

What The Democrats Do Not Understand

Democrats argue that it will be impossible to repeal ObamaCare because those Americans who are opposed to it will change their minds once they realize how it benefits them. They point out that Social Security and Medicare are popular entitlement programs that also faced some initial opposition.

The Democrats fail to recognize major differences between those programs and ObamaCare. Social Security and Medicare are programs that had almost no opposition, compared to ObamaCare. Further, all workers pay taxes to fund Social Security and Medicare *and* they all benefit from those programs (unless they die before retirement). Tens of millions of middle class Americans pay for the benefits they expect to receive when they retire.

But under Obamacare, most middle class taxpayers understand that they will only be on the *funding* end of the equation—not the *receiving* end. That is, they expect to pay higher taxes and higher prices *while getting nothing in return*. In fact, they expect their medical care will *worsen* as a result of physician shortages and federal bureaucracy, while only the poor will gain anything from the legislation.

If a majority of Americans consider ObamaCare nothing more than an elaborate program to redistribute their hard-earned income, it is unlikely that Obama and his fellow Democrats will be able to change that perception—mostly because that perception is also reality.

Social Security and Medicare are understood by most Americans to mean, “My money is set aside until I retire and *I* need it;” ObamaCare is understood by most Americans to mean, “My money will be taken from me and given to someone else.” Those are two different concepts altogether, and Democrats who fail to recognize that risk defeat in the November 2010 elections.

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