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By *FITSNews* || Despite the overwhelming rejection of his socialized medicine proposals by the American people, U.S. President Barack Obama is pressing forward with a new plan that takes the very worst components of prior legislative proposals and combines them into a new government-run monstrosity.

Obamacare 2.0 (or 3.0 or whatever it is) will also be rammed through the U.S. Congress, it appears, despite the Obama administration's carefully-staged overtures at "bipartisanship."

From the [Wall Street Journal](#):

A mere three days before President Obama's supposedly bipartisan health-care summit, the White House (on Monday) released a new blueprint that Democrats say they will ram through Congress with or without Republican support. So after election defeats in Virginia, New Jersey and even Massachusetts, and amid overwhelming public opposition, Democrats have decided to give the voters what they don't want anyway.

Ah, the glory of "progressive" governance and democratic consent.

According to the [latest polling](#) from Rasmussen Reports, 56 percent of American voters oppose the health care proposals put forward by Obama and Congressional Democrats, while 41 percent support them. Within those numbers, however, is the real story. Forty-five percent of Americans "strongly oppose" Obama's health care proposals, while only 23 percent strongly support them.

"I was actually surprised that they're pushing it again," North Carolina Blue Dog Rep. Heath Shuler told reporters in Washington on Tuesday. "The most important thing is jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs. We need to focus on jobs."

Shuler shouldn't be surprised.

Obama clearly sees the writing on the wall with respect to the 2010 elections, and understands that if he doesn't pass his socialized medicine plan now, it may never pass.

Not surprisingly, Obama's latest plan includes \$750 billion in tax increases over the next decade, according to the Heritage Foundation. Even tanning supplies would be subjected to a new 10 percent tax.

And for those of you who think the "socialized medicine" tag doesn't fit, check out [this post](#) from the Cato Institute showing how Obama's proposal would attempt to drive consumers out of private plans much more aggressively than previous legislative versions.

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