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TODAY'S #OBAMACAREFAIL NEWS ROUNDUP

Keeping up with the serial failures of Obamacare is getting to be a full time job. Well, at least *someone's* getting a full time job out of this catastrophe. CBS News reports reports what everyone with a lick of common sense already knows (but that would rule out the White House and most of Congress): Obamacare is having a chilling effect on hiring:

[Employment Prospects Dim Over Obamacare](#)

HealthCare.gov may be functioning better, but consumer and corporate acceptance of Obamacare may continue to bedevil the law, according to two recent surveys.

The [Duke University/CFO Magazine Global Business Outlook survey](#), a quarterly poll of corporate finance chiefs, found that a significant percentage of companies will hold back on hiring full-time workers because of the impact of the Affordable Care Act.

Nearly half of U.S. companies said they are reluctant to hire full-time employees because of the law. One in five respondents said they are likely to hire fewer employees, another one in 10 may lay off current employees and 44 percent of companies said they will consider reducing health benefits to current employees in response to the health care law.

"I doubt the advocates of this legislation would have foretold the negative impact on employment," said Campbell R. Harvey, a professor of finance at Duke's Fuqua School of Business. "The impact on the real economy is massive. Nearly one-third of firms may either terminate employees or hire fewer people in the future as a direct result of ACA."

Scott has already drawn our attention to the [continuing administrative improvisations](#) of the last few days, but even the *New York Times* is starting to notice that something isn't working according to plan:

[With Affordable Care Act, Canceled Policies for New York Professionals](#)

Many in New York's professional and cultural elite have long supported President Obama's health care plan. But now, to their surprise, thousands of writers, opera singers, music teachers, photographers, doctors, lawyers and others are learning that their health insurance plans are being canceled and they may have to pay more to get comparable coverage, if they can find it.

They are part of an unusual, informal health insurance system that has developed in New York, in which independent practitioners were able to get lower insurance rates through group plans, typically set up by their professional associations or chambers of commerce. That allowed them to avoid the sky-high rates in New York's individual insurance market, historically among [the most expensive in the country](#).

But under the Affordable Care Act, they will be treated as individuals, responsible for their own insurance policies. For many of them, that is likely to mean they will no longer have access to a wide network of doctors and a range of plans tailored to their needs. And many of them are finding that if they want to keep their premiums from rising, they will have to accept higher deductible and co-pay costs or inferior coverage.

In pondering the case of the overwhelmingly pro-Obama New York “artistic and professional community,” I’m reminded of H.L. Mencken’s remark that “Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want—and deserve to get it good and hard.”

Oh, and let’s not overlook Obama-loving California either:

[Doctors Boycotting California's Obamacare Exchange](#)

An estimated seven out of every 10 physicians in deep-blue California are rebelling against the state's Obamacare [health insurance exchange](#) and won't participate, the head of the state's largest medical association said.

It's epic fail all the way down.

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Michael Kennedy · Top Commenter

This w ill only get w orse and the Obama administration w ill become more and more law less and arbitrary. The insurance companies sold us all out and deserve w hat they get.

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Mike Crognale · Top Commenter · Thiel College

But that is the entire point. Once the healthcare system collapses as the ACA is designed to make happen. doctors w ill be conscripted to perform as employees of the government system. I predict that if the dems w in back the house in '14, the law s w ill be amended to forbid private practice by all doctors. It w ill be a felony to offer their services outside of the government system.

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Mark Jaeger · Top Commenter · Purdue University

With your observations in mind, w e might remember that any potential "draft" w ill also be accompanied by draft evasion. Vietnam, anyone? I reckon it'll be a mite difficult to implement ZombieCare....if there are no doctors to press-gang into it.

And if the Obama Administration tries to import immigrant doctors to take the place of recalcitrant American saw -bones, w ell, I can't think of a better way to create a virulent--even violent--nativist movement. Can you?

