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Obama vs. Tanner

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President Obama says:

- "If you like your current health-care plan, you can keep it."
- o "You will pay less."
- o "Quality will improve."

Michael Tanner says:

- o You can't buy any insurance, only "insurance that includes all the benefits government thinks you should have." Further, the government plan may dominate the market because the public plan "would be subsidized by American taxpayers, the government plan could keep its premiums artificially low or offer extra benefit."
- o "The Congressional Budget Office has made it clear that the reform plans now being debated will in crease overall health-care costs."
- o Tanner believes that the VA and Medicaid are examples of how government-run health insurance does not work. Further "Obama endorsed the creation of a government board with the power to dictate how your doctor practices medicine and all but endorsed the rationing prevalent in nationalized health-care systems around the world."

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