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Friday, November 21, 2014

## [Those Who Understand ObamaCare Best Like It Most](#)

Incidental Economist: These are early days, but so far the Affordable Care Act is working. Rates of uninsured persons are down. Millions of people are enrolling. The Congressional Budget Office thinks that it will cost less than they originally projected. ... So why is the law doing better and yet, to most people, looking worse? ... Jon Krosnick, Wendy Gross, and colleagues at Stanford and Kaiser ran [large surveys](#) to measure public understanding of the ACA and how it was associated with approval of the law. They found that accurate knowledge about what's in the bill varied with party identification: Democrats understood the most and liked the law the most, independents less, and Republicans understood still less and liked the law the least. However, attitudes were not just tribal. Within each party, the more accurate your knowledge of the law, the more you liked it.

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Based on their model for how knowledge about the ACA is associated with approval for the law, Krosnick and colleagues project that in the unlikely case in which the public had perfect understanding of the law, "the proportion of Americans who favor the bill might increase from the current level of 32% to 70%."

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In my opinion there's one overwhelming consensus across the conservative side of the spectrum. Regardless of any other perceived reasons for disliking the ACA, conservatives hate it because Obama passed it.

#1 | Posted by [Whatsleft](#) at [2014-11-21 12:58 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  | **Newsorthy 5**

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I heard he's very happy with it.

#2 | Posted by [kanrei](#) at [2014-11-21 01:02 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

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In Kentucky they call the ACA KNECT and most of the voters like it though they don't realize it is really Obamacare which they hate.

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#3 | Posted by [danni](#) at [2014-11-21 01:42 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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It's gonna be hilarious to watch the 2016 repub prez candidates denouncing obamacare and promising to repeal it, while also promising to keep the parts people like, such as preexisting conditions.

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Their base is probably dumb enough to think they can keep the parts they like without the parts they dislike- like paying for it.

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#4 | Posted by [SpeakSoftly](#) at [2014-11-21 01:57 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼

*while also promising to keep the parts people*

So you are saying the GOP is going to run on "if you like your Obamacare, you can keep it?"

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#5 | Posted by [kanrei](#) at [2014-11-21 01:58 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼ | **Funny:** 1

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*In Kentucky they call the ACA KNECT and most of the voters like it though they don't realize it is really Obamacare which they hate.*

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In addition to the screw up of not admitting that she voted for Obama, I think that Grimes also screwed up by not connecting KNECT to Obamacare or the increased Medicaid enrollment to Obamacare.

Also, did the democratic governor of Kentucky campaign with/for Grimes?

#6 | Posted by [FedUpWithPols](#) at [2014-11-21 02:02 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼

Republicans will run as they always run, on fear and loathing.

#7 | Posted by [Whatsleft](#) at [2014-11-21 02:07 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼ | **Newsworthy** 1

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And that's the problem. The typical rightwinger is both stupid and incapable of understanding anything the least bit complex

unless it is spoon fed them by Rush or Fox. So of course they don't really understand the ACA. Hence, as indicated by the title thread, that is why they like it least.

#8 | Posted by [moder8](#) at [2014-11-21 02:08 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼ | **Newsworthy** 4

It's was dubbed "ObamaCare" because Republicans knew it would infuriate their base.

Why not call it "National Healthcare"?

Because then people wouldn't be up in arms trying to shut it down.

#9 | Posted by [ClownShack](#) at [2014-11-21 02:09 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼ | **Newsworthy** 1

"Obamacare" was a compromise name. The DNC wanted it called "Free Candy" and the RNC was pushing for "Kitten Abortions" as the name.

#10 | Posted by [kanrei](#) at [2014-11-21 02:11 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼ | **Funny**: 2

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#5 | Posted by kanrei

No they're going to run on "keep the benefits of obamacare, get rid of the way its paid for."

They'll also keep talking about balancing the budget by cutting taxes for the rich.

Holding contradictory positions is no problem for these people.

I'm expecting them to also campaign on promising ice cream that will make you thinner.

#11 | Posted by [SpeakSoftly](#) at [2014-11-21 02:21 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼

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Actually, Obama already took care of that part. Remember: Obamacare was supposed to be funded by the repeal of the

Bush Tax Cuts Obama later extended.

#12 | Posted by [kanrei](#) at [2014-11-21 02:23 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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#12 | Posted by kanrei

Then how is it being paid for?

