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"Every government interference in the economy consists of giving an unearned benefit, extorted by force, to some men at the expense of others."

Ayn Rand

Nobody's listening.

## THAT'S NOT LOGICAL?

By

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Did you catch this part of PrezBO's presser earlier this week? Some reporter asked him about his government health insurance pushing private health insurers out of business. Obama responds "If private insurers say that the marketplace provides the best quality health care; if they tell us that they're offering a good deal, then why is it that the government, which they say can't run anything, suddenly is going to drive them out of business? That's not logical."

OK .. one of two things about Obama's "not logical" statement is true:

(a) Obama actually believes what he said; or,

(b) Obama thinks that we are too stupid to realize how completely inane his statement was.

Sorry ... but I'm going with (a). Obama's love of all-things-government is so strong that he just cannot see the inherent problems with private-sector insurance competing with a government plan.

First of all .. it is the very nature of competing businesses to try to run each other out of the marketplace. Government health care will be no different. The bureaucrats and politicians behind the government health plan, recognizing that every switch from private sector to government insurance increases government dependency, will fight to destroy the private market. This won't be hard to do, after all the private insurance market will have to earn a profit. The government insurance scheme will not.

Another point .. [this from the Cato Institute](#) .. did Obama happen to notice that Medicare completely wiped out health insurance plans for the elderly? To ignore that little fact is simply not logical.

Seriously, folks; did Obama put any real thought into his statement? How can any private sector insurance company compete against a government plan that does not even want to earn a profit and can, in fact, operate at a huge loss year after year? Maybe Obama picked up on that Atlanta college professor who, years ago, announced that the use of linear logic is racist.

Now ... if you don't think Obama can do all of this ... if you're a doubter. [Just click here. You'll feel so much better.](#)

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## What others are saying

Hussein believes there aren't enough people that know better for it to matter.

He could be right. Sorry, didn't mean to be scary.

By CowboyUp @ 06/25/09 11:14:20 AM [report abuse](#)

Nothing from TOTUS is logical, Neal

Agree that the statement is inane and demonstrates not even a basic comprehension of macro-economic theory. Even coming from a teleprompter.

I'm only amazed at the sudden amazement of people who are only now discovering just how stupid Obozo really is....

By \$mooth Operator @ 06/25/09 11:11:41 AM [report abuse](#)

@ Mark

one step ahead of you buddy - already called off the pyrotechs. No reason to blow money on skyrockets and 'crackers for now - even without cap/trade and healthcare - I just don't have anything to whoop and holler about. (The grill and beer cooler will, however, be in full service :)

By shuttin down @ 06/25/09 11:08:10 AM [report abuse](#)

HC for profit

This pencil-necked, purple-lipped, moron-in-chief keeps spouting that the reason the gov't option is better is because they are not in it for profit!!! That is precisely why it is a disaster, and that is precisely why the private insurers will be dead.

They have convinced people that making profits is horrible! Just listen to the question Dianne Sawyer posed the Aetna CEO. She was, with disgust, talking about how they make billions in profits.

By Club-a-Liberal @ 06/25/09 11:04:38 AM [report abuse](#)

@Frank

You miss the point sir. 24,000,000 vets at a limited number of facilities is roughly half of what Obama states will be added to the medical rolls. You also got me thinking a little deeper though- would those on the Tri-care, Medicare, and VA programs also be rifted to this new medical program. If the answer is yes, that is an even larger number of people to deal with. If not, then you have double beauracracy!

I also want to address your limited facilities issue. The idea is that you would increase the amount of doctors in the field to account for the amount of patients dumped into the system, but I reject this notion. You have to ask yourself some questions on this: 1. How many potential doctors are going to want to be paid less overall and work longer hours? My guess is few. 2. How many of these potential doctors will now be of a lower quality? My guess is higher, because the demand will be higher and more lackies accepted into medical schools. If you need further proof, look at the quality of nurses you have at medical facilities currently. 3. How quickly can 46,000,000 patients be absorbed into the standard medical system? I'll concede this may not be as bad as illustrated in my VA example at the PCP level, but the line for the top surgeons in the field just got much longer. Also, consider the fact that the people being added to the rolls statistically lead a much less healthier lifestyle.

I'm not whining Frank. I'm worried about the future of medical coverage for my elderly parents and my family.

By Matt @ 06/25/09 11:03:19 AM [report abuse](#)

best interest at heart

tshirt, unless I misconstrue your last sentence @ 10:02:53 AM, so what?

