

Opposing 'Obamacare' and constitutionality, transforming conservatism and more [AM Briefing]

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Cato's Ilya Shapiro: In opposing 'Obamacare,' we were serious the whole time: "Was the Supreme Court really taking seriously the preposterous claims of the Tea Party-inspired hacks who were suing the federal government? Was there really a chance that five justices, acting as would-be partisan hacks themselves, would throw out President Obama's signature achievement? Could Obamacare, which name everyone is now allowed to use because the administration itself has adopted it, really fall on some technicality about mandating economic activity rather than regulating it when it occurs?" (CNN)

"A lot of politicians are worrying about the Constitution these days. Liberal commentators were shocked this past week when in three days of oral argument in the lawsuits challenging Obamacare, five Supreme Court justices — a majority — asked questions strongly suggesting they think the legislation is unconstitutional," writes AEI's Michael Barone. (National Review)

"Right before our eyes, American conservatism is becoming something very different from what it once was. Yet this transformation is happening by stealth because moderates are too afraid to acknowledge what all their senses tell them," writes Brookings' E.J. Dionne. (Washington Post)

Thomas Sowell remembers Dr. Marie D. Gadsden. (National Review)

New America's Brian Fishman: The NYPD needs better oversight when it comes to intelligence operations. (New York Daily News)

CFR's Terra Lawson-Remer on why Obama's World Bank pick was the right one. (CNN)

Heritage's James Carafano: Defense that does not add up. (Washington Examiner)

Socialist Hong Kong? (National Review)

Room for Debate asks: While a protest of an introductory economics class at Harvard University last semester seemed inspired more by the Occupy movement than by academic criticism, it raised questions about how the teaching of economics should change in light of

the financial crisis. Indeed, what have we learned in the last five years that should be imparted upon future generations of economists? (New York Times)

CFR's Stewart Patrick on the U.N. General Assembly session on "Happiness." (CNN)