



# Part-Time Ignorance, Full-Time Denial

***The White House Continues To Ignore The Facts That ObamaCare Is Negatively Impacting Employers And Employees***

**“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)

- **Nearly All Of The Small Businesses That NBC News Reached Out To, Said That Because Of ObamaCare “They’d Be Cutting Back Hours For Some Employees.”** “NBC News spoke with almost 20 small businesses and other entities from Maine to California, and almost all said that because of the new law they’d be cutting back hours for some employees – an unintended consequence of the new law.” (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, “Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours,” [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)

**The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Found That 49 Percent Of Small Business Cite ObamaCare As A Challenge That Small Business Owner’s Face Today.** ([United States Chamber Of Commerce Q2 Small Business Outlook Study](#), 1,304 A, MoE 2.5 %, 6/21-7/8/2013)

- **“61 Percent Do Not Have Plans To Hire In The Next Year.”** ([United States Chamber Of Commerce Q2 Small Business Outlook Study](#), 1,304 A, MoE 2.5 %, 6/21-7/8/2013)
- **“27 Percent Say They Will Cut Hours Or Reduce Full Time Employees, 24 Percent Will Reduce Hiring, And 23 Percent Plan To Replace Full Time Employees With Part-Time Workers.”** “Despite the Administration’s delay of the employer mandate by a year, small businesses expect the requirement to negatively impact their employees. 27% say they will cut hours to reduce full time employees, 24% will reduce hiring, and 23% plan to replace full time employees (30 hours per week or more) with part-time workers to avoid triggering the mandate.” ([United States Chamber Of Commerce Q2 Small Business Outlook Study](#), 1,304 A, MoE 2.5 %, 6/21-7/8/2013)

***The White House Continues To Say That The Claims Are Anecdotal And That The Stories Are “Belied By The Facts”***

**“The White House Dismisses Such Examples As ‘Anecdotal.’”** (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, “Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours,” [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)

**White House Press Secretary Jay Carney: ObamaCare Isn’t “Reducing Full-Time Employment.”**

CARNEY: “Well, I would say broadly that if you look at the economic data, the suggestion that the ACA is reducing full-time employment is belied by the facts.” (White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, [Press Briefing](#), Washington D.C., 7/16/13)

- **Jay Carney: “There Is Not Support For The Proposition That Businesses Are Not Hiring Full-Time Employees Because Of The Affordable Care Act.”** CARNEY: “What I can say is that the data reflects that there is not support for the proposition that businesses are not hiring full-time employees because of the Affordable Care Act.” (White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, [Press Briefing](#), Washington D.C., 7/16/13)

**Obama’s Chairman Of The Council Of Economic Advisors: “We Are Seeing No Systematic Evidence That The Affordable Care Is Having An Adverse Impact ...”** “Jason Furman, chairman of the president’s Council of Economic Advisors, said, “We are seeing no systematic evidence that the Affordable Care Act is having an adverse impact on job growth or the number of hours employees are working.” (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, “Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours,” [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)

**EMPLOYERS ARE HAVING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN REDUCING EMPLOYEE HOURS OR GOING OUT OF BUSINESS**

**Subway Franchisee: “To Tell Somebody That You’ve Got To Decrease Their Hours Because Of A Law Passed In Washington Is Very Frustrating To Me.”** “‘To tell somebody that you’ve got to decrease their hours because of a law passed in Washington is very frustrating to me,’ said Loren Goodridge, who owns 21 Subway franchises, including a restaurant in Kennebunk. ‘I know the impact I’m having on some of my employees.’” (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, “Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours,” [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)

- **Subway Employee Impacted By ObamaCare: It’s “Horrible ... I’m Barely Scraping By With Overtime.”** “Luke Perfect, who has worked at Goodridge’s Kennebunk Subway for more than a decade, said it was ‘horrible’ to learn he was among the employees whose hours would be limited, and that it would be a financial hardship. ‘I’m barely scraping by with overtime,’ he said.” (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, “Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours,” [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)

**A Family-Owned Trucking Business Said That High Health Care Costs Led It To Reduce Insurance Benefits – As A Result Of ObamaCare, The Business Faces A \$100,000 Tax Bill.** REPORTER: “Clyde Kerns is part of the reason that some people have fought against what opponents call ObamaCare. He wrote several letters telling McHenry the act threatens his family owned trucking company, based in Grover.” KERNS: “If I’m not blessed by the grace of God, then we’ll not gonna continue to exist.” REPORTER: “Kerns said he decided long ago to cut insurance benefits for his 81 workers because the rates skyrocketed and it cost the company too much. He would be penalized under the new plan.” KERNS: “The tax will be over a hundred thousand dollars.” REPORTER: “Kerns said that he sympathizes for the people who believe they need insurance. But he said that he should have the right to offer his employees more money instead of providing coverage.” ([WSOC](#), 8/13/13)