I'm not rich either, but I don't have my hand held out, palm up, waiting for a rich person to take care of me. (Try that - hold your hand out, elbow against your ribcage with the palm facing up and see how your sense of dignity falls a couple notches with this posture - isn't that neat?) People do not have to be rich to have a good

private health plan in this country, but they may have to give up some shiny trinkets and gadgets to make ends meet. Too many "unfortunate" people put stupid useless bottom-tier junk at the top of the budget (this includes cell phones that make your dinner and do your wash, lottery tickets, rent-to-own rims and other stupid sh\*t for what - a CAR?, jewelry, 8,000 inch TV's, booze, drugs, etc.) THEY are the ones that need to have their best interests at heart, not the rich.

By shuttin down @ 06/25/09 10:54:41 AM [report abuse](#)

Instead

On top of everything that BO has done since Jan 20, I think if health care and cap/trade are passed, 4th of July needs to be called off. Why celebrate?

By Mark @ 06/25/09 10:43:22 AM [report abuse](#)

ObamaCare

One thing that was left off the Post (although it is clear to most of the readers and followers of Boortz) is the government's power to tax. Not only with the government be paid by the employer (fines) and the insured, the government can tax the hell out of the citizens to reduce the direct costs to the insured. Add Boortz's point that the government can go into debt, in this case massive massive debt for the foreseeable future, the private sector cannot compete.

By Brock @ 06/25/09 10:39:01 AM [report abuse](#)

liberal double-speak

Obama knows all too well that any government subsidized entity is a bottomless pit of evil, rich, white guy (taxpayer) money that has no market conscience.

By stepcousin @ 06/25/09 10:27:58 AM [report abuse](#)

God Bless the USSA!

Jeremiah Wright was right..."not God bless the USA", but God bless the USSA! Our change to believe in - the United Socialist States of America! Government cars, healthcare, jobs - pretty soon they'll be telling us what to wear too!

By Ron @ 06/25/09 10:24:03 AM [report abuse](#)

Bottomline.....

The government has never, nor will ever be able to run ANYTHING better than the private sector.

VA medical, USPS, public schools, Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security, etc.....every one is a massive failure.

When are the people going to wake up?

By Jworley @ 06/25/09 10:17:24 AM [report abuse](#)

I want to run the healthcare plan!

I want to run a govt plan! That way, I can misprice services, and/or incur whatever costs I want to provide it. If I make money, great. If I don't, I get the taxpayer to write a check to cover the loss. I'd say that's great work if you can get it.

If the private guy that's trying to run it can't make it work, he goes bankrupt - probably because I can under-price him. Ha ha, conservative businessman! Joke's on you, hater!

Then, once I've driven off all the private competitors, I can kind of do whatever I want, including paying myself a lot of money, or decide who gets what coverage based on political connections. The aristocracy of the dollar replaced with the aristocracy of pull. Right on! Power to the people. Or me, you know, depending.

By Todd, the Sofa King @ 06/25/09 10:13:24 AM [report abuse](#)

Spock? Illogical?

So the POTUS does not understand (along with some of the commenters here) why the creation of a health insurer financed by the taxing power of the govt and with no incentive to be profitable is likely to put a private company out of business. Have I got that much right?

Or how, if rising healthcare costs are prompting private insurers to either raise rates or deny coverage (ration care), that somehow the govt plan won't have to do the same thing.

Somehow, to suggest this defies logic.

This is genius? This is the one in whose brilliance we are asked to bask?

I think maybe he ought to ask Harvard for his money back.

And I'm sure that this comment is somehow racist.

By Todd, the Sofa King @ 06/25/09 10:12:25 AM [report abuse](#)

Healthcare

They'll probably try to build some kind of national program off a CHAMPUS/TRICARE boilerplate. These programs are pretty decent - considering - but they serve a limited sector, the military community (active, dependents, retirees, reserves). Trying to implement such a program for the entire country still boils down to two crucial things:

1. Unmanageable cost.
  2. Stressing medical resources.
- There will be consequences.

By shuttin down @ 06/25/09 10:09:05 AM [report abuse](#)

Pagan Posts

Excellent point, why even go with a private plan when you are already paying for a government plan?

As someone else posted in another thread, "but I don't want to be a looter".

RonPaul2012

By Joyce M/Blythe @ 06/25/09 10:03:42 AM [report abuse](#)

the insurance companies

the insurance companies are paying neal to say that. they love the profits, no matter who dies. That's because health insurance companies are in business to make money -- not to pay medical bills. The more medical bills they can avoid paying, the larger their profits. In fact, the insurance company employees who deny the most claims (medical bills) are the ones who get the biggest bonuses.

these spaces contain cost analysis, marketplace, competing businesses, etc.

that's because they don't like people to discuss to real thing about america's health care.

