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Maybe this time...

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Maybe the bill passed by the House on Saturday night will stay within its cost projections. Of course, you have several cost projections to choose from. The Democrats' cost claims are all ridiculous lies, designed using accounting techniques that would land private businessmen in jail, just in time to save them from being drawn and quartered by stockholders. The [Heritage Foundation's estimate](#) of \$2.4 to \$2.6 trillion over 10 years, beginning when the House bill transitions from front-loaded tax hikes to full Daffy Duck freak-out spending in 2014, is the most logical projection of its true costs I've seen.

Even this will likely prove to be an underestimation of the true long-term costs. No other Big Government program has ever stayed within an order of magnitude of the promises made when it was signed into law. Medicare [originally cost](#) about \$3 billion, when it began in 1965, and was projected to cost about \$12 billion by 1990, adjusted for inflation. The actual cost in 1990 was nearly ten times that figure, \$107 billion. It was up to \$440 billion by 2007. The architects of the program would have been run out of town on a rail, if these future costs had been known to the voters of 1965.

The difference between promised benefits and expected revenues for Social Security and Medicare amounts to about \$107 trillion dollars, which Doug Bandow of the Cato Institute [points out](#) is double the annual Gross Domestic Product of the *entire world*. The most strident opponent of the New Deal would never have dreamed of predicting this level of cost overrun. Name any government program that has been around for more than five years, and the odds are good it costs at least triple what its *opponents* originally said it would cost.

Maybe this time, a huge government program will be able to deliver its promised benefits. Anyone who has experienced the increasingly expensive, and rapidly deteriorating, services of the Post Office or Amtrak has good reason to be skeptical. No one who has dealt with Medicare can be eager to see the entire health care system shoveled into the drooling maw of such a bureaucracy. Those who support government health care because they don't like their insurance companies should ponder the wisdom of handing their insurance over to an even bigger, infinitely less responsive entity. Once the government takes over health care, it will not be interested in criticism of its performance. The last thing any consumer should ever be willing to surrender is the ability to take his business elsewhere.

Maybe this time, Congress will keep the promises that restrain its future activities, such as extending coverage to illegal aliens, or paying for abortions. Whatever form these promises take when they emerge from Senate reconciliation, the American people should realize they are utterly meaningless – they have no power to bind future politicians. Today's politicians can only pass along *obligations* to their successors, never discipline. The next Congress will be much more likely to pay attention to angry illegal alien groups brandishing lawsuits than disgruntled taxpayers who don't want to see the cost of national health insurance skyrocket. The same goes for abortions. Once pro-lifers have become trapped in the same inescapable government-run health system as everyone else, their concerns can be safely ignored. What will they do in protest? Threaten to withdraw from the national health care system? If they try it, they'll be holding their next prayer vigil for the unborn in a cell block. Only a foolish people trust their lives and souls to an entity *defined* by its ability to punish non-compliance with force.

Maybe this time, we can roll a titanic new government program across the fruited plains, without squashing the fruit. Among the most dangerous delusions of liberals and moderates is the belief they can unleash a blizzard of taxes and spending without radically altering other aspects of their lives... the belief they can blow the better part of \$3 trillion taking over an industry, but everything else will stay exactly the same. They don't appreciate how quickly the economic depression from huge taxes and industrial takeovers will destroy the income stream fueling the program, requiring increasingly high taxes in a vicious cycle resembling the collapse of a star into a black hole. They underestimate the damage to the national psyche that will result from hooking the middle class into a welfare program it can never escape. They've grown to take our fantastically advanced medical science for granted, and don't realize how much *less* they'll be expected to settle for, when doctors and corporations flee from a nationalized health care industry, the way many doctors currently refuse to accept Medicare. I don't think enough people appreciate how far we have to fall, from the A+ health care we enjoy today, to the C- that will be good enough for government work.

Maybe this time, we'll be able to reverse course in a couple of years, when we realize government-run health care was a horrible mistake. Everyone has known Social Security and Medicare are locked on a collision course with insolvency, and will drag everything we recognize as economics and government with them when we die... and everyone knows there is no way to reform them, as every attempt has ended in political destruction. Public education is a nightmare no one can wake up from, because the Democrats and teachers' unions are ready to club them back into a coma when their eyelids flutter open. Reducing the rate of *growth* in the most absurd and inefficient spending programs is an epic battle, against frenzied legions of beneficiaries who are passionately uninterested in hearing about anyone else's tax rates or unemployment levels... but maybe we'll be able to reform or terminate *this* gigantic program, after reasoned discussion by the people's tribunes on Capitol Hill.

