



ObamaCare Turns 3

As ObamaCare Continues To Be Implemented, Is The Best Really Yet To Come For Democrats?

LAST YEAR, NANCY PELOSI CELEBRATED THE FUTURE OF OBAMACARE

As ObamaCare Turns 3, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) Said ‘The Best Is Yet To Come.’ PELOSI: “Now we can move forward to the full implementation of the law, and when that happens, for the American people, the best is yet to come.” (John Parkinson, “As GOP Preps Next Crack At Repeal, Pelosi Says ‘Best Is Yet To Come,’” [ABC News](#), 6/28/12)

ObamaCare Is Going To Be A Problem For Democrats Moving Forward

“ObamaCare Is A Prescription For A Democratic Headache In 2014” (Alex Roarty and Beth Reinhard, “ObamaCare Is A Prescription For A Democratic Headache In 2014,” [National Journal](#), 3/21/13)

Democrats Are Conceding That Health Insurance Costs Will Rise As Healthy, Young Americans Will Pay More For Health Care. “Democrats acknowledge that insurance costs could rise for a small segment of the population — people younger than 30 who purchase their health insurance on the individual market and who don’t qualify for subsidies. But the new markets are designed to have some younger and healthier people share the risk — and the cost — of covering older and sicker Americans.” (Paige Winfield Cunningham, “Will Health Premiums Jump Or Not?” [Politico](#), 3/18/13)

- **“Even The Law’s Most Enthusiastic Backers Concede The Path Forward Is Difficult.”** (Jason Millman and Brett Norman, “Will Americans Ever Love ObamaCare,” [Politico](#), 3/22/13)
- **ObamaCare Supporters Are Already Setting The Bar Low By “Warning That There Will Be Bumps To Smooth Out.”** “Supporters of the law are already warning that there will be bumps to smooth out, that some state exchanges may work better than others.” (Jason Millman and Brett Norman, “Will Americans Ever Love ObamaCare,” [Politico](#), 3/22/13)
- **ObamaCare Supporters Realize That ObamaCare May Be Defective As The Administration Is “Whipping Up Contingency Plans.”** “On Day One, it won’t be ‘seamless,’ as advocates put it. But how far off course, what pieces of the law, if any, could be delayed, is unknown. HHS officials have said they’re whipping up contingency plans — secret, at least for now. Naturally, they hope they’re never needed.” (Jason Millman and Brett Norman, “Will Americans Ever Love ObamaCare,” [Politico](#), 3/22/13)

ObamaCare Has The Potential To “Alienate Voters” That Are “Mostly Ambivalent To The Law.” “But it’s clear that seismic change is coming in health care, and that any disruption to the system could alienate voters who today are mostly ambivalent toward the law.” (Alex Roarty and Beth Reinhard, “ObamaCare Is A Prescription For A Democratic Headache In 2014,” [National Journal](#), 3/21/13)

- ***Politico* Headline: “Will Americans Ever Love ObamaCare?”** (Jason Millman and Brett Norman, “Will Americans Ever Love ObamaCare,” [Politico](#), 3/22/13)

“The Public Remains Cold Toward ObamaCare.” “Even before most of the changes take effect, and despite predictions from the White House that the law would become more popular after passage, the public remains cold toward Obamacare.” (Alex Roarty and Beth Reinhard, “ObamaCare Is A Prescription For A Democratic Headache In 2014,” [National Journal](#), 3/21/13)

- **A Recent Kaiser Family Foundation Poll Found That 49 Percent Of Americans Responded That ObamaCare Will Increase Their Families’ Health Care Costs, Leaving Them Worse Off.** ([Kaiser Family Foundation Poll](#), 1,204 A, MoE 3%, 3/5-10/13)
- **26 Percent Of Democrats Responded That ObamaCare Will Make Their Family Health Care Costs Worse, While 46 Percent Said They Would Stay The Same.** ([Kaiser Family Foundation Poll](#), 1,204 A, MoE 3%, 3/5-10/13)