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Richard Mason · Top Commenter · Hotel Manager at Norblad Hotel and Hostel

Mark Jaeger you are so on to something here. The exit from the country of thousands of medical professionals is quite likely and w ill either destroy Obamacare or cause the mask to slip and have expatriation controls for the first time in our history...

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John J Trainor · Top Commenter · John Adams

Mark Jaeger What else is nationalization if not a draft. Be assured there are contingency plans, probably to be implemented in stages for the doctors. The evil minds behind this regurgitation w ouldn't let a prime target go unharmed.

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Janna Blanter · Top Commenter · Colorado Springs, Colorado

This is total chaos. My hope is out of this chaos w e w ill move away from any third party payer system and return to consumer pays for service model. It is the only w ay the cost curve can be bent (check out how plastic surgery costs have been reduced from sky high to manageable). Or Government takes over the entire system and w e have a revolution.

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David Hill · Top Commenter · Works at Veridian Dynamics

This is w hat happens w hen you fundamentally transform a free market run society into a centralized planned utopia. Every American w ho w as raised on, and reaps the benefits of our free choice capitalist system is now facing the consequences of Democrat Party policies.

"Hope and Change"

"Yes w e can"

"We are the ones w e've been w aiting for"

So, all you people w ho voted for asinine slogans, how 's that w orking out for you?

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Denny Lee · Top Commenter · San Diego, California

HHS w ill fix the doctor problem by mandating being in the exchange as part of maintaining their license. Problem solved!

 **Jeff Johnson** · Top Commenter · Senior Fellow at Cockapsonsett Institute
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Jeff Johnson · Top Commenter · Senior Fellow at Cockapsonsett Institute

Denny, you're right. Every problem that arises as Obamacare is implemented can be solved by tightening the noose of socialized medicine around the necks of those causing the problem. An insurer who will not accept a client just because they have not paid their premium will be frozen out of the system. A doctor who will not accept the ridiculously low reimbursement rates offered under Obamacare will lose his license. Illegals who cannot or will not buy insurance will be treated and others will pay. Citizens who refuse to enter the system will be fined.

The insurers who were sucked in by the promise of expanded client base are going to find that they are going to lose their shirts, unless they effectively become utility companies with boards that regulate their fees, reimbursements and profits. The suppliers of care, doctors, hospitals, etc., will accept the schedule of fees for specific services and derive their profits based on their ability to manage costs.

This system cannot be reformed. So long as the PPACA is the law, its bureaucrats will find "fixes" for any problem great or small. The result will be ever declining quality and access to health care. The only solution is that this law must be repealed.

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John Healey · Top Commenter

Physician licenses are granted at the state level, not by the federal government. The Feds won't be able to control doctors as you suggest. This is a huge problem for Obamacare and one of many reasons why it will ultimately fail.

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Jeff Johnson · Top Commenter · Senior Fellow at Cockapsonsett Institute

John Healey endeavor that accepts federal funding is subject to meeting federal guidelines and standards. Schools, sewage treatment and highway construction are examples. Medicaid, a state administered program, receives over \$200B per year from the feds. I don't think that it difficult to imagine Sec Sibelius passing down a regulation that says only doctors willing to participate in government funded programs may be licensed in states accepting federal funds for Medicaid.

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Jeff Johnson · Top Commenter · Senior Fellow at Cockapsonsett Institute

My son moved from VA to CT, at some significant expense to take a new job. Three months later the company went bust. Three months after losing his job and not qualifying for unemployment because he was there for less than six months, he moved in with me. He has since picked up a job with one of his former company's competitors. However, all of their new hires are "contract employees" paid per diem so as to avoid any requirement to provide expensive benefits and/or fines. Because he lives with me, his cost of insurance through the exchange is calculated based on "household" income. The consequence of that is that his policy from the exchange will be about three times what he is paying this year and he will receive no subsidy. His projected healthcare expense (premiums + out-of-pockets) are equal to about 50% of his projected gross income for 2014.

