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Obama's numbers just don't add up

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The pendulum that is our economy is now swinging in a new direction that I fear may never find true equilibrium. How do you remove \$500 billion from future Medicare spending to pay for health care reform, while adding more people to the program and insist that costs will be going down?

Meanwhile we have an aging population that looks to put more Americans on this same Medicare program. More and more doctors are opting out of treating Medicare patients because they are losing money on the reimbursement formula set by the government. And the Obama administration looks to drive that formula even lower. So we'll end up with fewer doctors and more patients. But don't worry. We won't have rationed care, they tell us.

Wake up, America. The numbers don't add up.

The combined unfunded liabilities of Social Security and Medicare is now at \$107 trillion according to the government's own estimates. So how do President Obama and other leading Democrats who seek to force a health care entitlement that will cost \$2.5 trillion in its first decade, according to the Cato Institute, think they can be re-elected in 2012? Although this may appear to be political suicide, stranger things have happened. Remember the fastest growing segment of the economy right now is government jobs. Legislation that will capture and control one-fifth of our economy will add to the already bloated government sector. These people will vote to maintain their status quo.

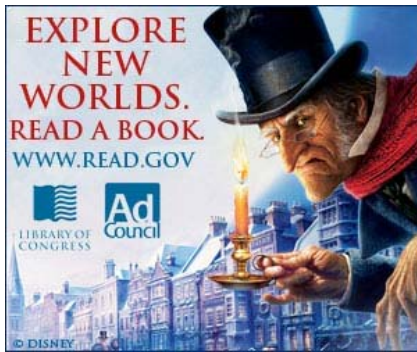
For every job

the government creates, those wages and benefits are paid with our tax dollars. That means less money in the private sector to create real jobs for the real economy. Are we all going to be working for the government? This is not a sustainable path for a democracy.

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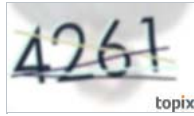
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