It is because our system is the best only for the rich. If you have the money to purchase the best insurance possible, and the money to pay for the medical bills that insurance won't cover, then the U.S. health care system is great. but who has that kind of money? neal does.

they don't want to talk about when they need to use that private insurance and they find out how much it does NOT cover. or when they find out their insurance has been cancelled once the medical bills start climbing.

i really concerned when the rich start telling us poor people what we should do about everything. they don't have our best interest at heart.

By tshirt-doctor.com @ 06/25/09 10:02:53 AM [report abuse](#)

fishhawk50@yahoo.com

What can you expect form a college graduate whose only economic course was authored by Karl Marx.

Obviously, Obackorama has never heard of Gresham's law...Bad money forces out the good! For example, bad government programs force out good private programs.

By Steve @ 06/25/09 10:01:01 AM [report abuse](#)

Plagiarism????

Look what Neal wrote here today. Then compare what I wrote I wrote yesterday (see below). Maybe Neal is reading our posts?

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Did you guys see when some reporter actually asked him a good question yesterday: "Won't the public option in effect run the private HC companies out of business?" OBozo got a little testy and said something like, "That doesn't make sense. You guys say that govt can't do anything right, then why do you think govt will run the private sector out."

Either this jerk is a complete economic ignoramus or a sociopath so hell bent on getting his socialistic programs passed that he can lie with such ease.

When OBozo said the other day, ""If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor, period. If you like your health care plan, you'll be able to keep your health care plan, period. No one will take it away, no matter what." He is again using the language to manipulate and make everyone seem like he is fair. But that pathetic statement is like telling a Dutchman living below sea level that once we remove the dikes, "if you like your home, you'll be able to keep your home, period." The private health care industry will drown if forced to compete with what is termed "a public option."

By Club-a-Liberal @ 06/24/09 09:44:52 AM

By Club-a-Liberal @ 06/25/09 09:58:59 AM [report abuse](#)

@pagenpost

there's nothin naive about what is the reality. what exactly are you proposing is unequal with the playing field? i can reply to that once i'm sure. yes, we will all have to pay.. so what. as you mentioned, we pay for public education. i dont see people withdrawing from public schools by the masses. as a matter of fact what if there was no public education and americans had to pay for it as we do now with insurance. there would be far less opportunities for the less than wealthy individuals in this country. i would neither want that as i want people that have no insurance to continue to go without any type of medical care whatsoever. do you think most average americans care if the private sector business in health care would be smaller?? really? i would think most dont.

By realtalk @ 06/25/09 09:58:35 AM [report abuse](#)

Where's the teleprompter? Are you blind?

He's right there - standing right behind the podium!

By shuttin down @ 06/25/09 09:51:43 AM [report abuse](#)

Obama Knows What He Is Saying

He is very disengenious. He makes the statement that if you like your current plan, you don't have to switch.

With most people covered by their employers, the decision to switch is not their's to make; it is the companies.

And Obama knows that most companies will rather pay a lesser penalty to the government and discontinue their health care plans. Thus, the employees are then covered under the government plan and they have no say about what happens. Companies bottom lines are improved and national health care becomes a reality.

Obama knows exactly what he is saying.

By Kevin H @ 06/25/09 09:45:18 AM [report abuse](#)

Always whining! Never satisfied!

Matt@9:31

Do you think that with 3,000,000 disabled vets and 24,000,000 veterans alive today and a limited amount of facilities (yes limited) that you're going to walk right in and be seen?

Please tell me what type of insurance program you have, that when you walk in the door they drop everything their're doing and wait on you!

By Frank @ 06/25/09 09:43:51 AM [report abuse](#)

don't forget....

...we can turn this thing around in 2010 and put some brakes on Chairman's slippery slope. But its going to take Republicans who do not want to act as world police to do it if we don't want to go bankrupt. Check it out;

[www.campaignforliberty.com/](http://www.campaignforliberty.com/)

By Big Africa @ 06/25/09 09:42:52 AM [report abuse](#)

Medical Slave Labor that's how!

The government can and ScuzBO er PrezBO has already stated he would require all health care providers to take his plan at whatever payment/pricing plan he decides. Can private insurance even try to do that? No, the doctor's would toss their butts out of their offices so fast the door wouldn't get opened first! (Then charge them full price for the bandaid!)

By Tim - Ohio Libertarian @ 06/25/09 09:41:49 AM [report abuse](#)

No teleprompter?

Where's the tele-prompter at in the photo?

By Frank @ 06/25/09 09:35:25 AM [report abuse](#)

If Obama cared about health...

...then he would relieve the chronically ill of having to pay any income tax.