Maybe this time, Americans will insist their Senators kill this deranged health-care scheme before it gets signed into law... instead of taking risks on a government that has never failed to disappoint them.

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[mankai](#) on November 8, 2009 at [5:27 PM](#)

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Well said

This is why the DEMs are frantic to get anything passed. Once enacted, they own you

You cannot control cost by withholding payment because payment is excised from your wealth

And you will be funding illegals even if they are banned from the system, because

1. medical treatment of illegals is mandated by court
2. there is no provision for government to fund illegals
4. providers must raise charges to cover illegals

As long as there is mandated payment for national health, illegals will be paid for, and they will recover much more care than without the mandatory program, because now the hospitals have a bigger billing pool

Unless illegal job takers are removed from non-agricultural jobs and deported they will collect your benefits. I see no sign either party will remove the 20 million illegals, although the number will grow larger with national health, as hopelessly ill illegals begin their mass migration, to live with family while they get dialysis, chemo, brain surgery, etc

Since illegals are often outside the tax and licensing loop, they will do better than citizens who will find themselves legally drained of assets

[entagor](#) on November 8, 2009 at [5:45 PM](#)

This is only Round One. Seriously—with a paltry five vote margin, the Dems and their penny-ante whores in the MSM are shi**ing their pants. This is no mandate.

Basically, we won this. The confirmation of that will come next from the Senate. If not there, then the joint committees between the two Chambers.

It's not a done deal; we haven't yet lost.

[Liam](#) on November 8, 2009 at [6:00 PM](#)

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[jeanie](#) on November 8, 2009 at [6:03 PM](#)

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I couldn't resist...

[Liam](#) on November 8, 2009 at [6:10 PM](#)

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Put enough 'wise latinas' on the court and they'll declare anything constitutional.

Well... almost anything.

Chaz706 on November 8, 2009 at [6:12 PM](#)

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If this cannot be repealed, and I understand repealing laws can be difficult, but if it can't be repealed can it not be made meaningless by simply passing another law that strips it of all its bite?

For instance, could another future congress that may not have enough votes to repeal, but did have enough votes to pass, for instance, laws like the following: laws to remove the enforcement powers of the IRS or remove the fines and other punishments. A law that would reopen privatization in health care. Could not another congress simply pass a quick series of laws that would, by default, make gov. run health care "wither on the vine." Isn't that what Newt tried to do with Medicare? He wasn't going to repeal it, just pass other laws to make it die it's own death.

[JellyToast](#) on November 8, 2009 at [6:13 PM](#)

Bush set the stage for Obama by screwing up the last eight years of his administration.

SagebrushPuppet343 on November 8, 2009 at 5:22 PM

Sleeper cell?

Del Dolemonte on November 8, 2009 at [6:14 PM](#)

A trillion here, a trillion there, pretty soon is adds up to real money. Printing more greenbacks won't solve the problem; ink is not free. To heck with the gold standard, we should base our currency on the ink supply.

Keep hammering Dr. Z. We need to stop the Donks in their tracks.

Geochelone on November 8, 2009 at [6:16 PM](#)

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I would like to think that's possible JellyToast, but if Britain's an indicator it won't be.

The NHS in Britain is now the largest single employer there. There's no way you could reform that system because too many people's wallets would get thinner.

I've seen it there. I've seen similar things in Chicago. There's a point of no peaceful return. Either someone burns the whole thing down and starts from scratch, or we're stuck with it.

And I wouldn't bring up Newt. He failed miserably to kill Medicare.

Chaz706 on November 8, 2009 at [6:18 PM](#)

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system. Obama will sign it and claim victory.

You can take it from here.

Meremortal on November 8, 2009 at [6:19 PM](#)

I will add also, regardless of whether this is passed or not. If it is passed and signed by this President, that will not be the end of the matter. There are too many people who are opposed to this, and once more and more people see what this ObamaCongress has been done to them, that list will grow.

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And libf*tards like you think Hussein is better.

Go back to Kos. You're ugly like them, so you'll be among you own kind.

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [6:28 PM](#)

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You, Meremortal, you have hit the proverbial nail on the head. Losers: the American people. Again.

bluestatered on November 8, 2009 at [6:33 PM](#)

NO COST CONTROLS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For the Liberal Party,its gonna be Biblical!