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Jay Comeau · Top Commenter · San Diego State University

Jeff Johnson, but that "Household Income" is the real prize for the Left. A back door tax on the middle class. And as usual, without shame. Your household "owes" the rest of society. They just won't say so.

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Arlie Ray Blackshear Jr. · Top Commenter

I've commented many times that Obamacare is tyranny and despotism writ large. I've also advocated we call Obamacare the 21st century DRAFT of the young and healthy and encourage them not to ENROLL in Obama's DRAFT. Physicians and nurses are also targeted for indentured servitude by Obamacare. If they refuse to comply, a law will be crafted to force them to render service or lose their licenses to practice medicine. DOCTORS and NURSES should RESIST THIS DRAFT too. South Carolina is RESISTING compliance with Obamacare thru its legislature and many states have REFUSED to set up exchanges for Obamacare. All these and more need to be tried in RESISTANCE to Obamacare. This dissent is patriotic and Constitutional. All manner of state and federal legislator should stand with the people AGAINST Obamacare.

Obamacare is serfdom, theft, tyranny and despotism and should be resisted by all.

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Dan Culton · Top Commenter

They are surprised that idiotCare means few choices for doctors, hospitals, treatment, drugs and its also more expensive?

Not to worry, women get free access to birth control and abortions. As far as leftist politicians and our idiot president are concerned that makes it all good.

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Mary Louise Pivec · Top Commenter · Minneapolis, Minnesota

Obama got elected and re elected by people who care only about themselves. The fact that the rest



of the country suffers is of no consequence to these folks. It'll take a lot of pain to shake them out of their comfort zones. It could take a while.

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Dan Shapiro · Top Commenter · San Diego State University

ObamaCare, the gift that keeps on giving. As for the effete intellectuals of New York City, STFU! and pay up! You wanted ObamaCare. YOU GOT OBAMACARE!

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Charles Hurst-Author · Top Commenter · Author at Self-Employed

I am a former healthcare provider as well as a writer. Obamacare will not only be a patient disaster provider nightmare but may tip America over the precipice. And I will never go back to work as a government employee

As I have said before on other articles-- this resembles another induction of Marxism--just not as violent. Or not as of yet.

Healthcare is nothing but a tool. I've read comments back telling me of my ignorance in that healthcare didn't cause the revolution in 1917 Russia.

It's not the healthcare, it's the mindset. Healthcare is nothing but a tool for the Marxist that disguises himself as a "Progressive." Because no matter how you defend it when one man pays for another it is Marxism. Started with the progressive tax code in 1913. Taxes are a tool like healthcare for Karl's minions. I've addressed this i... [See More](#)

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Arnold Townsend · Top Commenter · Fairmont High School

I think 2014 could be a monumental, red-letter year. Depending on how things go in 2014, and fortunes can certainly change, Obama may become persona non grata in the Democratic Party like Carter in the 80s only much worse. Democrats may be immoral, unethical, and pathological liars but even they understand massacres at election time. ObamaCare is only front page news right now and all of it disastrous for the Democrats -- but there are other "little" scandals still brewing that haven't run their course yet. From what I've come to learn about Issa, Sebelius may well become the first Obama official wearing an orange jumpsuit. He is slow and methodical but he is relentless. I'm sure Queen Bee will enjoy her martyrdom for the cause. I know I will.

There is a perfect political storm brewing and it is ironic that the Democrats' overreach, starting in 2008 when they controlled Congress and the WH, has set this all up.

A warning to Democrats: 2016 cometh and if a Republican wins the WH and the GOP continues to hold Congress, early retirement is not going to save some of you. Committees are going to be requesting documents by the train carload and will get them all this time. Those being misled to believe they are somehow under the protection of executive cover or lawlessness need to realize that is very temporary. But never fear, I hear Butner is ritzy as far as prisons go.

