



Letters to the Editor

Trump and ObamaCare

The Trump administration promised it would dismantle the ACA (ObamaCare) and encourage Congress to repeal it.

I agree with this wholeheartedly. It should never have been passed in the first place and it has been a disaster ever since, affecting many lives negatively, including mine. However, it appears the Republicans feel obligated to “replace it” with some other government program — not sure what they have in mind.

But I would strongly recommend that they don’t replace it all. Just let this be returned to the free market, where natural forces of competition take care of affordability and coverage. No one has a right to medical care anyway. This is something that must be earned by individual effort and careful shopping. The government surely is not obligated to provide it, as that is not its proper role.

As for having “all” healthcare covered by insurance, that opens up a Pandora’s Box. Medical insurance should only be for catastrophic occurrences, such as an accident, cancer, heart attack, stroke, or serious illness. But never for routine and insignificant ailments. Covering these is what has largely driven up the cost of healthcare. We have car insurance for accidents, loss, or damage, but not for oil changes, tuneups, and alignments.

People should pay for routine procedures (runny nose, scrapes, upset stomach, sinus infection, etc.) out-of-pocket. That encourages frugality and price competition and saves everyone money.

Please tell your congressmen you don’t want any “replacement” for ObamaCare.

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Keeping Our Country

Thomas Jefferson once said, “If a nation expects to be ignorant & free, in a state of civilisation, it expects what never was & never will be.”

Public schools require statewide standardized exams in certain academic topics, in order that students might be qualified to graduate from high school. How about requiring mandatory instruction and passing of a statewide exam on the U.S. Constitution in public schools? The bottom-line proposal here is to inculcate students with responsible civic citizenship, by teaching them how our government should function. Is it right that our election results be decided by what Rush Limbaugh calls “low information voters” who have no clue about how government operates?

Democrat Party elites suggest 99 percent of the American people are too dumb to govern themselves: We, the anointed and esoteric high priests of the royal realm are alone educated and smart enough to govern you hoi polloi; just leave the driving to us! The U.S. Constitution today is largely in exile, rarely honored by either major political party. Evidence suggests that an ignorant electorate elect members of Congress who in turn are also constitutionally illiterate.

As an advocate of individual personal freedom, I usually chafe at the idea of compulsory anything not



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obviously serving a public safety and security purpose. But compulsory constitutional instruction in public schools might, with final statewide testing as a requisite for school graduation, serve the good of “taking back our country” and “resetting it in the right direction.” As per Thomas Jefferson’s wisdom on the subject, ignorance of the U.S. Constitution guarantees another statement he also made: “History, in general, only informs us what bad government is.”

America is now at a major crossroad in its history: Democracy or constitutional republic? Rule of the mob, or rule of law above the mob? America’s Founding Fathers greatly feared the former and chose the latter. They knew absolute majoritarian democracy would easily crush individual rights. The U.S. Constitution’s Bill of Rights says as much. The Bible scripture of Matthew 18:12-14 quotes Jesus Christ to tell the story of the good shepherd who leaves his flock of 99 sheep to search for just one sheep that is lost. In God’s sight, every life is supremely valuable, and our government reflects that idea.

Democracy is four wolves and a sheep, deciding what will be eaten for dinner!

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