By Red Leader @ 06/25/09 09:33:29 AM [report abuse](#)

Forgot to Mention

PrezBo forgot to mention one little advantage his Government Health Care plan will have over the Private Sector. If he gets his way, he'll add Company paid benefits to our income tax liability, such as the Health Care that we pay for at a reduced rate from our employers. So what if signing up for his little Government run Health Care plan correspondingly lowers the income taxes we pay? It would seem he, as usual is smiling in our faces while his hand is in our back pocket. Neal is right, elections have consequences!

By AGM28B @ 06/25/09 09:32:47 AM [report abuse](#)

Government Healthcare

The problem is no one in the media is diving any further. They ask the question, and never follow up with the point that the government doesn't have to make a profit.

To Phil's USPS point- you actually make the arguement for why we don't want the government to run healthcare. We will be throwing money away on beuracratc mumbo jumbo. The USPS is constantly in the red (notice the price of your stamp going up yearly). Also, as you point out, USPS covers everything, Fed EX and UPS are rather specialized in what deliver. I can't have all of my mail delivered by Fed Ex or UPS. I am forced to have all of my mail delivered by the post office.

It remains to be seen whether any supplemental plans remain after this Obamacare goes into effect. I believe that would fly in the face of the Obama philosophy. After all, why would someone pay for something that the government will covered by the tax payers of this nation? Why pay and still have to sit on a waiting list?

The fact is this. I was under the VA for healthcare when I left the military. I recall that before I left the military, I had to go to a VA hospital for a hearing exam. I spent 6 hours waiting for the doctor to do a 5 minute exam. This is the future of your healthcare people. I hope your employer is understanding when you leave for your appointment.

By Matt @ 06/25/09 09:31:03 AM [report abuse](#)

@realtalk

I have to ask myself the same question about you that Neal is asking about Obama, are you really naïve enough to believe what you are saying or just hope everyone else is?

Compete with government on a level playing field, no problem, the private sector will beat them ever time. But how is the private sector suppose to compete with Obama's healthcare when EVERYONE who pays taxes is going to have to subsidize it whether they buy their own private healthcare or not?

What Obama is proposing is just like the school system, yes, we have private schools, but whether you send

your kids to a public or a private school, you are still going to pay for the public school. So, just like the schools system, a private sector business will continue, but it will be much, much smaller and only cater to those who can afford both.

If Obama truly thought government healthcare could be better and cheaper than private sector healthcare, then why not a voucher system? Give everyone a yearly voucher to purchase either government or private sector healthcare and let's see who does better. But, just like school vouchers, which would do the same thing, an idea like that would be fought against tooth and nail by the socialist democrat party, because it's about power, not about doing what is best for the people.

By paganposts @ 06/25/09 09:30:05 AM [report abuse](#)  
love it

I love how obama is being so lenient towards us whiners by allowing us to keep our current plans if we want. And just think, all we have to do is pay for our plan and fund the looter/gov plan. I think I'm going to start referring to him as obama the merciful for allowing us insignificant pests to have our way.

By Rullivan @ 06/25/09 09:26:38 AM [report abuse](#)  
Obama think we are stupid....

...in fact he thinks were almost as stupid as McCain thought we were....

By Red Leader @ 06/25/09 09:24:17 AM [report abuse](#)  
Socialized Medicine

I love the commercials on TV right now touting his plan. The first thing mentioned? Taking the insurance companies 13 billion in profits. Take their profits? When did it become acceptable to take a private company's profits? How can such a bold statement of socialism on TV ads of all places be overlooked by Neal's "dumb-masses"?

By Brendan @ 06/25/09 09:23:51 AM [report abuse](#)  
if they really cared...

If socialists like Hillary and Obama really, truly cared about health care for the downtrodden, why don't they pool up some of their funds with their buddy George Soros and start a non-profit to do just that? There is nothing stopping them, and they wouldn't have to pass any legislation or spend a single penny of taxpayer money.

It's a rhetorical question. They don't really care about health care. It's all about power and being able to direct trillions of taxpayer dollars where they choose.

By TC @ 06/25/09 09:20:46 AM [report abuse](#)  
Rob Evans, bad example

The USPS cannot deliver 2nd and overnight cheaper than UPS or FedEx. These products are subsidized from regular mail. A portion of the money Americans spend purchasing stamps goes to making their 2nd day product cheaper than the private sector products. They also have the federal restriction that UPS and FedEx cannot deliver to PO Boxes.

