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Their Real Agenda

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Road To Serfdom: Liberals' plan to reform the medical system has always seemed more an attempt to radically transform the nation than a good-faith effort to cut costs and expand coverage. Now they've confirmed it.

Today's Democrats aren't interested in constitutional or traditional limitations on government. They want to remake American life based on their notions of what's ideal, and they are more than willing to force leftward change on an ostensibly free people.

While this has been clear for some time, it still rocks us a bit when they acknowledge such plans out loud.

The loudest came Monday when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told a group of bloggers that turning the Democratic Party leaders' health care overhaul into law would embolden them to drive America away from its roots of liberty and independence.

"Kick open that door, and there will be other legislation to follow," she said. "We'll take the country in a new direction."

The only surprise is that the speaker from uber-Democratic San Francisco would be so frank. The country is already in open, though peaceful, revolt against her party's health care overhaul.

Declaring publicly that the left has plans to take the country unwillingly on some Great Leap Forward seems rather foolish. Does she believe the public will eagerly accept more central planning?

The left in this country has a history of largely moving down the political path slowly and quietly. And it's been a successful model. We are more reliant on government than ever. The Heritage Foundation's 2009 Index of Dependence on Government suggests America is on "the brink of complete dependency" on the state.

This is not a sustainable path for a democracy. A minority of productive citizens cannot support a majority of citizens subsisting all or in part on entitlements.

Forcing a health care entitlement that will cost \$2.5 trillion in its first decade, according to a Cato Institute projection, will weaken our society so thoroughly that it might not withstand the next assault from the left.

The combined unfunded liabilities of Social Security and Medicare — now at \$107 trillion, according to the government's own estimates — by themselves are enough to sink us.

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Right now that's the direction our country is headed. And without judicious intervention, it's not a promising future.

We can't imagine that Pelosi's "new direction," which includes a government takeover of the medical care industry, one-sixth of the economy, would be an improvement. It would be a change, but it would kill hope.

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There's a reason why the Democrats like to have their intended victims silenced and disarmed. But I want to fill the streets against the Democrats. And I believe in gun control. Disarm the Democrats. And arm the people

Posted By: BradO(1615) on 3/17/2010 | 11:09 AM ET

We are on "the precipice of history". Off we gooooo.....!

Posted By: opus(5) on 3/17/2010 | 10:42 AM ET

I detest Pelosi, but I think her quote in the article was out of context. Per Byron York, she was referring to healthcare. She may have designs on that, but that is not what she was referring to. We do ourselves no favors by sacrificing our credibility and integrity.

Posted By: Brownknows(1720) on 3/17/2010 | 5:51 AM ET

To think our forefathers rebelled over a trivial tax on tea. We sit around watching our liberty stolen from in front of our eyes. The elitists, progressives, liberals, aka Democrats are feasting upon the carcass of liberty. The tipping point is near. If HC passes, it must be repealed or we become a socialist nation. Cap n Trade, Amnesty are health cares bed fellows. I will not obey the health care law. It is illegal & unconstitutional. I will obey the first & second amendments. Live free or die.

Posted By: Vicki551(95) on 3/17/2010 | 3:08 AM ET

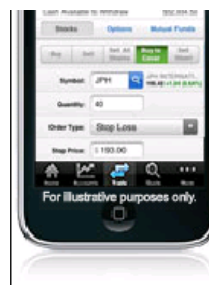
"There is no nation on earth powerful enough to accomplish our overthrow. Our destruction, should it come at all, will be from another quarter. From the inattention of the people to the concerns of their government, from their carelessness and negligence. ... [T]hat in this way they may be made the dupes of designing men, and become the instruments of their own undoing." – Daniel Webster I hope it is not too late to save it. They have been working toward this end since the late 1800's.

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