The DeathKnell of the Liberal Party will come to fruition when elections roll around,and thats if there is any money left even to pay for an election!

Team Liberal,has ZERO JOBS CREATED,ZERO TAX BASE,and the Utopian Lefty Mindset of the Economy is still in the perverbally outhouse,and unemployment is actually about 15 percent!!!!!!!!!!

Its Spin Baby,Spin!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

But the Outstanding News is,that the Liberal Party will own this Monstrosity!!

FOREVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [6:35 PM](#)

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We will be spent \$\$\$ into oblivion.

The progressives will keep chipping away at the constitution 'til it's all gone. Listen to Reagan's '64 speech — they were trying it

then! He sounds like he's opposing Obama/Pelosi! They will never give up —

Look at the CNN, MSNBC, CBS websites — 90% are pro-Obama, pro-this health care take over! We are NOT winning! We are talking tom ourselves here!

The Senate WILL pass it all, with “government option” (=takeover!)

AND most of the people will be happy and by 2010 they will forget!

rebuzz on November 8, 2009 at [6:45 PM](#)

On Yahoo! News right now:

“The House bill is dead on arrival in the Senate,” Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said dismissively.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_health_care_overhaul

Dear Nanzi Pelosi:

F you and the horse you rode in on.

Regards,

The United States of America

*PS—tell all your libf*ck friends to eat sh*t and live long enough to regret it.*

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [6:48 PM](#)

Doc Zero: Your writing is extraordinarily penetrating and the use of the false hope of “maybe this time” is illuminating on this issue. You do good work and I look forward to reading it every time it's posted.

Thank you.

ted c on November 8, 2009 at 1:20 PM

Absolutely agree. “Take two aspirin and read Doc Zero in the morning.”

I recommend HA and the Doc to everyone I run across who expresses even a hint of understanding of today's issues.

[Mr Magoo](#) on November 8, 2009 at [6:55 PM](#)

Hey, Nanzi? Ever listen to Led Zep?

Here's something you might (not) like...

*Cryin' won't help ya,
Prayin' won't do ya no good*

*Cryin' won't help ya,
Prayin' won't do ya no good*

Just tryin' to hep, ya know?

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [6:57 PM](#)

From The Corner

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<http://corner.nationalreview.com/post/?q=MGU3N2E5NzFhZjRiOTkyMjRhNDk0YWVNiZGMlNjQ4NzU>

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The President of the United States Said That?

Mr. Obama, during his private pep talk to Democrats, recognized Mr. Owens election and then posed a question to the other

lawmakers. According to Representative Earl Blumenauer of Oregon, who supports the health care bill, the president asked, "Does anybody think that the teabag, anti-government people are going to support them if they bring down health care? All it will do is confuse and dispirit" Democratic voters "and it will encourage the extremists."

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [6:58 PM](#)

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Yeah, the ratf*ck-in-chief said that. No surprise. At least he was milder than the libf*cktrolls who bother us here with their bullsh*t posts.

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:02 PM](#)

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Liam on November 8, 2009 at 6:57 PM

Liam:

I bet,Nancy has a lot of celebratory partys lined up, and Bawdy Barney`s Basement Bash`s as well!!

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:03 PM](#)

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Liam on November 8, 2009 at 7:02 PM

Liam: I was ceuising on IOwnTheWorld!!

I`m not surprised!!

Obama has been at WAR,with the RIGHT,since Jan 20TH, actually, since he was being groomed in ThugsVille Chicago!:)

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:05 PM](#)

El Crapo,thats cruising,Ugh!

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:06 PM](#)

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at 7:05 PM

Obama is a dismal epic fail, so bad even the Enemy Party is probably rethinking Affirmative Action.

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:10 PM](#)

Dr Zero,

You have just captured what I have been telling so many of my friends for so many years.

Thank you, for once I don`t feel alone.

nater1976 on November 8, 2009 at [7:11 PM](#)

Love this site and Dr. Zero is a big reason why. As Obama continues his *deliberate wholesale destruction* of America, Dr. Zero nails him. Plus, his posts are good for my soul.

doctormom on November 8, 2009 at [7:14 PM](#)

When this health care mess is done, Obama and Pelosi are going to go down in history—not in any other way except *down*.

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:15 PM](#)

I think I have Barack Obama Derangement Syndrome (BORS).