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Peter Schorn · Top Commenter · Works at Bon Vivant at Universe and Elsewhere

Please see my comment up top. The Stupid Party is absolutely committed to losing the elections in order to purge conservatives from their ranks. Better to be in the minority where they like it, happily collaborating with their masters, the Dems, than allowing those noisy tea people to push them around, demanding that they spend less and quit being so corrupt and stuff.

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Arnold Townsend · Top Commenter · Fairmont High School

Peter Schorn Normally, I might agree with you but pragmatism has to come into play at some point. Compromise was what kept this nation trudging on. Boehner is entitled to his feelings about things but he can't ignore conservatives -- the House GOP caucus is mostly conservative. The very first time he tries an end-run around Republicans by appealing to Democrats -- then he is history and gets prominent display in the RINO Hall of Infamy. At this point in time, all the Democrats really have going for them is a civil war in the GOP. So much so, they will do anything to encourage one. Don't allow their agitation to take our eyes off the prize -- full majority in Congress in 2014. It can be done and will be done. Then we can have our bloody fist fights with cry baby Boehner.

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Peter Schorn · Top Commenter · Works at Bon Vivant at Universe and Elsewhere

It's a good thing to see that with ObamaCare crashing and burning even more spectacularly than its detractors predicted, Cryin' John Bonehead has decided that now is the time to wage full-scale jihad against the conservatives whose support delivered the Stupid Party the House and put the gavel in his hand.

Added to Paul Ryan's going native to collaborate with Patty Murray (who even Slow Joe Biden calls "not too bright") on giving away the sequester and raising taxes and Nancy Pelosi announcing that Cryin' John told her that as soon as primary filing deadlines pass he's going to help ram amnesty through in order to give her 30 million new voters, it's hard to see the upside in all this O'care bad news since it's not going to lead to anything changing.

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Ernest Bailey · Top Commenter · ARWS Political Action Group at Retired

This ObamaCare is going to make a kludge out of our healthcare system in the United States. Even at this point into this failure, it would take months if not years to recover from the harm inflicted on our healthcare system and the US economy.

In the recent past, I was not a true believer, like some, that believed Obama wanted to wreck our economy to get to single payer. Now, I believe this man and his Democrat allies are capable of things far worse than I ever imagined in the past.

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Bert Dougherty · Top Commenter · The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

I could have easily predicted the ACA effect on employment -off the top of my head- four years ago. These 'journalists' act surprised. Another inevitable result of ACA is that MD's will eventually be formally unionized, something I imagine that the Obama/dems would welcome.

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John F. Sutherland · Top Commenter

Of course the serfs (w hoops, I meant doctors) will unionize, as will the nurses and other hospital workers, if only to protect themselves from the monopsony (single buyer/payer) government. Then you will have strikes and work-to-rule - the whole catastrophe.

And, just like now - only more so - people, will go to the emergency ward to get care rather than waiting 6 weeks for an appointment.

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John J Trainor · Top Commenter · John Adams

Where is the little man, the toad that hops around the White House, staining the rugs and furniture? Did Michelle break his jaw? Or are new plots of unsurpassable ugliness being hatched in the miniature, primitive minds of these semi-humans?

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Phil Clary · Top Commenter · Illinois State University

What we have here is a failure to "strongly encourage" them enough. I also suppose it's not going to dawn on this government that consumers who don't accept it are the voters who made it possible until they found out what was in it.

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dk9911gtc (signed in using yahoo)

The Creative Class.....

But....but....Princess Nan said they wouldn't have to keep their real jobs.

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Denny Lee · Top Commenter · San Diego, California

So what is keeping insurance companies in the exchange? It is unlikely they will make much out of this deal. Do they have to stay in it by law?

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pserafin1 (signed in using yahoo)

How many insurers won't comply with new regs just to extricate themselves from this mess?

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Mike Rostad · Top Commenter · St. Herman's Orthodox Theological Seminary

Obamacare must be repealed!

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