

A Syllogistic Response to Proponents of the Affordable Care Act

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Recent claims from those who favor the passing of the legislation often referred to as Obamacare, are distraught at the numerous attempts by Republicans in congress who wish to overturn it. The left claims the people have decided, and continuous attempts to overturn are purely a symbolic attempt to distract from important issues. So to those who say, "THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN" or "CONGRESS HAS VOTED X NUMBER OF TIMES ALREADY", I offer this syllogistic response.

1. It assumes those who voted for Obama (or Democrats in general) did so as a result of their ACA support.
2. Assumes without support of ACA by Obama or democrats, the voters would have voted for the opposition
3. Not all 310 million Americans are eligible to vote. (1)
4. Only 131 million voted in 2008. (2)
5. Of those who voted for Obama (in 2008) only voted for him in opposition to John McCain. (3) (4)
6. Of those who voted for Obama, how many supported the specific kind of 'Health Reform' he ran on? (5)
7. Did the final bill reflect what his campaign speeches indicated?
8. Not all of those who voted are informed on 'the issues' (6)
9. Of those voters left, how many have an informed, valid understanding of the healthcare industry in America?
10. Of those, who was informed, and understood the final legislation?
11. Of those how many favored this bill specifically?
12. Of those who read the 20,202 pages of the law? (7) Yes that's twenty thousand two hundred and two pages
13. Of those who read the bill, how many understand the intended legal, medical terminology?
14. Of those how many have plausible reasons to understand the effects of the bill?

It can be plausibly be recognized that the American people can not be said to favor the passing of this law. Thus, if their support is justification for its passing, it should be overturned. Even if a large number ignorant Americans favor something; IT TELLS US NOTHING ABOUT THE MORALITY OF THE LAW. Please consider this syllogistic approach to democracy, oppose it, and refer to a great read- 'For a New Liberty' by Murray Rothbard.

(1) <http://www.census.gov/prod/2010pubs/p20-562.pdf>

(2) Final count-

Obama: 69,498,516

McCain: 59,948,323

(3) Does not include third party candidates or write ins.

(4) This is the fallacy of damning the alternatives- "I'll steal \$100 from you, or \$200 from you. If you choose \$100, you did so voluntarily; after all you voted for me to do so."

(5) Due to lack of specificity during campaign, knowledge of the ACA is unlikely favored

(6) Then again, neither is the United States Congress

(7) http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/post/how-many-pages-of-regulations-for-obamacare/2013/05/14/61eec914-bcf9-11e2-9b09-1638acc3942e_blog.html