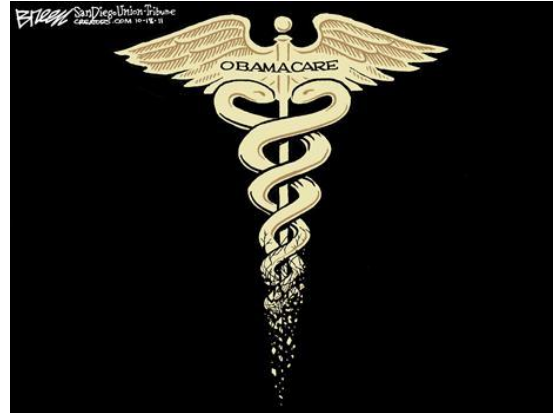


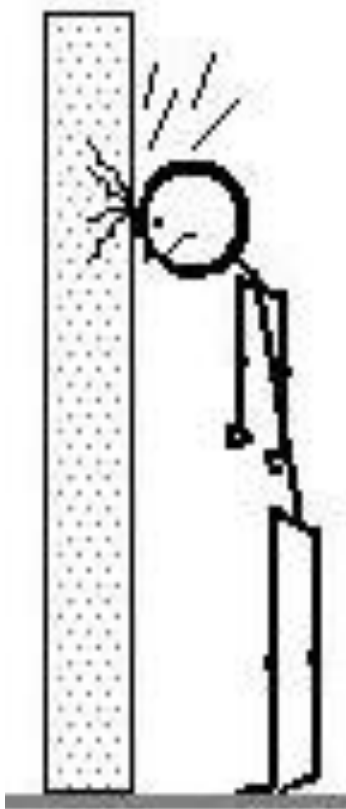
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 **OBAMACARE –
LESS EFFECTIVE
and
MORE EXPENSIVE!:**
**How can we
still be
arguing those facts?!**



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ObamaCare is the most complicated, convoluted, conflicted, and inherently counter-intuitive legislation I have witnessed. But people shouldn't assume there's only one way to skin a cat! All of the credible and desirable goals of ObamaCare can be achieved in a simple, cheap, consumer friendly, and business friendly manner. – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – my primary “go to guy.”



I hate to even get into this again, but in spite of my bloody forehead (from beating my head against the wall), I must now dispense with analytical logic and facts and just state the obvious! **ObamaCare will be less effective and more expensive than our current system!** Click [HERE](#) for over 50 articles and reports written over several years which acknowledge the need for health care reform, but which convincingly show how it can be accomplished using the free market system (something new to health care payment systems) and using existing government agencies and resources!



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A PATH TO HEALTH CARE REFORM! - Replacing ObamaCare!]

As I look back at the months leading up to passage of ObamaCare, I still squirm just thinking about the confusion in the debate and the information vacuum that prevailed at that time. NOBODY knew what would be the result of the process that was speeding down the legislative highway. I was then a C-Span Warrior, as I am today, and watched a significant amount of the debate!

It was mind-numbing how purely ideological and obsessive was the effort by the Democrats to pass their newly elected “redeemer’s” signature legislation – one which would be the most significantly transformative law in the history of these United States! The legislation appeared to be seizing from individuals and the states their power and rights that were constitutionally acknowledged. I feared there was no turning back, but the story doesn’t seem to be over

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OBAMACARE: IS IT COLLAPSING UNDER ITS OWN WEIGHT?]

The original argument for ObamaCare proclaimed an *easier, simpler, and more effective health care system*. It progressed to arguing its *wider availability*, and moved on to claims of *cheaper by far!* But as the truth leaked out, the arguments moved from cheaper, to *bending the cost curve*, and then to *control the rate of cost acceleration*.

Let’s face it, ObamaCare is just a system for moving health care decisions and control ever farther from individuals, and dramatically transforming the method for paying health care costs. It’s NOT a health care transformation – rather, it’s a **transformation of the medical payment system** – and it does this in a way which will contradict and frustrate all the stated goals and objectives.

