



## Cato: Cost of ObamaCare could excede \$6 Trillion

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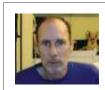
Sen Gregg(R) estimates, when all of the ObamaCare spending occurs (from 2014 through 2023) the cost of the bill will exceed \$2.5 trillion for that period alone.

The CBO has determined a way to hide

government costs. When the bills force somebody to pay \$10,000 to the government, the Congressional Budget Office treats that as a tax. When the government then hands that \$10,000 to private insurers, the CBO counts that as government spending. But when the bills achieve the exact same outcome by forcing somebody to pay \$10,000 directly to a private insurance company, it appears nowhere in the official CBO cost estimates—neither as federal revenues nor federal spending. That's a sharp departure from how the CBO treated similar mandates in the Clinton health plan. And it hides maybe 60 percent of the legislation's total costs.

Taking the above into account, over a period of ten years, the total cost of ObamaCare reaches \$6.25 trillion.

What authority does congress have to force free people to buy health insurance? Especially a plan designed to bankrupt our economy.



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