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Letter: GOP loves socialism, so long as it's corporate socialism (Aug. 4)

What happened over the past eight years? Did Republicans lose their short-term memories as they chose hiding their collective heads in the sand? Obama wants a health care plan with a public option: current price tag being \$1 trillion over 10 years. This CBO (Congressional Budget Office) report is being met with outrage by the "head in the ground" crew. Yet, when the same CBO stated in 2007 that the Iraq/Afghanistan wars would cost over \$2 trillion over 10 years, not a single peep arose from Republicans.

Is \$100 billion a year too much to give insurance, hence, financial well-being (most bankruptcies are health related) and health security to tens of millions? How do we pay for it? How about (making) the 70 percent of U.S. corporations that pay no income taxes pay their fair share? How about our bloated military spending? In 2005 the U.S. military spending was \$528.7 billion!

The conservative Cato Institute states the U.S. corporations (coal, oil, timber, nuclear, retail) receive nearly \$100 billion in tax subsidies each year. That means "our tax monies" go to big corporations. Republicans apparently love socialism — corporate socialism.

The biggest myth is that Republicans want fewer taxes! They love taxes, our tax monies: sent to the big pharmaceutical companies as they cheat us on health care. Shame, shame on those who defended Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy: repeal them and pay for health care. Tax the wealthiest Americans to help defray costs; end corporate/wealth-based socialism.

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