



# Dems On The Run

***While Democrats Remain Anxious And Divided Over ObamaCare, Americans Continue To Pay The Price***

**Obama's Chief Of Staff, Denis McDonough "Has Spent The Past Three Months Soothing Democratic Anxieties" Over ObamaCare.** "Armed with a PowerPoint presentation and a direct line to President Barack Obama, McDonough has spent the past three months soothing Democratic anxieties over the most divisive health care expansion in decades." (Carrie Budoff Brown and John Bresnahan, "Denis McDonough To Democrats: We've Got This," [Politico](#), 7/23/13)

**DESPITE OBAMA'S BEST EFFORTS, THE OUTREACH CONTINUES TO FALL FLAT AS DEMS START TO FEAR THE 2014 MIDTERMS**

***After Democrats Joined Republicans Last Week, The Chair Of The DNC Scolded Her Caucus***

**The Bipartisan Coalition Who Voted To Delay ObamaCare's Mandates For Both Businesses And Individuals Included Moderate Democrats And 2014 "Frontliners."** "The bills won 35 and 22 Democratic votes, respectively, culling primarily from the caucus's moderates, fiscally conservative Blue Dogs, pro-business New Democrats and a handful of 2014 'frontliners.'" (Emma Dumain, "Health Mandate Votes Divide Democrats," [Roll Call's GOPPERS](#), 7/17/13)

**Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), "Berated Members Who Backed" Republican Legislation To Delay ObamaCare's Mandates.** "From the House floor, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) berated members who backed the GOP bill, according to multiple members who witnessed the spat. She was upset that these Democrats fueled perceptions of a party divided over health care." (Carrie Budoff Brown and John Bresnahan, "Denis McDonough To Democrats: We've Got This," [Politico](#), 7/23/13)

- **Schultz's Tirade Made Some Democrat Members "Upset."** "Wasserman Schultz channeled her anger mostly at freshmen, witnesses said, but many of them didn't back down and instead became upset that Wasserman Schultz, the chairwoman of the National Democratic Committee, had made a public show of criticizing them." (Carrie Budoff Brown and John Bresnahan, "Denis McDonough To Democrats: We've Got This," [Politico](#), 7/23/13)

***A High-Profile Democrat Has Said The White House Has Been AWOL On The Hill***

**Ranking Member Jim McDermott (D-WA) Of The House Ways And Means Subcommittee On Health "Dismissed Reports" That The White House "Had Been Working With House Democrats" On**

**ObamaCare Implementation.** “Rep. Jim McDermott (D-Wash.) dismissed reports that White House chief of staff Denis McDonough had been working with House Democrats on the implementation of ObamaCare, saying Wednesday he's never even met the top Obama official.” (Justin Sink, Dem Lawmaker Wouldn't Know Obama Chief Of Staff 'If He Were Sitting Here,'" [The Hill](#), 7/24/13)

**Representative Jim McDermott (D-WA) Hasn't Seen White House Chief Of Staff On Capitol Hill.**

MCDERMOTT: “I don't know who he is. If he were sitting here in this room, I would not know him.” BRAWNER: “Denis McDonough?” MCDERMOTT: “Yeah. Maybe he has been someplace, but I am on the Ways and Means Committee, I'm the Ranking Member on the Health Subcommittee implementing the bill and I have not seen him.” (CSPAN's "[Washington Journal](#)," 7/24/13)

- **Representative Jim McDermott (D-WA): “The White House Has Been Terribly Inefficient.”** BRAWNER: “Is that a problem?” MCDERMOTT: “Well, what it says is that they make good talk about what they were going to do. The White House has been terribly inefficient in dealing with the promotion of their bill. The 2010 election was a referendum on it, and they sat quietly, and we lost the House after we had gone to bat for this bill. We then lost the House. You have to ask yourself, when is the White House going to actually get up and go? We have been prodding and talking and trying everything we can, but we are going to have big enough problems between here and the beginning.” (CSPAN's "[Washington Journal](#)," 7/24/13)

**AS DEMOCRATS SQUABBLE AMONGST THEMSELVES, AMERICANS ARE FACING THE REAL CONSEQUENCES OF OBAMACARE**

***Students That Worked Part-Time To Pay For School And Living Expenses Are Having Their Hours Cut***

**Central Michigan University Students Are Set To Take A Pay Cut As The University Has Had To Cut Hours For Students That Work Part-Time.** “College students at one Mid-Michigan school who work more than 25 hours a week will take a big pay cut beginning next year. Central Michigan University says to meet requirements under the federal healthcare reform law, students cannot exceed that workload.” (Kristin Abraham, “ObamaCare Forces Work Hour Limits For CMU Students,” [WIRT](#), 7/23/13)