***Schools Aren’t Escaping ObamaCare As Faculty Are Having Their Hours Reduced***

**Arizona State University Is Reducing The Hours Of Associate Professors Due To ObamaCare.**

ANCHOR: "Associate professors at ASU are having their hours cut due to the president's health care law. Starting in 2015, the Affordable Care Act requires the university to provide insurance for anyone working at least 30 hours a week. So the university is cutting hours starting this fall. Six credit hours max. Full-time professors will have to pick up the slack." ([KTVK](#), 8/14/13)

**250 Part-Time Faculty At Florida's St. Petersburg College, "Have Had Their Hours Reduced For The Fall Terms.** "At St. Petersburg College, a public university in Florida where most of the faculty is part-time, 250 have had their hours reduced for the fall term because the college said it can't afford to offer them health insurance." (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, "Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours," [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)

- **ObamaCare's Mandates Would Cost St. Petersburg College An Extra \$777,000 A Year.** "St. Petersburg's president, Dr. Bill Law, said providing health care for the 250 adjunct professors would cost more than \$777,000 dollars a year. 'The cost associated with making a part-timer benefits-eligible really is not available to us as a public college,' said Law." (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, "Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours," [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)
- **Part-Time Professor Who Is Having Her Hours Cut: "I Never Thought It [ObamaCare] Would Impact Me Directly."** "Part-time math professor Tracey Sullivan said she will lose half her income because of the cuts. 'I never thought it would impact me directly,' said Sullivan. 'I was stunned when I got the email...I love teaching at St. Pete College but that is a significant cut.'" (Lisa Myers and Carroll Ann Mears, "Businesses Claim ObamaCare Has Forced Them To Cut Employee Hours," [NBC News](#), 8/13/13)

**Indiana's Fort Wayne Community Schools Have "Reduced Hours For 610 Of Its 4,050 Employees.** "In Indiana's Fort Wayne Community Schools district, one of the state's largest, administrators reduced hours for 610 of its 4,050 employees, including substitute teachers and support staff, who were working 30 or more hours a week." (Yasmeen Abutaleb, "U.S. Schools Face Tough Decisions On ObamaCare Benefits," [Reuters](#), 8/14/13)

- **ObamaCare Would Cost The School District 10 Million Annually.** "Providing them with health insurance would have cost \$10 million annually, said Krista Stockman, public information officer for Fort Wayne." (Yasmeen Abutaleb, "U.S. Schools Face Tough Decisions On ObamaCare Benefits," [Reuters](#), 8/14/13)

### ***Obama Allies Say The White House Is Wrong To Dismiss ObamaCare Having An Adverse Effect On Employee Hours***

**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)

- **Hansen: ObamaCare "Creates Unstoppable Incentives For Employers To Reduce Weekly Hours For Workers ... Where Many Will Pay Higher Costs For Poorer Insurance."** "But as currently interpreted, the ACA would block these plans from the law's benefits (such as the subsidy for lower-income individuals and families) while subjecting them to the law's penalties (like the \$63 per insured person to subsidize Big Insurance). This creates unstoppable incentives for employers to reduce weekly hours for workers currently on our plans and push them onto the exchanges where many will pay higher costs for poorer insurance with a more limited network of

providers. In other words, they will be forced to change their coverage and quite possibly their doctor. Others will be channeled into Medicaid, where taxpayers must pick up the tab.” (Joseph T. Hansen, Op-Ed, “Treat Nonprofit Health Care Fairly,” [The Hill](#), 5/20/13)

- **Hansen: Employers Will Reduce Hours Or Cut Part-Time Health Benefits To Comply With ObamaCare.** “In addition, the ACA includes a fine for failing to cover full-time workers but includes no such penalty for part-timers (defined as working less than 30 hours a week). As a result, many employers are either reducing hours below 30 or discontinuing part-time health coverage altogether. This is a cut in pay and benefits workers simply cannot afford. For example, a worker making \$10 an hour that has his or her schedule cut by six hours a week would lose \$3,100 a year in income. With millions of workers impacted, this would have a devastating effect on our economy.” (Joseph T. Hansen, Op-Ed, “Treat Nonprofit Health Care Fairly,” [The Hill](#), 5/20/13)

**ObamaCare Will “Destroy The Foundation Of The 40 Hour Work Week That Is The Backbone Of The American Middle Class.”** “Right now, unless you and the Obama Administration enact an equitable fix, the ACA will shatter not only our hard-earned health benefits, but destroy the foundation of the 40 hour work week that is the backbone of the American middle class.” (James P. Hoffa – International Brotherhood Of Teamsters, Joseph Hansen – UFCW, D. Taylor – UNITE-HERE, “[Letter To Leader Reid And Leader Pelosi](#),” 7/12/13)

- **Unions To Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) And House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA): ObamaCare Creates An Incentive To Keep Employees Below 30 Hours A Week.** “First, the law creates an incentive for employers to keep employees’ work hours below 30 hours a week. Numerous employers have begun to cut workers’ hours to avoid this obligation, and many of them are doing so openly. The impact is two-fold: fewer hours means less pay while also losing our current health benefits.” (James P. Hoffa – International Brotherhood Of Teamsters, Joseph Hansen – UFCW, D. Taylor – UNITE-HERE, “[Letter To Leader Reid And Leader Pelosi](#),” 7/12/13)