



# The Ugly Side Of ObamaCare

***New Report Confirms What Many Americans Have Already Experienced: ObamaCare is Bad For The Economy And Workers***

## **CBO: OBAMACARE IS BAD FOR THE ECONOMY**

**The Nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Determined That ObamaCare “Will Slow Economic Growth Over The Next Decade.”** “The new health care law will slow economic growth over the next decade, costing the nation about 2.5 million jobs and contributing to a \$1 trillion increase in projected deficits, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said in a report released Tuesday.” (Erik Wasson, “CBO: O-Care Slowing Growth, Contributing To Job Losses,” [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 2/4/14)

### ***ObamaCare Will Reduce The Number Of Full-Time Workers And Disincentivizes Work***

**CBO: ObamaCare Will Reduce The Number Of Full-Time Equivalent Workers By Roughly 2.5 Million People Through 2024.** “CBO’s updated estimate of the decrease in hours worked translates to a reduction in full-time-equivalent employment of 2.0 million in 2017, rising to about 2.5 million in 2024, compared with what would have occurred in the absence of the ACA.” (“The Budget And Economic Outlook: 2014 To 2024,” [Congressional Budget Office](#), 2/4/14)

- **Reuters Headline: “CBO Nearly Triples Estimate Of Working Hours Lost By 2021 Due To Affordable Care Act.”** (“CBO Nearly Triples Estimate Of Working Hours Lost By 2021 Due To Affordable Care Act,” [Reuters](#), 2/4/14)
- **“The CBO Had Previously Estimated The Labor Force Impact Would Be Around 800,000 People In That Time Frame.”** (Damian Paletta, “Health-Care Law Expected To Cut 2.3 Million Full-Time Workers By 2021,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/4/14)

**CBO: ObamaCare Reduces The “Incentives To Work.”** “According to CBO’s projections, the labor force participation rate will edge down slightly during the next several years, falling to 62.5 percent by the end of 2017, reflecting a balance of opposing forces. ... In addition, reduced incentives to work attributable to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) – with most of the impact arising from new subsidies for health insurance purchased through exchanges - will have a larger negative effect on participation toward the end of that period.” (“The Budget And Economic Outlook: 2014 To 2024,” [Congressional Budget Office](#), 2/4/14)

**ObamaCare Will Contribute To The “Historically High Number Of People ... Locked Out Of The Workforce By 2021.”** “A historically high number of people will be locked out of the workforce by 2021, according to a report by the Congressional Budget Office released Tuesday. President Barack Obama's signature health-care law will contribute to this phenomenon, the CBO said, citing new estimates that the Affordable Care Act will cause a larger-than-expected reduction in working hours—eliminating the equivalent of about 2.3 million workers in 2021.” (“CBO Nearly Triples Estimate of Working Hours Lost By 2021 Due To Affordable

Care Act," [CNBC](#), 2/4/14)

### ***ObamaCare's Employer Mandate Will Have A Negative Impact On Employee Wages***

**"The CBO Is Now Estimating The Law Will Reduce Labor Force Compensation By 1 Percent From 2017-2024, Twice The Reduction It Previously Had Projected."** (Erik Wasson, "CBO: O-Care Slowing Growth, Contributing To Job Losses," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 2/4/14)

- **ObamaCare's Employer Mandate Would Decrease Wages.** "The agency also said employer penalties in the law would decrease wages, and part-year workers would be slower to return to the work force because they would seek to retain ObamaCare insurance subsidies." (Erik Wasson, "CBO: O-Care Slowing Growth, Contributing To Job Losses," [The Hill's Health Watch](#), 2/4/14)

**CBO Projects That Employers Will Pay \$151 Billion In ObamaCare Mandated Penalties From 2015 To 2024.** ("The Budget And Economic Outlook: 2014 To 2024," [Congressional Budget Office](#), 2/4/14)

### ***Yesterday's CBO Report Is Awful News For 2014 Democrats***

**"The Ugly News For ObamaCare: CBO Thinks The Law Will Cut Full-Time Employment By Two Million People."** (Sarah Kliff, "The Good, Bad And Ugly Of CBO's New ObamaCare Projections," [The Washington Post's WonkBlog](#), 2/4/14)

***The Washington Post's Chris Cillizza On What The CBO's Report Means For Democrats: "Double Ouch."*** (Chris Cillizza, "The Worst Headline For Democrats This Year," [The Washington Post](#), 2/4/14)

- ***The Washington Post's Chris Cillizza: Democrats' Attempts To Explain The CBO Report In A Campaign Ad Is A Political Loser And They Must Quickly Find An Effective Response.*** "Neither of those points, however, make for an effective pushback in the context of a political campaign. Can you imagine trying to explain the CBO's characterization of the labor market due to the ACA in a 30 or 60 second ad? (You would need a Ross Perot 30-minute infomercial to do it.) Or insisting that while the botched rollout hurt signups right now, everything is going to be better by 2017? Both are total political losers. ... Democrats need to find an effective response -- and fast." (Chris Cillizza, "The Worst Headline For Democrats This Year," [The Washington Post](#), 2/4/14)

### **CBO ONLY CONFIRMS WHAT WE'VE SEEN FOR MONTHS: AMERICANS AND SMALL BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING UNDER OBAMACARE**

**TENNESSEE: Joslin Sign And Maintenance In Nashville, Tennessee Has No Plans To Hire Employees Due To ObamaCare's Employer Mandate.** REPORTER: "Whited started Joslin Sign And Maintenance 27 years ago... and the healthcare law even affects how many people work here there are 49 now but the law doesn't require the company to provide coverage unless there are 50 so there are no immediate plans to hire new people." ([WZTV Fox 17](#), 2/3/13)

