



## ***ObamaCare overtaking Congress' power to legislate***

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A health policy expert claims the arguments heard by the Supreme Court last week over ObamaCare were totally separate from the most unconstitutional part of the law.

Michael Cannon, director of health policy studies at the [Cato Institute](#), says the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) is a panel of 15 unelected government officials with the power to change Medicare policy, raise taxes, impose conditions on federal funds to states, and even appropriate money without congressional authorization.

"Once this board issues one of its proposals, ObamaCare requires the secretary of Health and Human Services to enact that proposal, unless Congress either strikes it down or offers a substitute," Cannon detailed [in a recent podcast](#).

Striking down a proposal would require a three-fifths vote of the Senate.

"In essence, what ObamaCare gives to this unelected board of government officials is the power to write laws," the expert summarizes.

And if the president does not nominate anyone to the board, the secretary of Health and Human Services gets to hold all the powers that ObamaCare grants to IPAB. Meanwhile, if Congress wants to repeal IPAB, the only time to do it is between January and August of 2017. After that, Congress also loses the ability to offer any substitutes to IPAB's legislative proposals.

Cannon concludes that ObamaCare is trying to rewrite the Constitution to deny future Congresses their power to legislate.