- **For One Central Michigan Student, The Cuts “Will Sting.”** “Lauren Kramer will be a senior this fall at CMU. She's worked on campus since she was a freshman. ‘My paychecks go towards groceries and rent, and going out on the weekends.’ That spending plan might change because Lauren won't be working as many as hours as she would like at the CMU bookstore. During the bookstore's peak hours, she's exceeded the amount currently allowed by the university. ‘Sometimes you can hit 40 hours, or a little over, I've hit in the past. This time, we will have to be more careful, and 25 hours, it will sting a little bit, but we'll just have to deal with it. People will be upset, but you have to go with it,’ Kramer said.” (Kristin Abraham, “ObamaCare Forces Work Hour Limits For CMU Students,” [WIRT](#), 7/23/13)
- **For Another Student, ObamaCare Mandates Are Making It Harder To Pay For School.** “Starting this fall, Scott Stewart will work two university jobs. His total hours must not exceed the new limit. ‘Students use that money to pay for finances and school and I think it's going to become increasingly harder for them to pay for school when we can only work 25 hours.’” (Kristin Abraham, “ObamaCare Forces Work Hour Limits For CMU Students,” [WIRT](#), 7/23/13)

**Students That Work Part-Time At North Alabama University Will See Their Hours Reduced.** “The coming start of the Affordable Care Act could mean less work and less pay for some Alabama students.

The act will go into full effect in less than six months. University of North Alabama leaders said that according to the Affordable Care Act, students who work an average of 30 hours or more per week will be eligible for employee-provided healthcare benefits. It's a pretty hefty cost for campuses already faced with financial cutbacks." (Marie Axel, "UNA Asks Student Employees To Work Fewer Hours," [WAFB](#) 7/24/13)

**Wisconsin School Districts Have Also Been Forced To Keep Part-Time Workers Below ObamaCare's 30 Hour Threshold.** "Even school districts like Minocqua-Hazelhurst-Lake Tomahawk have taken steps to make sure their part-time workers stay under the 30 hour threshold." ("ObamaCare Forces Trig's To Limit Workers' Hours," [WISN](#) 7/24/13)

### ***Local Governments Are At A Crossroads As ObamaCare Is Forcing Them To Reduce Employee Hours Or Face Millions In Extra Costs***

**"Some Part-Time Brevard County Workers Are Getting Their Hours Cut So The County Would Not Be Forced By Federal Law To Pay For Their Health Insurance."** (Dave Berman, "Brevard Cuts Some Workers' Part-Time Hours To Avoid ObamaCare," [Florida Today](#) 7/23/13)

**ObamaCare's Mandates Would Cost Brevard County \$10,000 A Year Per Employee.** "Brevard County Insurance Director Jerry Visco said every employee added to the county's health insurance program could cost the county about \$10,000 a year, and 'that money is not there' in the county budget." (Dave Berman, "Brevard Cuts Some Workers' Part-Time Hours To Avoid ObamaCare," [Florida Today](#) 7/23/13)

- **Annual Estimated Total Cost To Brevard County -- \$1.38 Million A Year.** "Using, Visco's estimate, providing health insurance to 138 part-time workers would cost the county \$1.38 million a year." (Dave Berman, "Brevard Cuts Some Workers' Part-Time Hours To Avoid ObamaCare," [Florida Today](#) 7/23/13)

**In Franklin County, Missouri, ObamaCare Is Expected To Impact Part-Time Workers.** "The Affordable Care Act, or 'Obamacare,' is expected to bring changes to the county's work force. The county commission Monday met to discuss changes that are coming as the new law gets implemented. One of the bigger impacts will be to part-time, temporary workers that the county uses." (Josh Mitchell, "'ObamaCare' To Impact Franklin County Workers," [Missourian](#) 7/25/13)

- **"This Means The County May Scale Back The Temporary Workers' Hours To 27 Per Week To Avoid Paying Them Health Insurance."** (Josh Mitchell, "'ObamaCare' To Impact Franklin County Workers," [Missourian](#) 7/25/13)

### ***Businesses Are Having To Reduce Employee Hours Or Go Out Of Business***

**ObamaCare Is Forcing A Northwood's Wisconsin Grocery Chain To Cut Part-Time Workers' Hours Just To Remain In Business.** "ObamaCare will dig into the pocketbooks of part-time workers at one of the Northwoods' biggest employers. If Trig's Supermarkets hadn't cut part-time work hours, it would have been out of business within a year." ("ObamaCare Forces Trig's To Limit Workers' Hours," [WISN](#) 7/24/13)

- **ObamaCare Is "Disastrous" To Trig's Grocery's Bottom Line, As Complying With ObamaCare Would Put The Chain "Out Of Business."** "The report said keeping the work schedules as they were and providing that health coverage would have been disastrous to the company's bottom line. 'Doing nothing was not an option. It would have put us out of business. Within a year, it would have put us out of business. There's no doubt about that. So obviously we've had to make some changes,' says Angie Dreifuerst, Trig's Vice President of HR, Benefits, and MIS." ("ObamaCare Forces Trig's To Limit Workers' Hours," [WISN](#) 7/24/13)