

## ACTION: Tell CBS to stop the BS

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Aside from DailyKos & the NYT, my primary source of news is CBS Radio news (at the top of every hour).

Several times now on the radio, in their evening news, and now on their website, CBS News is calling President Obama a liar. In addition they give the only Health Insurance lobbyist's (and the anti-government Cato Institute's) perspective without giving the perspective of any progressive voice.

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I found these tripe on the CBS Evening News website (this is what was on the radio as well, in a little bit shorter form)

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(CBS) Today the President again insisted that his health care reform won't force you to switch plans or doctors.

"What I'm saying is the government is not going to make you change your plans under health reform," said Mr. Obama.

That's technically correct - **but what the president didn't say is that reform could lead your boss to change your health care plan, reports CBS News correspondent Sharyl Attkisson.** Here's how: 160 million people are insured through work and their employer actually picks up most of the cost. Under the president's plan, Americans would be required to carry a certain level of coverage, which means many people would have to increase their insurance.

"Employer premiums will go up, and employers might respond by dropping coverage entirely," said Michael Cannon, with **the Cato Institute.** "So if you're one of those unfortunate workers then it will be a government policy that ousted you from your health plan."

I strongly feel that if just a few dozen of us call and write, CBS will review how they are reporting on their story:

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CONSUMER ALERT: Know of a scam that needs looking into? Tell us about it! E-mail us at [scams@cbsnews.com](mailto:scams@cbsnews.com). ( We should let CBS know that their reporter is scamming them by not doing her job, and that the health insurance industry is scamming every American)

This was the only saving grace statement in the posted article (which was never repeated in the radio stories at the top of each hour):

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In the end, the president argues that it's riskier to do nothing because rising health care costs have put employers on the brink of raising premiums or dropping health insurance altogether.

I think we should listen to the President -- in reference to health care: ***It is risky to do nothing.***

DO NOT STOP FIGHTING FOR HEALTHCARE. . .literally hundreds of Americans die every week because of this mess. We have worse infant mortality than Cuba & Guam ([link](#))

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