obama's chief medical advisor Ezekial Emanuel, issued a controversial essay that gives a glimpse into the man's biases about "old folks." If I recall, SB, you dug something up about him several years ago that seemed to give us a peek into his attitudes about old people. I've been going to write something on it myself, but haven't gotten around to it. You should give it a shot! – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – my primary "go to guy."

Here's my response:

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Ezekial (Zeke) Emanuel: Obamas medical policy advisor; an author of ObamaCare. Some information I kept from 2009:

- Doctors take the Hippocratic Oath too seriously says Zeke: "an imperative to do everything for the patient regardless of the cost or effects on others."
- He insinuated a desire to **discuss whether medical care should be first reserved for the non-disabled, and not guaranteed to those (quoting directly) "who are irreversibly prevented from being or becoming participating citizens ... an obvious example is ... patients with dementia."**



Then relative silence, but in a September, 2014 essay Zeke emerged. The title: *Why I Hope to Die at 75: Argument that society and families – and you – will be better off if nature takes it's course swiftly and promptly.* We need to understand this man, the creator of the ObamaCare philosophy. Following are quotes:



- Death is a loss living too long is also a loss ... We are no longer remembered as vibrant and engaged but as feeble, ineffectual.
- By 75, creativity, originality, and productivity are pretty much gone for the vast, vast majority of us.
- Increases in longevity seem to have been accompanied by increases in disability.
- The deadline (75 years) also forces each of us to **ask whether our consumption is worth our contribution.**

I'm comfortable with Zeke making these personal choices **for himself**. But how much of his philosophy "snuck" into ObamaCare? How much of it resides in the hearts of those implementing ObamaCare. Be watchful!

Who knows – had Dr. Emanuel been asked to help draft an Affordable Care Act in his mid-70s, we might not have had to collectively suffer from his youthful inexperience. –
Historian Victor Davis Hanson