

“OBAMACARE” TV NEWS INTERVIEW

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On January 18, 2011, I got a phone call from a reporter from WYIN-TV in Merrillville, Indiana. Renetta DuBose asked me if she could interview me about the possible repeal of “Obamacare”. I agreed.

Renetta DuBose had interviewed me for the local news program last fall when the first parts of “Obamacare” came into effect. From that interview, I knew that my comments would be edited, but not in any nasty way.

Here is an outline of what I said in the TV news interview when Miss DuBose asked me if “Obamacare” should be repealed.

- Yes, it should be repealed; it is a bad law that was badly written.**
- “Obamacare” transferred half a trillion dollars in scheduled Medicare benefits for senior citizens and spent that money on other things and other people.**
- “Obamacare” authorized the hiring of thousands of new I.R.S. agents. What does that have to do with health care reform?**
- “Obamacare” destroyed great prescription drug benefits for labor union retirees at John Deere, Caterpillar, and other firms by punishing companies with more taxes if the companies helped their retirees with such benefits.**
- “Obamacare” caused thousands of children who had health insurance to lose their health insurance in September 2010. This was because the law had some stupid and sloppy wording in it that threatened to punish insurance companies that had provided health insurance for the sick children affected.**
- “Obamacare” did not get the public scrutiny that it should have received. Senator Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi pushed Senators and Congressmen to vote for the over 2,000 page bill without studying it or allowing time for the public to study it and comment on it. They worked to prevent any refinement and correction in the bill. So, it was like the first draft of a novel that gets published without any review and editing – it had a lot of really bad mistakes. The Senators and Congressmen who voted for it acted stupidly and irresponsibly. They never bothered to check the bill for anything that violated the Constitution or anyone’s constitutional rights. That’s a violation of their oath of office.**
- “Obamacare” really did establish authority to establish “death panel” reviews.**
- “Obamacare” gave too much power to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to interpret the law and write any regulation imaginable.**
- “Obamacare” gave the federal government a motive to start denying more and more procedures for seniors under Medicare in order to shift the costs of health care for seniors back onto the senior citizens. I gave examples of two**

clients of this insurance agency that I had helped. Medicare refused to pay for an x-ray related to a mammography for a woman from Valparaiso. Medicare refused to pay for an x-ray prior to surgery for a man from Lowell despite the fact that his doctor required the x-ray or would not do the surgery.

- **“Obamacare”, in my opinion is the most anti-senior citizen law to ever be passed or signed into law. As far as I am concerned, actions speak louder than words. I believe that Obama, Reid, Pelosi, and their allies in Congress and elsewhere HATE SENIOR CITIZENS BECAUSE THEIR ACTIONS DEMONSTRATE THAT.**
- **“Obamacare” should be repealed so that a more sensible public discussion could be started. I am for health care reform, but “Obamacare” is not what we need. Let’s pass a health care reform law that does not hurt senior citizens as “Obamacare” does.**

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