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President Obama and Sen. Isakson Making Things Up

By Daniel Terrapin

From last night's Reality Check segment on The O'Reilly Factor:



Apparently, Republican Senator Johnny Isakson has picked up Howard Dean's talking points. From [The Hill](#):

Q: How did this become a question of euthanasia?

ISAKSON: I have no idea. I understand — and you have to check this out — I just had a phone call where someone said Sarah Palin's web site had talked about the House bill having death panels on it where people would be euthanized. How someone could take an end of life directive or a living will as that is nuts. You're putting the authority in the individual rather than the government. I don't know how that got so mixed up.

Since Governor Pain's statement didn't mention euthanasia, perhaps Senator

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Isakson and Howard Dean would best serve the public by sticking to what she actually said. Governor Palin was discussing the consequences of the government rationing health care. From Governor Palin's [Facebook statement](#):

And who will suffer the most when they ration care? The sick, the elderly, and the disabled, of course.

As Michael D. Tanner noted in an [article](#) for the CATO Institute, rationing care is an unavoidable component of all government run health care systems:

The reality, however, is that every government-run healthcare system around the world rations care.

In Great Britain, the National Institute on Clinical Effectiveness makes such decisions, including a controversial determination that certain cancer drugs are "too expensive." The government effectively puts a price tag on each citizen's life — some \$44,305 per year, to be exact.

Rather than address Governor Palin's concern, Senator Isakson and President Obama have decided to respond to a claim about euthanasia that she didn't make. From Jake Tapper at [ABC](#):

In one of many charges about the health care bill he sought to discredit, President Obama brought up "death panels that will pull the plug on Grandma," a clear reference to a Facebook posting by former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin on Friday in which the 2008 GOP vice presidential candidate asserted that President Obama's proposed health care reform would lead to rationing, which would hurt the "sick, the elderly, and the disabled..."

[...]

President Obama said the "irony" is that one of the chief sponsors of this idea was Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., who "sensibly thought this would expand peoples' options."

Even White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs weighed in today:

"I think we'd all be served better if the coverage of that was less about the personality of the former governor and more about the fact that even Republicans think what she said isn't true," Gibbs told reporters on board Air Force One, calling Palin's comments a distraction. "Is there a constant struggle because you guys would rather cover Sarah Palin saying something that Johnny Isakson says is nuts? Sure, there's always a struggle in that."

Actually, according to [recent polls](#) the struggle for Obama is trying to stem the plummeting support of his nationalized health care plan. Attempting to distort Governor Palin's message isn't going to do the trick.

I also find it interesting that a private citizen can cause such a stir with a statement posted on Facebook. Especially in light of David Axelrod's [comments on CNN](#) last month:

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SARAH TAKES ON BIG OIL



"I can tell you with absolutely honesty," Axelrod said Sunday on CNN's State of the Union, "that when I sit around with my political friends . . . there's very little or no discussion of Sarah Palin."

Sure.



Posted 4:38 PM

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rae4palin, August 11, 2009 4:50 PM

Some conservative intellectual has an article at the Washington Examiner titled, "We Can Do Better Than Romney." Early on he says Palin is a "flame-out." Great comment by a poster named Don:

"Palin flame-out? It seems SHE is the only one willing to take Obama on regarding the healthcare debate. Of course Romney has to remain quiet on this because Obamacare is based on Romneycare. We can do better than Romney. Her name is Sarah Palin."

<http://tiny.cc/fbwhm>

tim c, August 11, 2009 4:56 PM

Issacksons staffer said stuff about the counseling and living wills that he is working on in the senate bill so he may be confused or know nothing about HB 3200. I will call him again tomorrow.

tim c, August 11, 2009 4:57 PM

rae4palin LOVE that post!

Nancy, August 11, 2009 5:00 PM

Daniel,
Thank you for this post. Love C4P!

PEC, August 11, 2009 5:05 PM

DC Office is claiming they are going to refute the story. Atlanta office just they will pass along. GEORGIAN BARBARIANS DO NOT LET UP!!!!

AI, August 11, 2009 5:07 PM

Palin is making her critics look even stupider than they really are!

Palin Power! She dropped the "death panels' phrase into a statement, knowing full well that her critics would misunderstand/misinterpret and lie about what she really meant...

Now, she can come back at them and say something like 'there you go again, making stuff up'...

... she is getting people to look more closely at what she was actually

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