

Worry about the Republicans – But Watch the Democrats!

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In boxing and other sports they have something called the 'feint'. The victim becomes excessively concerned about one action, and then is slugged by another one.

Today many Americans begin to learn that Affordable Health Care (Obamacare) means a surgical procedure by the for-profit health care system on their standard of living. They were so worried about Republican Ryan's plan that they got the exact same thing from the Democrats, the only significant difference being that the Democrats made it *mandatory* that you allow yourself to be gouged, screwed, shafted, exploited, abused by the for-profit health care system or suffer a large financial penalty.

It all began in Massachusetts, the most liberal and most Democratic state in the country. That state had a powerful single payer universal health care movement. Most Mass residents wanted just that. The Democrats were worried – They love the easy money of a profit system as much as any Republican. They sent people to Europe searching for alternatives. In the Netherlands they learned that a third of the Dutch people have what is known in this country as Obamacare. The Mass Democrats rammed it through a legislature they totally control. They have such domination that they can easily override gubernatorial vetoes. Did big capitalist (Bain Capital) Mitt Romney demonstrate his love of pristine capitalism by vetoing the measure regardless of the consequences? Of course not! Supporters of a universal single-payer system were outraged at this garbage alternative. They termed the monstrosity worse than leaving things as they were because it seemed to be a compromise and fooled people who wanted a good universal system into thinking this was a step in the right direction. In fact it was a step into a trap that won't allow extrication without losing at least a few months of your life. Romney understood that this 'Dutch Mischief' was just what his system needed to block the popular demand that profit should not have precedence over a person's health and well-being.

The liberals in Congress for a time insisted that any health care program had to have a public option. But the more enlightened (or honest) among them realized that that, while capitalists and their hirelings love capitalism, the public doesn't. If a public option was included in the measure, the public would flock to it. The public option had to go and away it went without even a whimper. A great victory for the profit-at-all-costs crowd. But there still was an ongoing threat; a universal single-payer plan called Medicare. As long as it exists it poses the threat of expansion to the entire population. So Obamacare includes massive cuts in Medicare under the guise of efficiency. More of those dependent on Medicare will find their physician of choice denying his services unless they pay out of their own pockets.

What a gift Obama has been for the capitalist – so much of an improvement over the fool Bush. Gutting Medicare, blocking a public health care system, and in his

spare time weakening Social Security by cutting its funding to help stimulate the economy. Notice how it was always referring to as cutting the payroll tax by 2%. Please, don't mention that this tax is what funds Social Security! Supposedly, replacement funds came from elsewhere...Forget about it!

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