

Mitt Romney's Establishment Presumption

GOP NOMINEE TAPS OBAMACARE SUPPORTER TO KEY POST

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney – the presumptive GOP presidential nominee – has tapped former Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt to run his White House transition team. Wait a minute … that's putting the cart before the horse a little bit, isn't it?

Anyway, Leavitt – who served as the director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under former President George W. Bush – is currently the head of a firm called Leavitt Partners. What does this company do? It advises states on how to set up the controversial health care exchanges included in Barack Obama's socialized medicine law, "Obamacare."

Not surprisingly, Leavitt "strenuously backed the core piece of President Barack Obama's health-care law and urged the states to move forward together in adopting health insurance exchanges," according to <u>The Wall Street Journal</u>. In fact his firm nearly doubled in size after Obamacare's passage.

Great, right?

Once again Romney is showing his true colors ...

Leavitt's appointment to such a (presumptuous) post would be cause for concern no matter who the GOP presidential nominee was. But given Romney's **prior support for socialized medicine**, it should be cause for full-scale panic. America simply cannot afford another big government Republican in the White House, although that's precisely the sort of candidate the GOP has selected.

"Romney's appointment of Leavitt is a first step toward flip-flopping – or Etch-a-Sketching, or Romneying(TM), or whatever – on ObamaCare repeal," writes Michael Cannon, a health care policy expert at The Cato Institute. "But it's hard to blame Romney for thinking Republicans won't care. These are, after all, people who picked Mitt Romney as their presidential nominee."

Not us, brother ... not us.