How Paul Ryan Duped Donald Trump on ObamaCare 2.0

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Across the country, from the top of the ticket to the bottom of any federal race, Republican politicians promised the repeal of ObamaCare.

When they rolled out their plan to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act on Monday, it was clear . . . they lied.

If you read the first page, specifically the first paragraph, you'll see that the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare), "is amended."

Let me make this clear: this is no repeal of the ObamaCare monstrosity.

In addition to House conservatives, Americans for Prosperity, Liberty Guard, Heritage Action, Freedom Works and the Cato Institute have all come out swinging against the plan.

Cato Scholar Michael Cannon put it best, "The House Republican leadership bill does not replace ObamaCare. It merely applies a new coat of paint to a building that Republicans themselves have already condemned."

Paul Ryan and his establishment lackeys are not only amending the ACA, they are expanding it by creating more entitlements to the public and the states.

Personally, it is shocking that Paul Ryan could be either this dumb, or this arrogant . . . or worse.

And we know that Ryan isn't dumb.

While his arrogance is a given, you don't make moves like this without a Machiavellian purpose.

Please let me explain.

It's clear that Ryan and Republican leaders have convinced President Trump that this is the right way to go.

How did they do it?

While Donald Trump has many strengths, he was one significant weakness: he chooses not to read.

He admits to making decisions "with very little knowledge other than the knowledge I had, plus the words 'common sense'."

Trump has historically relied on hiring good people, and when they don't do what they say they'll do, he fires them.

Easy stuff and a known factor with the President.

And Paul Ryan took advantage of that weakness knowing he would not read the new health care bill.

Here's what likely happened when Trump met with Ryan and other authors of ObamaCare 2.0:

President Trump: Do you have it ready?

Speaker Ryan: Yes Mr. President, and you're going to love it.

President Trump: Good, good. Will it lower costs, kill ObamaCare taxes and open competition?

Speaker Ryan: Of course Mr. President, we eliminate all ObamaCare taxes and subsidies and the American people will spend less while getting better care.

President Trump: Great job. Let's get it passed in record time. Just let me know what you need.

Speaker Ryan: Yes, Mr. President [the speaker slinks out of the Oval Office].

When it comes to Washington politics, Trump is a neophyte. And that's why he was elected. Americans were near the brink of societal breakdown due to their hatred of Washington politicians like Ryan.

And now we see why.

But that's no excuse for Trump and his team.

He hasn't just been betrayed by Paul Ryan who clearly lied to him about the contents of this bill, Trump's staff failed to catch and stop this attempt to undermine Trump's integrity in the eyes of the American people.

Paul Ryan knew exactly what he was doing. If you watched his press conference announcing the plan, Ryan started out by giving credit to both "President Trump and Vice President Pence" for making this happen.

Slimy Ryan wants this failure to be known as "TrumpCare" and with those too busy to know the difference, it's working.

President Trump will be best served by tweeting: "Paul Ryan and GOP lied to me about new bill. I demand complete repeal! No more games!"

Then he needs to fire those in his White House who were tasked with vetting this bill along with this spokespeople like Spicer and Conway who failed to do their homework before participating in this con.

Most importantly, Donald Trump cannot forget this and when it comes to the next election cycle, he needs to start campaigning for a clean sweep of Congress.