



# ObamaCare Disinformation Offensive

***As ObamaCare's Popularity Continues To Decline, Obama Will Once Again Double Down On Talking Points That Don't Hold Up To Reality***

**Today, Obama Will Join Former President Clinton To Tout The Benefits Of ObamaCare.** "On Tuesday, the President will deliver remarks to the U.N. General Assembly. The First Lady will attend. Later in the day, the President will attend the Clinton Global Initiative, where he and President Clinton will engage in a conversation about the benefits and future of health care reform in America and access to quality health care around the globe." (White House Deputy Press Secretary Josh Earnest, Press Gaggle, [Air Force One](#), 9/20/13)

***Americans Overwhelmingly Dislike ObamaCare And Have No Confidence In President Obama's Ability To Implement The Law***

**ABC News/The Washington Post Poll: "Fifty-Five Percent, Further, Disapprove Of The Way Barack Obama Is Handling Implementation Of The Law, With 'Strong' Disapprovers Outnumbering Strong Approvers By A 23-Point Margin."** ([ABC News/The Washington Post Poll](#), 1004 A, MoE 4%, 9/12-15/13)

- **A Poll Conducted By USA Today/Pew Found That "Fifty-Three Percent Disapprove Of Obama's Handling Of Health Care Policy, An Historic High."** ("USA TODAY/Pew Poll: Health Care Law Faces Difficult Future," [USA Today](#), 9/16/13)

**According To A USA Today/Pew Research Center Poll, "53% Disapprove Of The Health Care Law, The Highest Level Since It Was Signed; 42% Approve."** ("USA TODAY/Pew Poll: Health Care Law Faces Difficult Future," [USA Today](#), 9/16/13)

**THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION CONVENIENTLY FAVORS TALKING ABOUT THE PAST INSTEAD OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE FUTURE**

***Under ObamaCare, Obama's Own Actuaries Project Health Care Costs To Soar As Premiums Are Projected To Rise***

**President Obama: "So There Is No Evidence At All That – This Is Somehow – Making Health Care More Expensive."** PRESIDENT OBAMA: "Well-- look, the-- what we've seen is-- is the-- the-- the-- lowest increase in healthcare costs in 50 years-- over the last several years. So there is no evidence at all that-- this is somehow-- making healthcare more expensive. There's a lot of evidence that it's helping to make it

cheaper.” (Noticias Telemundo, 9/17/13)

**Health Insurance Premiums Are “Expected To Accelerate To 6.0 Percent, Up From 3.2 Percent In 2013.”** “Improved coverage for those who currently have individually purchased insurance is also expected to influence higher spending growth. On a per enrollee basis, growth in private health insurance premiums is expected to accelerate to 6.0 percent, up from 3.2 percent in 2013.” (Sean P. Keehan, et al, “National Health Expenditure Projections, 2012–22: Slow Growth Until Coverage Expands And Economy Improves,” [Health Affairs](#), no. (2013))

**Under Obama, “Average Premiums Increased 5% For Single Coverage And 4% For Family Coverage In The Last Year.”** (“Employer Health Benefits; 2013 Annual Survey,” [The Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 8/20/13)

- **Under Obama, The Average Cost Of Family Health Care Premiums Has Increased By \$3,671 From \$12,680 To \$16,351, A 29 Percent Increase.** (“Employer Health Benefits; 2013 Annual Survey,” [The Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 8/20/13)
- **Under Obama, The Average Cost Of Single Coverage Premiums Has Increased By \$1,180, From \$4,704 To \$5,884, A 25 Percent Increase.** (“Employer Health Benefits; 2013 Annual Survey,” [The Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 8/20/13)

**“Workers Are Seeing A Larger Portion Of Their Paycheck Sliced Off” Due To Higher Health Care Premiums.** “That means that in many cases workers are seeing a larger portion of their paycheck sliced off to cover health insurance.” (“Health Insurance Costs Outpace Wage Gains, Survey Says,” [The Associated Press](#), 8/20/13)

***The Slowdown In Health Care Spending That The Obama Administration Takes Credit For Will End***

**Health And Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius: Since ObamaCare Was Enacted “Some Of The Lowest In Health Care Costs In History Have Been In The Last Three And A Half Years.”** SECRETARY SEBELIUS: “We have some wonderful information about what has happened to costs. The law was signed three and a half years ago by the president and some of the lowest increases in health care costs in history have been in the last three and half years.” (KTVI, 9/19/13)

**“The Four-Year Slowdown In U.S. Health-Care Spending Will End Next Year” And “There Is No Sign That ObamaCare Will Curb Costs According To Government Actuaries.”** “The four-year slowdown in U.S. health-care spending will end next year, and there is no sign the Affordable Care Act will significantly curb the acceleration in costs, government actuaries said in a report.” (Alex Wayne, “Recession Not Health Law May Be Responsible For Cost Curb,” [Bloomberg](#), 9/18/13)

**“This Report Won’t Be Good News For Those Who Have Argued That The Affordable Care Act Would Reduce Costs.”** (Alex Wayne, “Recession Not Health Law May Be Responsible For Cost Curb,” [Bloomberg](#), 9/18/13)

- **The Actuaries “Found No Evidence Of Evidence Of Costs Deviating Much From The Economy” After Examining 50 Years Of Data.** “The report also contradicts independent economists who had attributed spending reductions more to the Affordable Care Act and changes in the health system, such as shifts in employer benefits. The CMS actuaries, who track medical spending by the government, individuals and insurers, examined 50 years of data and found no evidence of costs deviating much from the economy.” (Alex Wayne, “Recession Not Health Law May Be Responsible For Cost Curb,” [Bloomberg](#), 9/18/13)

