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## CPG is Making a Difference!

**October Elections:** Incumbents all voted out. Two TEAMWORK  
of our candidates were voted in. Sales tax voted  
down by a sizable margin.

**Ballot Initiative Group:** CPG formed a Ballot TEAMWORK  
Initiative Group and a Political Action Committee.  
These groups raised approximately \$1,000.00 for  
radio ads to get our message out.

**CPG Booth at the Home Show:** Members TEAMWORK  
volunteered their time to convey our message for  
two and a half days.

**Doctors Panels:** CPG organized and hosted two TEAMWORK  
Doctors Panels. Both events were well attended, and  
the message was well presented and received.

**Radio Talk Show:** CPG sponsored a pre-recorded TEAMWORK  
radio talk show "Uncommon Sense" with Glen Biegel.

**Opposition to Obama Care:** Radio ads in opposition TEAMWORK  
to Obama Care started Tuesday, October 27, on  
KBYR and KMBQ, and will run for 10 days.

## Baucus Bill

### *Nothing New Here*

**Same Objectionable Features:** A public plan disguised as a co-op, individual and employer mandates, massive Federal regulation over insurance and benefits, and massive Medicaid expansion—the Baucus bill has them all. These are the same features plaguing the other bills in Congress and that Americans have routinely dismissed for months.

### *Seven Fatal Flaws*

*Source: Heritage.org*

- 1. Middle Class Tax Hike:** The Baucus bill would impose a new sales tax on drugs and medical devices, and a new Federal excise tax on insurance plans that exceed \$8,000 for an individual and \$21,000 for a family. These taxes will ultimately be passed down to the consumer, putting many middle class families on the receiving end of a tax hike.

## Factoid

The U.S. Government's unfunded liabilities, including Social Security and Medicare, total about \$54 trillion. This represents a debt of about \$180,000 for every person in the United States.

## Contact Our Congressional Representatives

Email Senators Begich & Murkowski and Rep. Young and let them know you oppose Health Care Reform. To Email go to [conservativepatriotsgroup.org](http://conservativepatriotsgroup.org), click on Senator/Rep tab, then click on links to send emails.

- 2. An Individual Mandate:** In 2013, almost everyone would be required to purchase health insurance that complies with new Federal standards. Those making more than three times the poverty level would face a tax penalty of \$950 (maxing out at \$3,800 per family) and \$750 (maxing out at \$1,500 per family) for those below 300 percent poverty. This penalty could apply to individuals with incomes as low as \$10,831 a year.
- 3. No Privacy:** In order to enforce the tax penalty provisions, the government would be forced to collect detailed health insurance information on Americans, reducing patient privacy and adding significant administrative costs to employers and insurers.
- 4. A Pay-or-Play Employer Mandate:** Employers with more than 50 employees that don't offer health coverage would have to pay a penalty for each employee who qualifies for new Federal subsidies under the bill. Inevitably, low-income workers will be hurt the most as employers would simply downsize or cut wages.
- 5. A Thinly Disguised Public Option:** The Baucus bill invites indefinite Federal control of the "co-op" option by providing the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary with broad powers to regulate co-ops and promote them. The co-op created in this bill is literally an acronym for a new government-run health plan.
- 6. Medicaid Expansion:** Under the Baucus bill, millions of Americans would end up on Medicaid. The current Medicaid program is unsustainable, and poorly serves the needy and indigent now. Taxpayers will pick up the new costs of Medicaid, and states will have little flexibility for real reform.
- 7. Medicare:** The Baucus bill establishes value-based purchasing, requiring compliance with government guidelines on the delivery of medical services. Hospitals and physicians who don't comply would get lower Medicare payments. This approach could bias or compromise doctors' decisions and contradict U.S. law on the Federal interference in the practice of medicine.

## *Other Problems*

The Baucus Bill...

- ★ Is predicated on \$283 billion in phony "cuts" that have never, ever been realized since a similar commitment to cut Medicare costs in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997—and will never, ever be realized under the Baucus bill.
- ★ Requires massive numbers of Americans to have government-approved insurance that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) predicts will be more expensive than current policies.
- ★ Refuses to provide a cost for these policies, making it almost certain that more and more Americans will find insurance beyond their reach.
- ★ Has no legislative language and nothing but a CBO "guesstimate" of the cost and benefits.

## *This Bill Could Spell Trouble for Gun Owners*

It is nearly certain that coverage prescribed by the administration will, to control costs, exclude coverage for what it regards as excessively dangerous activities. And, given Sebelius' well-established antipathy to the Second Amendment—she vetoed concealed carry

legislation as governor of Kansas—I presume she will define these dangerous activities to include hunting and self-defense using a firearm. It is even possible that the Obama-prescribed policy could preclude reimbursement of any kind in a household that keeps a loaded firearm for self-defense.

After all, insurers already (and routinely) drop homeowners from their policies for owning certain types of guns or for refusing to use trigger locks (that is, for keeping their guns ready for self-defense!). While not all insurers practice this anti-gun behavior, Gun Owners of America has documented that some do—Prudential and State Farm being two of the most well-known.

