

## *ObamaCare Decision: Ruling a Right-Wing Conspiracy?, Onward to Single-Payer, Eliminate the Tax to Eliminate the Mandate?*

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- Advocates of President Obama's Affordable Care Act **lament** that their victory in the Supreme Court decision upholding the law is a **sneaky, right-wing conspiracy** to restrict government power by reinterpreting the Commerce Clause.
- Or maybe "[t]he largest expansion of the American welfare state since the Great Society" is a "**monumental setback for a conservative movement** strategy meant to sabotage, by all available means, the presidency of Barack Obama"
- Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders sees the ObamaCare ruling as only a first stop on the road to "**a Medicare-for-all, single-payer system.**"
- Justice Scalia's dissent, which repeatedly refers to Justice Ginsburg's concurring opinion as "The Dissent," **may have originally been the majority opinion.**
- Ilya Shapiro points out that the Supreme Court saved the ACA by, essentially, **illegally rewriting the law** as a tax measure in a way that pretends to restrain government power, but does no such thing.
- Now that the individual mandate is a "tax," the Senate could, potentially, avoid a bigger battle by **lowering the tax on non-compliant Americans to nothing**, effectively eliminating the mandate.
- Find the ruling **here** (PDF).