Democrats Are Running From Their ObamaCare Votes By Supporting Repeal And Withholding ObamaCare Funding

“Democrats Join Push To Dump ObamaCare Tax” (Jennifer Haberkorn, “Democrats Join Push To Dump ObamaCare Tax,” [Politico](#), 3/22/13)

- **“The Senate Voted 79-20 To Get Rid Of The Law’s 2.3 Percent Sales Tax On Medical Device-Makers.”** (Jennifer Haberkorn, “Democrats Join Push To Dump ObamaCare Tax,” [Politico](#), 3/22/13)
- **As The Amendment Was Agreed To In The Nonbinding Budget, Enough Senators Oppose 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)
- **Last Night’s Vote “Could Be A Sign Of Danger For Other Unpopular Aspects Of The Health Law.”** “The vote represents the latest bipartisan incursion on the law and could be a sign of danger for other unpopular aspects of the health law.” (Jason Millman, Paige Winfield Cunningham and Brett Norman, *Politico’s Pulse*, 3/22/13)

Senate Democrats Are Denying Obama’s Request For Additional Funding To Implement ObamaCare And Other Reforms. “Paying a price for his indifference, President Barack Obama is expected to get little or none of the extra money for health care and Wall Street reforms that the administration has been seeking in a six-month stopgap spending bill coming to the Senate floor this week.” (David Rogers, “Senate Bill Won’t Include President Obama Priorities,” [Politico](#), 3/10/13)

- **Obama Had Requested \$949 Million For Setting Up ObamaCare’s Exchanges.** “The White House had wanted \$949 million added within the Department of Health and Human Services to help lay the groundwork for setting up state health-care exchanges to begin enrollment next fall. Smaller plus-ups were also proposed for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and

Securities and Exchange Commission, both affected by the recent cuts.” (David Rogers, “Senate Bill Won’t Include President Obama Priorities,” [Politico](#), 3/10/13)

Democrats Will Be Unable To Escape From Rising Health Care Premiums

As ObamaCare Is Implemented, Family Health Care Premiums Will Increase \$2,404 Annually.

(Douglas W. Elmendorf, CBO Director, [Letter To Senator Evan Bayh](#), 11/30/09; “Updated Estimates For The Insurance Coverage Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act Updated For The Recent Supreme Court Decision,” [Congressional Budget Office](#), 7/24/12)

- **Under Obama, Families Pay An Average Of \$255 More On Monthly Health Care Premiums.**
 (“Employer Health Benefits; 2012 Annual Survey,” [The Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 9/11/12; “Employer Health Benefits; 2008 Annual Survey,” [The Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 9/24/08)
- **Under Obama, Americans Pay An Average Of \$76 More On Monthly Health Care Premiums.**
 (“Employer Health Benefits; 2012 Annual Survey,” [The Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 9/11/12; “Employer Health Benefits; 2008 Annual Survey,” [The Kaiser Family Foundation](#), 9/24/08)

FactCheck.org: ObamaCare Is Actually Making Health Care “Less Affordable.” “At the moment, the new law is making health care slightly less affordable. Independent health care experts say the law has caused some insurance premiums to rise. As we wrote in October, the new law has caused about a 1 percent to 3 percent increase in health insurance premiums for employer-sponsored family plans because of requirements for increased benefits. Last year’s premium increases cast even more doubt on another promise the president has made — that the health care law would ‘lower premiums by up to \$2,500 for a typical family per year.’” (D’Angelo Gore, “Promises, Promises,” [FactCheck.org](#), 1/4/12)

The Washington Post’s The Fact Checker: “Bad News ... Premiums Almost Certainly Will Go Up.”

“But the bad news is that, on average, premiums almost certainly will go up — with some people really getting hit with increases.” (Glenn Kessler, “President Obama’s Claim That Insurance Premiums ‘Will Go Down,’” *The Washington Post’s The Fact Checker*, 8/10/12)