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Top Romney advisor all in for Obamacare implementation

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Again it comes to this: voting for the "lesser of two evils." This is assuming, of course, that Mitt "Stealth Leftist" Romney wins the Republican nomination for President. I had decided that I was through voting for the less evil candidate, but then I know that our elections may be heavily compromised at this point, as the Left gets its [voter-fraud-voting-machine-hacking](#) down to an Argonne National Laboratory science.

However, since the [horrendous John "Quisling" Roberts Supreme Court decision](#) to uphold the clearly unconstitutional "Obamacare" monster, I have decided to go ahead and vote for the Republican nominee, no matter who he is, even the liberal Mitt Romney.

Mitt Romney keeps saying that on Day One in office, he will move to repeal Obamacare. He also adds what I do not want to hear — "replace." "Repeal and replace." I am sick of hearing that from "our side." Do not tell me you are going to "replace" something that should never have been in the first place! Just kill it! Put it out of our misery!

Do I even believe Romney's promise, as it is? This is not a brand new story, though it was new to me yesterday, so it may be new to others. The top aide to Romney's transition team for the White House is a fellow Mormon, former Utah Governor, former head of the Environmental Protection Agency and [Health and Human Services Secretary](#) under President George W. Bush. While he is an amazingly accomplished man, and apparently very talented and driven, former Governor Mike Leavitt is also a supporter of the states implementing Obamacare "exchanges." Yes, that's right. And, the reason he supports it likely has everything to do with the fact that Leavitt owns [Leavitt Partners](#), a health care consultancy firm based in Utah.

On June 3rd, the Politico's Jonathan Martin and Alexander Burns had a fairly glowing write-up about Leavitt (which should tell us something right there). The piece made it quite clear that Leavitt is a moderate, a pragmatist, and not necessarily as conservative as actual conservatives would like to see in the Romney administration, especially when it comes to his position on the wretched Obamacare legislation.

From the [Politico piece](#),

Leavitt has said some relatively positive things about certain elements of Obama's health reform law, suggesting earlier this year that "Obamacare" empowers the HHS secretary "to do certain things that are clearly aimed at trying to move us in the right direction."

[Leavitt's longtime chief aide, Rich] McKeown, who still works with Leavitt at his Utah-based health care consultancy, acknowledged that the former governor does not want to undo one key part of the controversial legislation.

"We believe that the exchanges are the solution to small business insurance market and that's gotten us sideways with some conservatives," he said.

The exchanges are not only a matter of principle for Leavitt — they're also a cash cow.

The size of his firm, Leavitt Partners, doubled in the year after the bill was signed as they won contracts to help states set up the exchanges funded by the legislation.

"There is a group [of states] that feels as though they don't want to be associated with the Affordable Care Act," Leavitt told POLITICO in 2011. "Privately, though, it's clear that several of those are planning behind the scenes, because they don't want to have a federal exchange." The law is written so that those states that don't create their own exchanges by 2014 may be pushed into a federal exchange.

This angers the right, however.

"These Exchanges ... are the government bureaucracies that will make health insurance more expensive, induce employers to drop coverage, entrench Obamacare, and dole out hundreds billions of debt-financed government subsidies to insurance companies," fumed the libertarian-leaning Cato Institute.

So, Leavitt, who stands to make a great deal more money from the implementation of Obamacare than from its repeal, is the one guy Romney chooses to set up a Romney administration, if Romney wins the White House. Could there be more of a conflict of interests than this — that is — if Romney is serious about repealing the hellish, anti-American, anti-freedom Obamacare dictate?

When this story broke, there was some conservative backlash which led to the Romney campaign issuing a statement that was reported by the [Daily Caller](#),

... Team Romney was quick to dismiss those worries. Reached for comment, Romney spokesman Lenny Alcivar said: "Unlike President Obama, voters can rest assured that a Romney Administration will put America back on track. That starts with repealing Obamacare, starting Day One. Make no mistake, the only person who will make policy decisions under a Romney Administration is Mitt Romney."

Oh, well that makes me feel all better! This man, Leavitt, could end up being Romney's chief of

staff (according to rumors), and we are supposed to believe his money-powered desire to have the states implement Obamacare exchanges will in no way affect Romney's stated desire to repeal that detestable law? I am in full support of Mike Leavitt making a successful living, but the thought that someone with such a potent interest in keeping Obamacare alive could end up in one of the highest positions in a Romney administration is quite disturbing.

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