[huckleberryfriend](#) on November 8, 2009 at [7:19 PM](#)

OT—here's the next media spin since PTSD doesn't fly with intelligent people who know better:

<http://news.yahoo.com/s/time/08599193640700>

Secondary trauma? WTF is that?

Oh, I know! My dad was mean to my mommy so I can become a serial killer and not have to go to prison for it!

YAY! Now I can rape and gut women with impunity, rape cats and dogs, and make kangaroos live in sin with dingos. And I can be back on the streets in a day or two. God bless America!

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:26 PM](#)

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Liam:Obama's Abyss,were even Political Light cannot escape!
-:)

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Liam: Its been a REPARATIONS PLAN from Jan 21ST onwards!!:)

And,what Bill Clinton started back when in destroying
the Liberal Party,

Obama will finish the job!!:)

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:30 PM](#)

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at 7:26 PM

I rather he, Pelosi, the rest of the Dams, and every other F-ing librat experience Dante's *Inferno*. And not by reading.

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:31 PM](#)

The Snake and The Weasel!

IOwnTheWorld!

<http://iowntheworld.com/blog/?p=9822>

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:35 PM](#)

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huckleberryfriend on November 8, 2009 at 7:19 PM

I definitely have that syndrome, though I spell it "THEPRESIDENTISANAHOLE".

[Bishop](#) on November 8, 2009 at [7:36 PM](#)

Forgot this one as well!

<http://iowntheworld.com/blog/?p=9809>

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:38 PM](#)

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Bishop on November 8, 2009 at 7:36 PM

Wow! That’s the sound I make coughing for 20 minutes every morning when I wake up!

You need to quit smoking, dude.

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:40 PM](#)

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at 7:38 PM

My girlfriend just told me to thank you for turning me off to sex after that one.

She’s going to hunt you down and ruin your day.

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:41 PM](#)

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Bishop on November 8, 2009 at 7:36 PM

Bishop: And a Pirate in more ways than one!!

<http://iowntheworld.com/blog/?p=9774>

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:46 PM](#)

It is necessary at this point to call for the destruction of Barack Obama’s Presidency through all appropriate electoral and public relations methods. This includes open contempt from the American people to make it clear to Congress that he is effectively a lame duck as of now, legal challenges to his agenda (such as the health care bill), and clear statements from voters that any member of Congress who supports him will be out of a job at the end of next year.

We should in fact clean all but about thirty or so Democrats out of the House of Representatives next November, with Nancy Pelosi being at the top of the list of those to be removed. We are not happy with Pat Toomey (R-PA) for driving Arlen Specter out of the Republican Party, but if Senator Specter supports Obama on either climate change or health care “reform,” we will put a Toomey for Senate bumper sticker on our car right now.

There is a saying, “Respect the office and not the person,” but it is meaningless. Members of our Armed Forces are required by the Uniform Code of Military Justice to respect the office, and to salute this individual and call him “Sir.” We are not, and we can call him what he is: a totally unqualified and, as shown by the above material, dishonest fraud. We can no more respect his office than we can respect the judicial offices held by Luzerne County judges Conahan and Ciavarella, who were just indicted on numerous felony counts for corruption. The individual who currently occupies the White House is a sick joke who surrounds himself with the equivalent of self-made sideshow freaks (Jeremiah Wright, Al Sharpton, Van Jones, and Michael Pfleger are but examples). He bows to foreign monarchs, and he makes “shout outs” before he talks about the mass murder of American soldiers by an alleged militant “Islamic” terrorist. Barack Obama is effectively Groucho Marx as Rufus Firefly in Duck Soup, except Obama is pathetic while Marx was funny. Any position of responsibility and trust is well above Barack Obama’s pay grade. The purpose of the latter discussion is to underscore our total contempt for this individual, and to encourage others to regard him with similar contempt.

The best thing for the United States is to effectively put the Presidency into suspended animation until January 2013, and we encourage our readers to help do this through blogs, letters to the editor, attendance at “tea parties,” calls to their Senators and Representatives, and so on.

Andy in Agoura Hills on November 8, 2009 at [7:48 PM](#)

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at 7:38 PM

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Liam on November 8, 2009 at 7:41 PM

Liam: Liam,I jest,close your eyes and think of England,

d*mmmit wrong country,er,make that the flag!!