Joyce, UPS and FedEx cannot deliver mail because it is a federal crime for them to put their deliveries in mailboxes (or PO Boxes). This restriction would force UPS / FedEx delivery personnel to hand deliver mail. Federal laws put UPS / FedEx at a competitive disadvantage to USPS in terms of regular mail. And you're right. FedEx and UPS can't deliver Class 1 mail for \$.44. If they could put the mail into mailboxes they'd be able to deliver it for about \$.38.

By Stuart Pitt @ 06/25/09 09:19:50 AM [report abuse](#)  
Phil

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UPS and Fed-Ex do not delivery 1st class mail. They are prevented by law from doing just that. They can only delivery 'parcels'. Their overnight delivery is considered 'parcels', and they POUND the hell out of the USPS in that category. USPS survives on first class mail delivery, which they have no competition."

First, I specifically mentioned "packages." You claim that FedEx and UPS have a bigger market share in packages than the USPS - which just proves my point that private sector can and does compete with the public sector.

By Rob Evans @ 06/25/09 09:12:39 AM [report abuse](#)  
Take out

the part of the paragraph that says "which they say can't run anything" and you have:

"If private insurers say that the marketplace provides the best quality health care; if they tell us that they're offering a good deal, then why is it that the government suddenly is going to drive them out of business? That's not logical."

Uh, Duh, It's absolutely logical. Dumbass.

3.5 more years of this. We're absolutely doomed.

By JoeShmoe @ 06/25/09 09:06:54 AM [report abuse](#)  
Are you for real?

"Currently, the government-run United States Postal Service competes with the private UPS and FedEx in the business of delivering packages. None of them seems to be going out of business, in fact, the private sector companies seem to be doing better than the USPS, which has talked about cutting out Saturday delivery."

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By Phil @ 06/25/09 09:04:12 AM [report abuse](#)

BTW

That jibjab is hilarious!!!

By Joyce M/Blythe @ 06/25/09 09:03:10 AM [report abuse](#)

Medicare main point

It did eliminate insurance for the elderly, that is what insurance companies are afraid will happen with a govt option approach.

The USPS was already established under govt originally and was sinking fast till it became semi private. Not a good comparison. For the main purpose of USPS, delivering letters, UPS and Fedex cannot compete. Only in delivering packages do they excel. Ask either one if they would deliver letters for \$.44.

By Joyce M/Blythe @ 06/25/09 09:02:28 AM [report abuse](#)

make up your minds repubs and consersvs

first you say that the government cant run a health care system. so why are you worried about the private sector competing? i wouldnt stop paying into my car insurance if the car manufactuer said they would fix any damages that occur but knew it would take weeks to get an appointment. i'm going to stay with the provider of better service. such hypocrites,.. here's your free market free market proponents, now shut your pie hole. if the government health care plan means long waits and bad service as you suggest, dont worry about your inferior government competitor. if no one is forced to leave their current plan why does the free market have as much anxiety as a man seconds before a colon exam? let the better service to the customer dictate where the consumers go. the plan is for the millions of americans that dont have insurance. the less wealthy and fortunate that the repubs and consersvs would rather not recognize.

By realtalk @ 06/25/09 08:59:08 AM [report abuse](#)

Option B

I vote for option B. Whenever I see Obama make one of these outrageous statements, the expression on his face reminds me of that scene in "Blazing Saddles" where the bad guys come riding into the phony town. The sheriff says "Look at this, they're buying it!".

I'm not Bill O'Reilly's face-reading gal, but it seems obvious to me that Obama doesn't believe his own horse squeeze.

By Jim S @ 06/25/09 08:53:12 AM [report abuse](#)

Obama's Comment

Rob makes a good point. And the question was not stupid but a logical one. If the private secotr is doing such a good job (which they aren't) and giving us such a good deal (which they aren't), then what are they afraid of?

There are too many people that can't get or can't afford this "wonderful" private sector insurance. They get sick too. Something needs to be done and I'm glad that the President has made this a priority

By 3mbw @ 06/25/09 08:51:26 AM [report abuse](#)

Obama's Comment

You misread his statement. He does think that government can run the program well, and acknowledges that it probably will run folks out of business.

By anonymous @ 06/25/09 08:45:26 AM [report abuse](#)

Non-Profit/Subsidized

I would put the private sector up against a non-profit government program, but not a subsidized one.

Market efficiency can make up for the profit margin. After all, FedEx and UPS survive and flourish in the face of the USPS. Each has its place. But we don't subsidize the Post Office. It has to carry its own weight. I don't think that will be the case with a government health plan. It will be subsidized with tax dollars, THAT is hard for the private sector to compete with.

By BrianC @ 06/25/09 08:45:18 AM [report abuse](#)

Gov't vs Private Sector Competition

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