



Hiding From ObamaCare

After Spurning Obama Over ObamaCare, Democrats Are Nowhere To Be Found

AS 2014 LOOMS, OBAMA'S COATTAILS ARE NO LONGER AN ASSET FOR DEMOCRATS

National Journal Headline: "Obama's Legacy: A Health Care Law That Hurts His Party." (Josh Kraushaar, "Obama's Legacy: A Health Care Law That Hurts His Party," [National Journal](#), 5/2/13)

"There's Plenty Of Evidence Piling Up To Believe Health Care Will Be A Political Millstone For Democrats In 2014." "In the face of intraparty criticism that implementation of his health care law will be a 'train wreck,' new polls showing support for the law near all-time lows, and even the Democratic nominee in next week's House special election calling the law 'extremely problematic'— there's plenty of evidence piling up to believe health care will be a political millstone for Democrats in 2014." (Josh Kraushaar, "Obama's Legacy: A Health Care Law That Hurts His Party," [National Journal](#), 5/2/13)

ObamaCare Will "Spell Another Round Of Political Trouble For Many Democrats." "O-B-A-M-A-C-A-R-E, the president's signature first-term legislative achievement, may spell another round of political trouble for many Democrats, who have some new explaining to do, thanks to the White House." (Alexis Simendinger, "ACA Delay May Hurt, Not Help, Dems In 2014," [Real Clear Politics](#), 7/7/13)

Efforts To Delay ObamaCare's Mandates Were Successful In The House As A Bipartisan Group Of Lawmakers Came Together To Reject Obama's Legacy Bill

"The House Voted Wednesday To Delay The ObamaCare Employer Mandate, Defying A White House Veto Threat And Winning Over Dozens Of Democrats." (Pete Kasperowicz, "House Defies Veto Threat, Votes To Delay ObamaCare Mandates," [The Hill](#), 7/17/13)

- **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)

Earlier This Year, A Slew Of Democrats, Including Those That Backed ObamaCare, Joined Republicans In Repeal Of The Medical Device Tax. "A slew of Democrats from states with prominent medical device industries helped push a bipartisan budget amendment through to repeal the health law's 2.3 percent tax on medical device sales." (Jason Milliman, Paige Winfield Cunningham and Brett Norman, [Politico's Pulse](#), 3/22/13)

- **As The Amendment Was Agreed To In The Nonbinding Budget, Enough Senators Opposed The Medical Device Tax “To Surpass The 60 Votes Needed” For Repeal.** “Assuming none of the provision’s backers rescind their support, there is now plenty of support to surpass the 60 votes needed to repeal the device tax – if it comes to a vote, on another bill in the future. Thirty-three Democrats and one independent who caucuses with them supported the measure.” (Jennifer Haberkorn, “Democrats Join Push To Dump ObamaCare Tax,” [Politico](#), 3/22/13)

Since The Vote, Democrats Are Silent Over Their Opposition To Obama

“Vulnerable House Democrats Laid Low Thursday After Voting To Delay Two Key ObamaCare Mandates Over A White House Veto Threat.” (Elise Viebeck, “Dem Anxiety Over ObamaCare Shows In House Mandate Vote,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 7/19/13)

- **“The Next Day, Many Of The Defectors Failed To Respond To Requests For Comment On The Votes. Some Avoided Reporters, While Several Others Declined To Speak Through Spokesmen.”** (Elise Viebeck, “Dem Anxiety Over ObamaCare Shows In House Mandate Vote,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 7/19/13)

Nervousness Over ObamaCare Has Democrats Fretting About Their Party’s Prospects In The 2014 Midterms

“But The Relatively Large Number Of Democrats Who Spurned The President Underscored The Anxiety The Party Feels About Thriving In The Midterm Elections If ObamaCare Remains As Unpopular As It Is Now.” (David Hawkings, “Obama Touts Health Law As Some Nervous Democrats Defect,” [Roll Call](#), 7/18/13)

