



Cato: Cost of ObamaCare could exceed \$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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