

Obamacare kills liberalism

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I'm beginning to like Obamacare. Oh, I still hope Obamacare fails. I hope that it fails so catastrophically that the news media cannot cover it up. I want it to fail because it is bad law. And I want it to fail for the same reason that Democrats fear its failure. Obamacare's failure could drive a stake through the heart of big government liberalism.

Obamacare will not be the first big government initiative to fail, but it's likely to be the one that Democrats cannot escape from.

The website failure only exposes the incompetence of the people who have granted themselves the power to administer this fraud. Obamacare's ultimate failure will come because of the inherently impossible assumptions it makes. But the website hides Obamacare's real weakness. For it to work, young healthy people have to take decisions that are in Obama's best interests, but contrary to their own. Polls show that only about a quarter of those whom Obama needs to sign up are planning to.

Let's look at another colossal failure of liberalism - public housing. Starting with Harry Truman, Democrats decided to herd low-income African-Americans into slums. How has that worked out?

If you're a Democrat, this human catastrophe worked out pretty well for your party. Even though public housing condemned generations of blacks to poverty, crime and other social dysfunction, the denizens of these hell holes vote almost unanimously for Democrats in every election. Life on public assistance may be miserable, but at least it's predictable and there is comfort in predictability. And there is also fear that evil Republicans will take away what little the Democrats have permitted you.

And even though federally subsidized public housing stands as one of the greatest tragedies in U.S. history, the disaster unfolded so gradually that its architects have escaped responsibility and have even managed to sustain their facade of compassion.

Obama and the Democrats have assembled an almost uninterrupted record of failure since Obama took office in 2009. According to Obama's own forecasts, by this date his economic stimulus package was supposed to have brought the unemployment rate below 5 percent. It stands at 7 percent. And, it's only that low because so many American have given up looking for work. If the labor force were the same as it was when Obama took office, the unemployment rate would be 11 percent. In fact, there are more able-bodied adults not working today than at any time in U.S. history. Just last month, another two-thirds of a million Americans dropped out of the workforce.

"Cash for Clunkers" was supposedly a job creation plan. But according to the left-leaning Brookings Institution, each job ended up costing \$1.4 million. The General Motors bailout was

supposed to be a break-even deal at the very least. The final cost to taxpayers reached more than \$10 billion. Efforts at creating a "green" economy have failed. Obama promised to put a million electric cars on the road. The actual number is about 40,000. And even that has required a \$10,000 per-car subsidy. The failure of solar energy subsidies are too numerous to list here.

But Democrats have managed to escape all responsibility for these failures. But that will not be the case with Obamacare. The Obamacare fiasco has come crashing down with such violence that nobody can apply patches fast enough to conceal the underlying flaws.

Obamacare has been so bad that it might qualify for Janet Napolitano's redefinition of terrorism as a "man-caused disaster."

We have documentary evidence in the Federal Register and on videotape proving that, contrary to Obama apologists' euphemisms of choice, Obama and the Democratic Party consciously, knowingly and intentionally lied when they claimed that: "If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor. Period. If you like your health care plan, you'll be able to keep your health care plan. Period. No one will take it away, no matter what." That is a direct quote from Barack Obama, June 15, 2010.

It was all a lie. And he knew it was a lie. He lied because he needed to win an election. You can't keep your health plan or your doctor. Even employer-provided health insurance is likely to be canceled. As many as 93 million policies will be canceled once the employer mandate kicks in.

Is it any wonder that Obama has illegally postponed the employer mandate until after the 2014 elections?

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