- **The Votes To Delay ObamaCare’s Mandates Highlighted The Anxieties That Democrats Continue To Have Over The Law.** “But ObamaCare’s employer and individual mandates proved a different story, highlighting anxiety over the divisive law as lawmakers from swing districts await 2014.” (Elise Viebeck, “Dem Anxiety Over ObamaCare Shows In House Mandate Vote,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 7/19/13)

“Political Self-Preservation Has To Be The Only Reason” That Democrats “Voted To Postpone The Individual Requirement.” “Presumably, following the president’s lead is why 35 Democrats felt free to cross their party leaders and endorse the delay in the employer mandate. But political self-preservation has to be the only reason 22 of those lawmakers also voted to postpone the individual requirement.” (David Hawkings, “Obama Touts Health Law As Some Nervous Democrats Defect,” [Roll Call](#), 7/18/13)

DEMOCRATS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERNS OVER OBAMACARE ALL ALONG

Democrats Have Been Worried About ObamaCare’s Impact On The 2014 Election. “Democrats are worried about 2014 — a president’s party typically loses seats in midterm years — and some have gone public with concerns about the pace of carrying out the law. (Jackie Calmes, “New Worries For Democrats On Health Law,” [The New York Times](#), 5/6/13)

Representative Ami Bera (D-CA) Has Been “Very Concerned” With ObamaCare Increasing The Costs Of Health Care. “‘I’m moderately to very concerned,’ Bera said. ‘I have been consistently concerned about the cost of care going up.’” (Dan Morain, “Ami Bera Dings Obama Administration For Rollout Of Affordable Care Act,” [The Sacramento Bee’s The Swarm](#), 5/1/13)

Democrat Senator Chris Coons (D-DE): I’ve Got “Real Concerns” About ObamaCare. “The implementation is critically important. as the final provisions of the Affordable Care Act become effective in 2014, there’s a real push by the White House to insure that states are participating, that folks who can and should sign up for the new exchanges do. I’m cautiously optimistic that we’ll work in partnership

with the White House to insure that it's implemented appropriately, but I've got some real concerns and we have to keep a close watch on it as it's rolled out." ([WCAU](#), 5/12/13)

Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) Said That Increasing Premiums Will Be A Cause For Concern For The Democrat-Led Senate. "There is reason to be very concerned about what's going to happen with young people. If their (insurance) premiums shoot up, I can tell you, that is going to wash into the United States Senate in a hurry," said Senator Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat." (David Morgan, "ObamaCare Is On The Horizon, But Will Enough People Sign Up?" [Reuters](#), 5/5/13)

A "High-Ranking Democrat" Shared His Concerns For ObamaCare And Said "The White House Is Going To Have To Step Up Its Game." "One high-ranking Democrat told The Hill that it is his leading concern. 'The White House is going to have to step up its game,' the lawmaker said." (Elise Viebeck, "Botched ObamaCare Rollout Tops Democratic Fears For 2014 Election," *The Hill's Health Watch*, 5/1/13)

"Three Major U.S. Unions ... Have Sent A Scathing Open Letter To Democratic Leaders" That ObamaCare Will "Destroy The Foundation Of The 40 Hour Work Week That Is The Backbone Of The Middle Class." "The leaders of three major U.S. unions, including the highly influential Teamsters, have sent a scathing open letter to Democratic leaders in Congress, warning that unless changes are made, President Obama's health care reform plan will 'destroy the foundation of the 40 hour work week that is the backbone of the American middle class.'" (Tom Gara, "ObamaCare Will 'Destroy The Very Health And Wellbeing' Of Workers," *The Wall Street Journal*, 7/12/13)

- **"Labor Unions Are Breaking With President Obama On ObamaCare."** "Labor unions are breaking with President Obama on ObamaCare. Months after the president's reelection, a variety of unions are publicly balking at how the administration plans to implement the landmark law. They warn that unless there are changes, the results could be catastrophic." (Kevin Brogatus, "Unions Break Ranks On ObamaCare," *The Hill's Health Watch*, 5/21/13)