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Taxpayer-funded abortion. Dozens of poison-pill taxes. The precedent that the federal government can order you to buy something you don't want. If you think any of these points are why the implementation of Obamacare is such a threat to freedom and liberty, think again.

That's not to say that the aforementioned problems posed by Obamacare are not important, because they all are. The real long-term issue with Obamacare is that it further cements the ongoing cultural shift among the emerging generation of American adults. They have been pre-conditioned to accept secular statism by the liberals who control government schools.

Moreover, staunchly pro-life conservatives have been putting up with politicians advocating taxpayer-funded child-killing for decades. Sadly, in my home state of Iowa, the Republican governor and the Republican legislature are funding abortion with taxpayer dollars. As a whole, the American people are getting taxed in ways their Colonial forbears could only have fantasized about — and this is regardless of which party is in power. If Obamacare's mandate was such a travesty, why did Republicans nominate for president the guy who gave the White House the idea in the first place?

The new and real danger Obamacare presents is that aside from food

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and shelter, the average person has no more basic physical need than his health. Obamacare moves the likely unconstitutional concept of a federally funded social safety net into the definitely anti-constitutional realm of relying on the [federal government](#) for our most basic necessities.



Public policy may be well-intentioned, but this does not make it constitutional. That means that though nothing in the Constitution explicitly provides for a measure's implementation, reasonable people can disagree on whether the Constitution implies its legality. When public policy becomes anti-constitutional, however, it is literally working against the intended scheme of the Constitution, which is to maximize the freedom of the individual by limiting the size, scope and jurisdiction of the [government](#).

This was the point of many of the questions asked by several of the [Supreme Court's](#) more conservative judges during its hearings on Obamacare. For if the [government](#) can order you to buy a product you don't want, what can't the [government](#) do?

Unfortunately, that is a question most younger Americans aren't asking themselves. The vast majority of them have been educated in an environment that doesn't accept American exceptionalism, rewrites American history and is more secular than moral. They are looking for solutions to social problems and not values that protect freedom and liberty.

For instance, to all previous generations of Americans, the Second Amendment has been a vital component to freedom, allowing an armed citizenry to provide a check on the threat of government tyranny. Yet, to younger Americans not educated with those values, gun control is a solution to innocent children being killed in gang violence or home shooting accidents.

Many younger American adults do not consider Obamacare a threat to their freedom but rather a solution to the problem of the uninsured. Because their K-12 education was subsidized, their college degree was subsidized, their grandparents' retirement is subsidized, and many of the jobs held by their parents working in government or industries such as energy and agriculture are subsidized, why not provide health care for all while we're at it? Because government has been the solution to so many of our problems, they wonder, why not also solve the problem of the single mom working two part-time jobs that don't provide health care?

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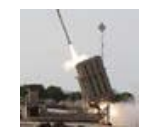


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Unfortunately, Republicans have been just as culpable in perpetuating this anti-constitutional worldview in the emerging generation.

For decades, the leadership of the GOP has refused to confront the premise of the left's arguments. Instead, they have nibbled around the edges with milquetoast, consultant-tested pabulum called talking points.

Thankfully, those of us out here in the grass roots did make the constitutional argument in opposition to Obamacare, which was a key reason why several champions of liberty were elected in the Tea Party uprising of 2010.

We're the patriots who have to pick up the pieces from a generation of Michael Barones and Karl Roves, who have cared much more about how to win elections than how to govern after you do.

The good news is that the Tea Party patriots are going to win this argument against the ruling establishment because our country is going broke, and the grim reality of the actual math trumps all philosophical arguments and public-opinion polls.

Then again, for all those young Americans taught to see the government as the solution to their problems, that could be the bad news.

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shortguy54 • 6 hours ago

The younger generation doesn't see anything wrong with insuring the uninsured. What a concept! Could it be that they have seen their grandma, their aunt or even their own parents bankrupted because of a hospital bill? Maybe after Bain Capital bought up the company they worked for, gutted it and then rehired a quarter of the workers for less pay and no benefits? Don't they understand what an exceptional country they have the privilege of living in. Not like those poor slobs in EVERY SINGLE OTHER DEVELOPED NATION IN THE WORLD. They must have been brainwashed at school not to to see that God intended it to be that way. Foolish kids!

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Attila • 3 hours ago

Sadly, if enough whining entitlement babies want this nation to become another Cuba or Zimbabwe, it will happen.....
The Democratic Party is working tirelessly to make it happen.

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Shorty cannot get beyond the soak the rich mantra put out by the Chicago thugs. He even has to invoke the dastardly "Bain Capital"

It does not take too much intelligence to realize that in order to prosper one must produce something, a nation cannot survive by printing oodles of inflated money. (see Greece and Argentina)

Time to back the Bain Capitals opf the nation and get people back to work producing goods that people need to survive. Quit begging for more free stuff, like the famous Obamaphone.

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donnaj590 · 3 hours ago

All young Americans do not support liberal progressive ideologies and the next national election may see a different outcome. Libertarian Dr Paul was very popular with young American thinkers and the future may just see the rise of another voting bloc - like the Tea Party - that can return this nation to economic stability, Constitutional Law, and smaller government.

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Huckleberry Muckleroy · an hour ago

Gee, I was conditioned to accept secular statism by reading the U.S. Constitution. Staunchly pro-life conservatives have been trying to violate the First Amendment and establish a Theocracy in America for years.

You do not have the privilege of assigning to yourself the sobriquet "Patriot". That is the height of arrogance. Only History can do that.

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bocajanmb · an hour ago

FYI Steve-O -- birth control pill control hormones (patch, pills, or ring) are anti-inflammatory (NSAIDs) that are also used to treat Endometriosis treatments --acne--premenstrual dysphoric disorders which are VERY painful. But as a MAN you wouldn't know that STEVE-O and why men shouldn't get involved with women's reproductive issues at all and just butt out.

What a surprise---the writer of this article is a MAN. It surprises me, though it shouldn't, How short the memories are They forget the brutal lengths women have gone to in order to

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terminate pregnancies when abortion was illegal or when abortion is unaffordable. Women have thrown themselves down stairs and otherwise tried to physically harm themselves to force a miscarriage, "Almost any implement you can imagine had been and was used to start an abortion — darning needles, crochet hooks, cut-glass salt shakers, soda bottles, sometimes intact, sometimes with the top broken off." Women have tried to use soap and bleach, catheters, natural remedies.

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This is so true. We are reaping a whirlwind of repercussions of liberalism on multiple fronts. But for the math..."The good news is that the Tea Party patriots are going to win this argument against the ruling establishment because our country is going broke, and the grim reality of the actual math trumps all philosophical arguments and public-opinion polls."

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