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## Sick To Our Stomachs

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Since more than a few readers have taken issue with our use of the term “socialized medicine” in reference to the ongoing national health care debate, we figured that we should explain what we mean a bit more succinctly.

First of all, it’s not something we heard parroted on FOX News because we don’t watch FOX News ... or any cable news network for that matter.

Seriously, people. TV is scripted, sanitized babble. Watch it for too long and your head will explode.

We call President Barack Obama’s “[public option](#)” health care plan “socialized medicine” because that’s exactly what it is – a plan that does the exact opposite of everything Obama says it will do.

*Create choices?* Wrong. Obamacare is crafted around the notion of manipulating premiums to squeeze out

low-cost private health care options, which will force millions of Americans into government-run programs.

*Cut costs?* Yeah, right. The plan's initial cost is \$1.5 trillion – and the last time we checked, government-run health care wasn't exactly getting cheaper. Hell, that's why we're in this mess.

*Improve coverage?* Yeah ... because government-run monopolies are breeding grounds for excellence and innovation (just look at South Carolina's public school system).

Like Obama's bureaucratic bailout, energy tax and deliberate undoing of welfare reform, the goal of his health care program is simple – to expand the reach of government into more Americans' daily lives.

Seriously, people, we know that policy papers are inherently boring and often incomprehensibly dry, but if you really want to understand this debate do yourself a favor ... cut the TV off for ten minutes and go read the Cato Institute's forthcoming [policy analysis](#) of Obama's plan.

It's brilliant, unflinching and reveals the true nature of Obama's health care vision, i.e. “not a market, but a prelude to a government takeover of the health care sector.”

“In the process, millions of Americans would be ousted from their existing health plans,” which as you may recall runs completely counter to Obama's campaign promises.

“If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor, period,” candidate Obama claimed. “If you like your health care plan, you'll be able to keep your health care plan, period. No one will take it away, no matter what.”

Yeah ... they won't take it away, they'll just make it impossible for you to afford it.

Read the analysis below, people. We think you'll agree that the term “socialized medicine” is really the only name that fits this full-frontal assault on the free market.

### ***WEB EXTRA***

[\*Cato Report On Government-run Health Care \(full version\)\*](#)

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