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:49 PM](#)

Obama urged senators to be like runners on a relay team and “take the baton and bring this effort to the finish line on behalf of me, your Presidente. ~~the American people.~~”

[JellyToast](#) on November 8, 2009 at [7:49 PM](#)

Jelly Toast:

Sections of laws can be repealed; in fact, it happens a lot. But by section, I mean one single part of this (by the time it’s all said and done) 2,000 page monstrosity. Now, in truth, a diligent legislator probably only needs to repeal 100 or so sections of this act (I haven’t read it myself—consider me a future Congressman!) for it to lose all teeth. . .of course, each section repealed will be a fight. But it can be done.

Of course, such an act requires an attentive, focused and driven party acting in unison. How many of those words do you use to describe the current GOP?

johnny alpha on November 8, 2009 at [7:51 PM](#)

Andy in Agoura Hills on November 8, 2009 at 7:48 PM

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Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:51 PM](#)

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at 7:49 PM

Too late!

Where do I send the flowers?

Liam on November 8, 2009 at [7:52 PM](#)

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Liam on November 8, 2009 at 7:52 PM

Liam: Too Late,I love it,haha! Oh wait,those are for me, zee Kiss of Death!!OOPS!:)

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:56 PM](#)

Time,to re-introduce,

the phrase,

I Hope the President Fails!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at [7:59 PM](#)

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rebuzz on November 8, 2009 at 6:45 PM

I see what you're saying, however, the crap bill doesn't go into effect until 2013 if passed. To even get to that point, the Senate has to pass their version; the house and senate then have to get together and *agree* on 1 life sucking, liberty killing bill; then each have to vote again. I've been wrong before, but I don't think it can get to the final step before the primaries next spring, which can and should be very telling to the brainless leadership currently in office.

I do agree that once an entitlement is set in place it is hard to repeal, but again the entitlements won't go into effect before a new President is elected, so it shouldn't be too difficult to **not** implement that which hasn't happened.

I do disagree that we're talking to ourselves. The numbers of those who feel disenfranchised by this administration and it's minions is growing. Look how various groups have grown since the first tea party in April. Sure it seems like we're all online complaining to each other, but there are good conservative people out there running for political office, many on a local level, but several that I'm aware of running for state and federal positions. Even though he didn't quite make it, Doug Hoffman did a pretty good job coming out of nowhere basically. We've loads of time to work with those who will take that leap to take our country back. We (all of us) have to get out there and work for, campaign for, support financially those willing to come forward.

It's not over yet. I personally refuse to sit back and take this. And I don't think we're going to forget by 2010. Just my humble opinion.

ladyhawke53 on November 8, 2009 at [7:59 PM](#)

Andy in Agoura Hills on November 8, 2009 at 7:48 PM

Agree.

We are at war for our freedom and nation.

justlfl on November 8, 2009 at [8:15 PM](#)

By the way, the contempt part is no sweat.

justlfl on November 8, 2009 at [8:19 PM](#)

Jelly Toast:

Actually, Newt is a good example of how hard it is to kill an entitlement or a department. He wanted to let the Health Care Finance Administration “die on the vine” by decentralizing through Medical Savings Accounts, etc. He was called a Granny-killer, and he wasn't even proposing Obama's Life and Death Panels (after all, asometimes they do decide you can live).

Theoretically, yes, you can repeal a law or close an agency—but it's tough. The Dept. of Education was a Carter gift to unions, but we couldn't close it. We couldn't even close the NEA for all their rank idiocy.

The one success was Welfare Reform. But that was repealed in Porkulus, giving states incentives to sign up as many people as possible again.

Better kill this monster in the Senate.

[Noel](#) on November 8, 2009 at [8:37 PM](#)

Commie Gorbachev is on CNN extoling the greatness of The One's plans to turn the U.S. into a socialist state via industry takeovers and nationalized health care. Why am I not surprised that the General Secretary of the Communist Party hearts Barry Soetoro. That's some endorsement.

Philly on November 8, 2009 at [8:54 PM](#)

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[Not quite the last.](#)

justlfl on November 8, 2009 at [9:23 PM](#)

Dr. Z, another wonderful post. I don't understand how people like you are able to remain clear and on track ideologically when people (certain bloggers -ahem Ed) begin to waiver. I don't see the insistence on what can be referred to as an overwhelming desire to appear reasonable in your work. There is no dithering and no self flagellation that so many authors develop as they become more widely read. I used to see this same kind of fire in the work of other bloggers but it gradually gets diluted. I hope that never happens to your work. Great job on another well articulated piece.