This is, of course, in addition to the certainty that minimum acceptable policies will dump your gun information into a Federal database—a certainty that is reinforced by language in the summary providing for a study to "encourage increased meaningful use of electronic health records."

Incidentally, failure to comply would subject the average family to \$1,500 in fines—and possibly more for a household with older teens. And although a Schumer amendment purports to exempt Americans from prison sentences for non-purchase of an Obama Policy—something that was never at issue—it doesn't prohibit them from being sent to prison for a year and fined an additional \$25,000 under the Internal Revenue Code for non-payment of the initial fines.

### *Start Over*

*Source: Heritage.org*

**Time to Hit the Reset Button:** The President needs to lead by meeting with key leaders of both parties and seek bipartisan reform around two key themes: (1) instead of a one-size-fits-all Federal solution, Congress should let the states take the lead on reform, and (2) reform the tax treatment of health insurance to give all taxpayers tax relief for purchasing private insurance and extend assistance (through spending offsets) to low-income families to purchase private insurance instead of expanding government care.

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## Socialism: The Great Equalizer

*[This says a lot and represents our future in this country if we stay on this same path.]*

An economics professor at Texas Tech said he had never failed a single student before but had, once, failed an entire class. The class had insisted that socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer. The professor then said ok, we will have an experiment in this class on socialism. All grades would be averaged and everyone would receive the same grade so no one would fail and no one would receive an A.

After the first test the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset and the students who studied little were happy. But, as the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too; so they studied little.

The second Test average was a D! No one was happy. When the 3rd

test rolled around the average was an F. The scores never increased as bickering, blame, name calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for anyone else. All failed to their great surprise and the professor told them that socialism would ultimately fail because the harder to succeed the greater the reward; but when a government takes all the reward away, no one will try or succeed.

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## Is This Where We Are Heading?

### *Nazi Euthanasia*

In October of 1939, Hitler ordered widespread "mercy killing" of the sick and disabled.

The Nazi euthanasia program was to eliminate "life unworthy of life."

A decision on whether to allow the person to live was made by three medical experts.

The Nazi euthanasia program included disabled children and adults.

Midwives and doctors were required to register children up to age 3 who showed symptoms of mental retardation, physical deformity, or other symptoms with the Reich Health Ministry.

Older patients had to be reported if they suffered from schizophrenia, epilepsy, senile disorders, therapy resistant paralysis and syphilitic diseases, retardation, encephalitis, Huntington's chorea, and other neurological conditions. (This is where Obama's mandatory counseling for senior citizens comes into play.)

**OBAMA CARE**



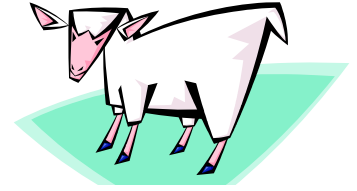
Drugs and starvation were used to kill many victims, and doctors were encouraged to decide in favor of death whenever euthanasia was being considered.

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## I Voted Democrat

- \* I voted for liberal progressives because I love the fact that I can now marry whoever I want. I decided to marry my horse.
- \* I voted for liberal progressives because I believe oil companies' profits of 4% on a gallon of gas are obscene but the government taxing the same gallon of gas at 18% isn't.
- \* I voted for liberal progressives because I'm not concerned about the slaughter of millions of babies so long as we keep all death row inmates alive.
- \* I voted for liberal progressives because freedom of speech is fine as long as nobody is offended by it.
- \* I voted for liberal progressives because I believe that people who can't tell us if it will rain on Friday can tell us that the polar ice caps will melt away in ten years if I don't start driving a Prius.
- \* I voted for liberal progressives because when we pull out of Iraq I trust that the bad guys will stop what they're doing, because they now think we're good people.

\* I voted for liberal progressives because I believe liberal judges need to rewrite the Constitution every few days to suit some fringe kooks who would never get their agendas past the voters.



\* I voted Democrat because I'm way too irresponsible to own a gun, and I know that my local police are all I need to protect me from murderers and thieves.

\* I voted Democrat because my head is so firmly planted up my ass that it is unlikely that I'll ever have another point of view.

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## What Is the Free-Market Approach to Health Care Reform?

*Source: Cato Institute*

President Obama is right when he says that the U.S. health care system needs reform. Although this country provides the finest care in the world, our health care system has serious problems. It costs too much. Too many people lack health insurance. And quality can be uneven.

But a government takeover of the health care system, as proposed by the president and some in Congress, would be a step in the wrong direction. Instead, we should pursue a uniquely American solution, one that builds on free markets, competition, and choice.

1. Let individuals control their health care dollars, and choose their health plans and providers.
2. Move away from a health care system dominated by employer-provided health insurance, which hides much of the true cost of health care to consumers, thereby encouraging over-consumption.
3. Change the tax treatment of health insurance. Workers should receive a standard deduction, a tax credit, or, better still, large Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) for the purchase of health insurance, regardless of whether they receive it through their job or purchase it on their own.
4. Increase competition among both insurers and health providers.
5. Rethink medical licensing laws to encourage greater competition among providers.
6. Congress should give Medicare enrollees a voucher, let them choose any health plan on the market, and let them keep the savings if they choose an economical plan.
7. The expansion of "health status insurance" would protect many of those with preexisting conditions.