**As ObamaCare Is Implemented, CMS Actuaries Project That Health Care Spending “Will Jump By 6.1 Percent Next Year.”** “The nation’s health care spending will jump by 6.1 percent next year as the big coverage expansion in President Barack Obama’s overhaul kicks in, government experts predicted

Wednesday. (Andrew Miga, "Government Says Health Spending To Jump Next Year," [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/13)

- **"That's More Than 2 Percentage Points Higher Than The Growth Rate Forecast For This Year."** (Andrew Miga, "Government Says Health Spending To Jump Next Year," [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/13)

### ***Affordable Health Care Coverage Will Not Be Available To All American Families Under ObamaCare***

**President Obama: "[I]f You Don't Have Health Insurance, You Finally Are In A Position To Get Some At An Affordable Price, To Give You And Your Family The Kind Of Security You Deserve."**

OBAMA: "So we're going to keep fighting to secure that right, to make sure that every American gets the care that they need, when they need it, at a price they can afford. That's the America we believe in. That's what families deserve. That's what we're going to keep on working to deliver. We're going to keep on working to make sure many people around this country who are already paying premiums are getting cheaper prices, that the money is being actually spent on their health care, that you're not having to worry about the fine print, and that if you don't have health insurance, you finally are in a position to get some at an affordable price, to give you and your family the kind of security you deserve." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks On The Patient Protection And Affordable Care Act](#), Washington, D.C., 7/18/13)

**An ObamaCare "Family Glitch" Could Cost Families Thousands Of Dollars And Leave Half A Million Children Uninsured.** "A so-called 'family glitch' in the 2010 health care law threatens to cost some families thousands of dollars in health insurance costs and leave up to 500,000 children without coverage, insurance and health care analysts say." (Kelly Kennedy, "'Family Glitch' In Health Law Could Be Painful," [USA Today](#), 9/23/13)

- **Democrats In Congress Defined "Affordable" Coverage For Employees, Not A Whole Family.** "Congress defined 'affordable' as 9.5% or less of an employee's wages, mostly to make sure people did not leave their workplace plans for subsidized coverage through the exchanges. But the 'error' was that it only applies to the employee — and not his or her family. So, if an employer offers a woman affordable insurance, but doesn't provide it for her family, they cannot get subsidized help through the state health exchanges." (Kelly Kennedy, "'Family Glitch' In Health Law Could Be Painful," [USA Today](#), 9/23/13)

**Earlier This Year, The Obama Administration Released A New Rule Defining Affordability; That Rule Would Leave Millions Of Americans Unable To Afford Family Health Care Coverage.** "The Obama administration adopted a strict definition of affordable health insurance on Wednesday that will deny federal financial assistance to millions of Americans with modest incomes who cannot afford family coverage offered by employers." (Robert Pear, "Federal Rule Limits Aid To Families Who Can't Afford Employers' Health Coverage," [The New York Times](#), 1/30/13)

### ***The Obama White House Continues To Deny That ObamaCare Is Negatively Impacting Employees And Employers***

**White House Press Secretary Jay Carney: "I'm Saying That There's No Data That Backs That Up (Jobs Will Be Lost Due To ObamaCare)."** Q: "You're saying that there is no evidence that any jobs will be lost due to the implementation of health care?" MR. CARNEY: "I'm saying that there's no data that backs that up. I'm not saying that there isn't anecdotal evidence. There is some anecdotal evidence, some people -- there has been an ongoing trend of employers, for example, shedding employees from employer-sponsored health care plans." (White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, [Press Briefing](#), Washington, D.C., 9/19/13)

**"Employers Around The Country Are Reducing Employee Hours Because They Can't Afford**

**ObamaCare.** “Employers around the country, from fast-food franchises to colleges, have told NBC News that they will be cutting workers’ hours below 30 a week because they can’t afford to offer the health insurance mandated by the Affordable Care Act, also known as ObamaCare.” (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, “Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours,” [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)

**Instead Of Paying Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars In Health Care Costs, “Cash-Strapped Cities And Counties” Are Reducing The Hours Of Their Part-Time Employees.** “Many cash-strapped cities and counties facing the prospect of shelling out hundreds of thousands of dollars in new health-care costs under the Affordable Care Act are opting instead to reduce the number of hours their part-time employees work.” (Reid Wilson, “Local Governments Cutting Hours Over ObamaCare Costs,” [The Washington Post](#), 8/22/13)

**A Reuters Analysis Found That Businesses Are Cutting Back Worker Hours And Choosing Not To Expand Their Business Past 50 Employees.** “Some businesses are holding their headcount below 50 and others are cutting back the work week to under 30 hours to avoid providing health insurance for employees, according to the staffing and payroll executives.” (Lucia Mutikani, “Analysis: ObamaCare, Tepid U.S. Growth Fuel Part-Time Hiring,” [Reuters](#), 8/21/13)

**UFCW President Joseph Hansen: Reduced Employee Hours To Comply With ObamaCare “IS Happening ... Wait A Year. You’ll See Tremendous Impact As Workers Have Their Hours Reduced.”** “‘It IS happening,’ insisted Joseph Hansen, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers union, which has 1.2 million members. ‘Wait a year. You’ll see tremendous impact as workers have their hours reduced and their incomes reduced. The facts are already starting to show up. Their statistics, I think, are a little behind the time.’” (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, “Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours,” [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)