We now have the government assuming a huge role in our lives! Nothing like it has ever happened before! Our government should assume the role of a “regulator and facilitator,” thereby creating an environment compatible with creativity and improving health care. INSTEAD OF THAT approach, our government insists on directing and controlling over 20% of our economy because “they know best.” On what other issue could you see more clearly the difference between a liberal/progressive program and a conservative one? – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – my primary “go to guy.”

It doesn’t work for IRS employees who are revolting against ObamaCare! They are petitioning Congress to be exempted from being pushed out of their current benefits program (the same plan as Congress, by the way!) It’s ironic that the IRS employees have a prominent role in enforcing ObamaCare. They will collect data and apply penalties for non-compliance with the law. **Do ya’ ‘spose it might be too expensive or just doesn’t work well for them!?**

It doesn’t work for Congress and its staffers who were threatening to resign! Our federal lawmakers have expressed the concern that in spite of generous governmental salaries, their staff employees can’t afford the cost increases related to ObamaCare. Obama and Congress have given these employees and legislators a subsidy to hold the costs down. **Do ya’ ‘spose it might be too expensive or just doesn’t work well for them!?**

I am very concerned that not enough is being done so far—very concerned. When I'm home, small businesses have no idea what to do, what to expect, they don't know what affordability rules are, they don't know what penalties may apply A lot of people have no idea about all of this I just see a huge train wreck coming down, and you and I have discussed this many times and I don't see any results yet. – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT).

It doesn't work for UPS which is making major cuts in coverage! UPS is planning to drop 15,000 spouses from its health insurance plan due to higher costs coming from ObamaCare. By the way, this apparently applies only to non-union workers. **Do ya' 'spose it might be too expensive or just doesn't work well for them!?**

It doesn't work for the AFL-CIO – they are squirming in their seats! **Do ya' 'spose it might be too expensive or just doesn't work well for them!?**

The Affordable Care Act does need some modifications to it, because as it does right now, what's happening is, you have employers that the law says if you pay your, if your employees work 30 hours or more a week, you've got to give them healthcare. So they're restructuring their workforce to give workers 29 and a half hours so they don't have to provide them healthcare. – Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO boss.

It doesn't work for the powerful Teamsters – they penned a letter last month accusing Democratic leaders of breaking promises they made to unions in exchange for their support for ObamaCare. **Do ya' 'spose it might be too expensive or just doesn't work well for them!?**

It doesn't work for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union – they joined with the Teamsters in the letter described in the previous item! **Do ya' 'spose it might be too expensive or just doesn't work well for them!?**

With open enrollment set to begin on October 1, time is of the essence, so we are working hard every day to find a solution to protect our members' healthcare. – Tim Schlittner, spokesman for the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union.

It doesn't work for Unite Here – they also joined with the Teamsters in the letter described in the previous items! **Do ya' 'spose !?**

We are disappointed that the non-profit health plans offered by unions have not been given the same consideration as the Catholic Church, big business and Capital Hill staffers The Democrats have completely given the store away to the for-profit industry You can't blame the Republicans on this one. This is a Democratic bill through and through. – D. Taylor, President of Unite Here.

It doesn't work for the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers International and they aren't biting their tongue any longer! **Do ya' 'spose !?**

[O]ur concerns over certain provisions in the ACA have not been addressed, or in some instances, totally ignored. In the rush to achieve its passage, many of the Act's provisions were not fully conceived, resulting in unintended consequences that are inconsistent with the promise that those who were satisfied with their employer

sponsored coverage could keep it. – Kinsey M. Robinson, President of the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers International.