**WISCONSIN: Fry Cook Employee Darnell Summers In Milwaukee Asked The President About His Hours Being Reduced To Part-Time Due To ObamaCare But The President Didn't Answer.**

DARNELL SUMMERS: "We were broken down to part-time to avoid paying health insurance. We can't survive. That's not living." (Benny Johnson, "A Fry Cook Asked Obama About Low Wages—And His Hours Being Cut Due To Obamacare," [Buzzfeed](#), 2/1/14)

**NEW MEXICO: A Manager Of A Restaurant In Mesilla, NM Has Had To Reduce Employee Hours To 30 Hours A Week.** "You have to realize that businesses and business owners don't pay taxes or employee insurance bills or the electric bill or anything else. The customers pay for everything a business buys," said Jerry Harrell, manager with the Double Eagle restaurant in Mesilla. 'Just because you're a

business doesn't mean you get a magic money tree.' He said that for some businesses affected by the mandate, the only viable options are to cut hours and/or raise prices. Harrell said the Double Eagle has had to make work schedules rigid so they can plan who is working more than 30 hours and who is not." (Brock Stockberger, "Employers Cut Hours Year Ahead Of ObamaCare Employer Mandate," [Las Cruces Sun News](#), 1/20/14)

- **An Employee Of A Polling Company Is Having His Hours Cut By 25 Percent.** "Kirk Neff was succinct. 'I don't know what we're going to do,' the Las Cruces said. 'I'm always keeping my eyes open.' Neff has a job -- he works the phones for a polling company -- but recently learned he was going to be dropped from full-time to part-time employment as his employer adjusts costs ahead of the Affordable Care Act's mandatory health care coverage. 'I found out my hours were being cut by 25 percent,' Neff said. 'That's 25 percent of my monthly income gone.'" (Brock Stockberger, "Employers Cut Hours Year Ahead Of ObamaCare Employer Mandate," [Las Cruces Sun News](#), 1/20/14)
- **A Physical Therapy Technician Is Having Her Hours Cut Despite Having Her Own Insurance.** "Michelle Daun Ortiz, a physical therapy technician, said she sees the writing on the wall. 'I know that my hours are going to get cut but I don't think that's fair because I have my own health insurance,' Ortiz said on the Sun-News Facebook page. 'I don't think it should affect people who have their own insurance outside of work.'" (Brock Stockberger, "Employers Cut Hours Year Ahead Of ObamaCare Employer Mandate," [Las Cruces Sun News](#), 1/20/14)

**NORTH CAROLINA: ObamaCare Is Limiting The Future Growth Of A Moving Company.** REPORTER: "So how are you going to make up this cost, this \$250,000 additional burden?" BROOKE WILSON: "Unfortunately, I think it's going to limit our ability to expand the business, we may not be able to add as many trucks to our fleet, we may not be able to open another location." ([WRAL](#), 1/14/14)

**FLORIDA: Florida Coffee Shop Kool Beanz Café Owner Says ObamaCare Could Put His Shop Out Of Business.** "'Kool Beanz Café' owner Keith Baxter has been in business for 18 years. He says if he had to provide health insurance to his employees as the act requires for some businesses he couldn't make it. 'As much as I would like to provide them with that benefit, it would be too cost prohibitive for me to do it,' said Baxter. 'No I wouldn't survive,' he said.'" (Andy Alcock, "Florida Hospitality Group Applauds ObamaCare Delay," [WCTV](#), 7/10/13)

**WEST VIRGINIA: Small Business Owners In West Virginia Who Want To Expand And Hire More Full Time Employees Cannot Due To ObamaCare's Taxes.** "Mick Bates, owner of Bodyworks in Beckley, emphasized the higher insurance costs simply cannot be passed on to customers. Bates is in the process of opening shop in a new location and said he wants to add more employees. 'I want to provide jobs and I want to provide jobs with benefits and insurance,' he told fellow business people. 'But I can't afford to do it. So, I'm hiring part-time people, when I'd like them to be full-time, and that's the reality. It's (HIT) unsustainable. There has to be another way.'" (Mannix Porterfield, "State's Small Businesses, Threatened By HIT From Obamacare, Taking Action," [Register-Herald](#), 6/27/13)

**KENTUCKY: A Kentucky Restaurant Owner Had To Cut Staff To Get Below ObamaCare's 50 Employee Threshold.** "He said he already has reduced his staff from 54 to 47 and is closed on Mondays. He said that his hard-working grandparents raised 11 children without insurance." (Jack Brammer, "Barr, Guthrie, Yarmuth Get An Earful About Health Care Law At Lexington Hearing," [Lexington Herald Leader](#), 8/27/13)

**LOUISIANA: A Lafayette, Louisiana Business Was Forced To Lay Off 41 Employees Due To Changes Under ObamaCare** "Effective today, 41 employees at the Schumacher Group in Lafayette, have lost their jobs. According to a company letter, the Patient Financial Management Services division is being cut because of changes to health care law from ObamaCare. A Schumacher Group spokesperson says the department can't handle an increase in patient needs." (KATC, 5/1/13)

- **Louisiana Restaurant Owner Frank Dedman: “I Had To Let A Couple Of My Full-Timers Go.”**  
“Frank Dedman, the owner of Frank's Restaurant, told News 2 he made cuts to his staff to be in compliance with the new rules and regulations. ‘We've had people here for quite a few years, majority of them were part-timers,” said Dedman. “I had to let a couple of my full-timers go.”  
(Brittany Weiss, “Restaurant Cuts Staff, Blames Health Reform,” [WBRZ](#), 6/15/13)

**MAINE: 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)