[Mormon Doc](#) on November 8, 2009 at [9:26 PM](#)

Time, to re-introduce,

the phrase,

I Hope the President Fails!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

canopfor on November 8, 2009 at 7:59 PM

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lovingmyUSA on November 8, 2009 at [9:26 PM](#)

Is there a reason why this isn't posting to my facebook page?

4shoes on November 8, 2009 at [9:37 PM](#)

“Take two aspirin and read Doc Zero in the morning.”

Best advice I've heard all day.

I recommend HA and the Doc to everyone I run across who expresses even a hint of understanding of today's issues.

Mr_Magoo

Same here.

[beachgirlusa](#) on November 8, 2009 at [10:33 PM](#)

“maybe this time” will never happen.

I have lost my trust in the people who have been elected “by the people” to run this country of and by the Constitution. ALL of them.

I will fight them with my voice and vote, but I feel as if I am in the minority.

I hope the country has awoken from their fantasy slumber.

It is all I have to hold on to.

Miss Molly on November 9, 2009 at [12:22 AM](#)

<http://www.veteranoutrage.com>

thank you for the concise figures

Right now i am arguing with an idiot who claims that all of the costs will be paid for in savings from the insurance companies..

I tried to point out that since obamamination care run by the pelosi nazi party demands that 96% of all americans will be FORCED into the BORG health plan..

Since that effectivly puts 96% of all health care insurance providers out of business..

where will the supposed savings come from?

I still can't get through to this idiot.

<http://veteranoutrage.com/?p=1362#comments>

This is the actual thread..

sheesh are all liberals just drugged out pot smoking gays?

veteranoutrage on November 9, 2009 at [1:51 AM](#)

Your writing is intellectual erotica. Wow.

leftnomore on November 9, 2009 at [1:59 AM](#)

Jelly ~ future Congresses can repeal anything they wish so long as House and Senate do so in the same language and the President signs it (or his veto is overridden). The likelihood of them doing so is rather remote lacking a public far more outraged than we have thus seen.

We currently have hundreds of bureaus and commissions which no longer have anything whatever to do, their entire purposes for existence having either become obsolete or been transferred to another agency. Yet, they are funded, provided office space and full staffs and salaries right along, because any attempt to eliminate them generates phone calls clamoring for their continuance (guess who makes those) while there are no calls against them (since most people have no idea they exist in the first place).

If we cannot cut the expenses which accomplish absolutely nothing at all, what makes you think we could repeal a new "entitlement" once enacted? Those who benefit from it – however few – will be quite vocal, and the squealing pigs get greased, or something like that. The same "Granny killer" nonsense mentioned above from the '90s. Silly, but it works. Stupid ideas get ever more popular with a government-controlled "education" system churning out stupidity at full capacity.

We need to beat this thing in the Senate, now, before it joins the Holy Herd of Liberal Sacred Cows in the federal budget.

[Adjoran](#) on November 9, 2009 at [4:05 AM](#)

Dr. Zero: another great post.

Mormon Doc on November 8, 2009 at 9:26 PM

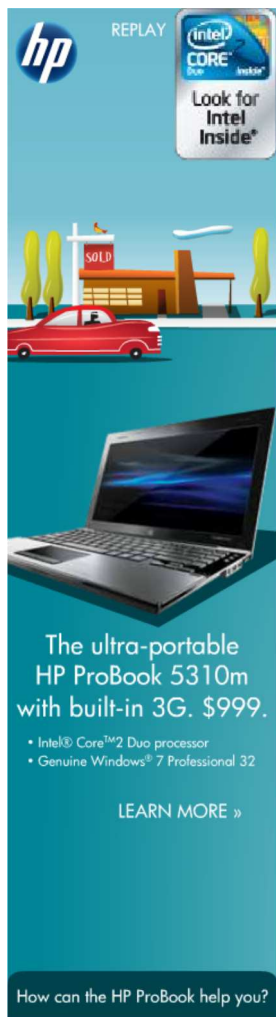
Well said. I think as a writer (and like other artists and professionals) becomes more popular (and older) a couple things have a tendency to happen: (1) his or her body of work expands (and the chances for publication of an errant or weak piece increases) and (2) he or she often succumb to the temptation to appear in unfamiliar venues and with less depth of knowledge concerning underlying facts, so the writer defers more to experts who set conventional wisdom with an unstated agenda unlike the writer's own agenda.

clorensen on November 9, 2009 at [8:59 AM](#)

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