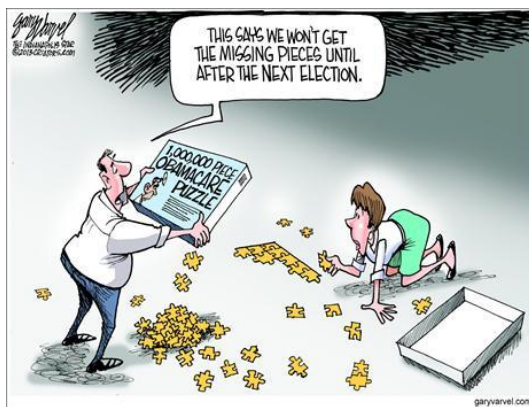
It doesn't work for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) who announced they were withdrawing their affiliation with AFL-CIO due to the impact of ObamaCare and other issues. This was apparently one of the incentives for Richard Trumka to officially make a complaint on behalf of AFL-CIO. **Do ya' 'spose !?**

We feel the Federation has done a great disservice to the labor movement and all working people by going along to get along. – Robert McEllrath, President of ILWU.

It doesn't work for small businesses in general. They are uncertain, confused, frustrated, and angry - and getting more so. **Do ya' 'spose !?**

Small businesses are also vulnerable. According to the AP, "Insurance companies have already warned small business customers that premiums could rise 20% or more in 2014 under the Affordable Care Act. That's making some owners consider not paying for coverage for workers' families." In other words, the President is right that rates will change "significantly," just not in the direction he has promised the President still speaks as if premiums are only going down simply refusing to acknowledge reality.
– Rich Lowry political analyst and writer.

There's a new report out that has implications those going into Medicaid under ObamaCare. Remember that Medicaid is already available to the uninsured to receive basic health care benefits. Most who aren't getting benefits have neglected, or chosen not to, receive benefits. And here's the reason why: they are no better off for signing up because the uninsured have been evaluated as receiving just as effective care through our existing network of free care offered by health care facilities throughout the country. Even the uninsured, who may be forced to sign up for some plan, such as Medicaid, won't be better off under ObamaCare! **Do ya' 'spose !?**



How about Bamy's claim that many citizens are experiencing lower health care costs?

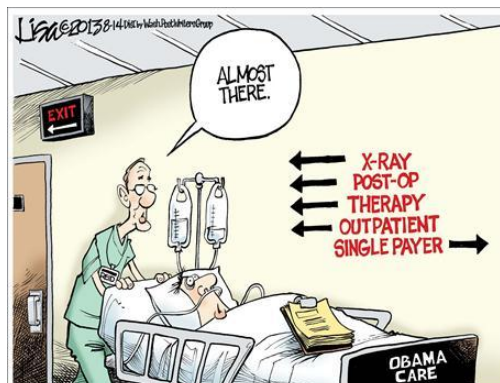
You squeeze a balloon on one end and the air retreats to the other. You reduce the costs to one person and those costs lands on someone else! If you rob Peter to pay Paul, you can tell Paul how much better off he is – and you will get his vote! I'm not sayin', I'm just sayin'!

While selective reporting is being done about who's better off, I'm also quite sure they aren't even counting all the additional costs society is incurring to bring ObamaCare into existence. For example when they say that "for a family of four making X dollars, the health care insurance costs will be,," I assure you that doesn't include all the infrastructure costs such as additional IRS and agency employees hired just because of ObamaCare! And how about the federal and state agencies that hire regulators and other employees? I could go on. Who pays those costs? Taxpayers, of course! And that includes that "family of four" which receives all this cheaper care!

Help me understand! How can all of this make any sense to anyone, unless

What's the end game? Might Obama really want the current system to fail so that

NOT better health care! NOT cheaper health care! NOT more availability of health care! It's all about government control of over one fifth of the economy and making citizens more dependent on government for making important decisions and paying their bills. Just like Alinsky always taught, (paraphrased but accurate) "the masses are not smart and can be manipulated, but their numbers give us power!" **Single payer, universal, totally government controlled health care, that's the liberals' goal!**



Set aside the impact on jobs, forget about the choking level of bureaucratic red-tape, ignore the financial impact on the young, don't look at the class warfare that's going on, and close your eyes to the damage being done to our health care system! Step away from those things for a moment and just focus on the fact that ObamaCare's COST is nothing similar to the estimates used when "selling" the legislation. Actual costs will be in a different magnitude than the estimates and will be crushing to the economy of the U.S. If ObamaCare continues, some of the blessings of the United States will be taken down a few notches! – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – my primary "go to guy."

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