#13 | Posted by [SpeakSoftly](#) at [2014-11-21 02:30 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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*Then how is it being paid for?*

*POSTED BY SPEAKSOFTLY AT 2014-11-21 02:30 PM*

Good question.

*How is ObamaCare Paid For?*

*ObamaCare is paid for through collected taxes, penalties, spending cuts and reformations to the health care industry. This money is used to fund the program, subsidized health insurance for tens of millions, to improve Medicare, expand Medicaid to 15 million, and more.*

[obamacarefacts.com](http://obamacarefacts.com)

This is just a bunch of empty rhetoric.

#14 | Posted by [kanrei](#) at [2014-11-21 02:33 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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#14 | Posted by kanrei

So is saying he was going to pay for it just by ending the bush tax cuts.

[www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

#15 | Posted by [SpeakSoftly](#) at [2014-11-21 02:49 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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Don't think I said "just," but I should have been clearer.

#16 | Posted by [kanrei](#) at [2014-11-21 02:53 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

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## #8 | POSTED BY MODER8

Which Obamacare are you referring to? The one explained by the president and his lap dogs or the actual one as described by Jon Gruber? Maybe the "right wingers" figured out the impossibilities of what we were being fed like, Melissa Francis of CNBC did, and are therefore not included in the SAV category that Gruber was describing. Do you remember he said that Obamacare would never have passed if everyone knew what was REALLY in it? SO, who's really "stupid and incapable" here? I had never considered you a "Stupid American Voter" until now, Moder8. I guess you've been "understanding" what Gruber explained to be BS. Melissa did and tried to inform you but CNBC cut her off. But then, you hate FOX so you probably didn't know anything about all this. Yep, another SAV, another low information vote like the others. (Pssst...the right wingers had it figured out long ago.)

#17 | Posted by [jestgettinalong](#) at [2014-11-21 03:40 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  ▼

Here is the clearest sign it was a bad bill: You've heard about the controversies within the bill, the process about the bill, one or the other. But I don't know if you have heard that it is legislation for the future, not just about health care for America, but about a healthier America, where preventive care is not something that you have to pay a deductible for or out of pocket. Prevention, prevention, prevention -- it's about diet, not diabetes. It's going to be very, very exciting. But we have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it, away from the fog of the controversy.

Nancy Pelosi  
9 March, 2010

#18 | Posted by [kanrei](#) at [2014-11-21 03:44 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  ▼

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Nothing beats a fox watcher calling other people uninformed.

[www.businessinsider.com](http://www.businessinsider.com)

"They found that someone who watched only Fox News

would be expected to answer 1.04 domestic questions correctly compared to 1.22 for those who watched no news at all. "

#19 | Posted by [SpeakSoftly](#) at [2014-11-21 03:44 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

What's worse than Obamacare? Not having Obamacare.

#20 | Posted by [danni](#) at [2014-11-21 03:50 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  | **Newsworthy 2**

"Then how is it being paid for?"

Do you not remember Gruber explaining the "hidden" taxes that the "Stupid American Voters wouldn't figure out?"

"Happily, we live in an era of exceptional access to information by and about government, enabling anyone who's paying attention to suss out hidden agendas. The costs and taxes that Gruber said lawmakers were trying to conceal?"

[www.latimes.com](http://www.latimes.com)

It was those SAVs who were not "paying attention" like The folks at Fox News were doing. But, y'all just HAD to stick with MSNBC and Media Matters.

#21 | Posted by [jestgettinalong](#) at [2014-11-21 03:51 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

Their base is probably dumb enough to think they can keep the parts they like without the parts they dislike- like paying for it.

#4 | Posted by [SpeakSoftly](#)

With the house, senate, and pres it seems to me they can do just exactly that. Right now it isn't paying for itself.

#22 | Posted by [Sniper](#) at [2014-11-21 04:01 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

*Those Who Understand ObamaCare Best Like It Most*

I post lectures, articles, and studies from the medical establishment that explains the enormously complicated problems facing healthcare... and anti-Obamacare morons prefer to listen to some right-wing hack on TV or print vomiting rhetoric and they mindlessly swallow the BS hook, line, and sinker...

The headline at the top of this thread should not surprise any

clear thinking person who takes a moment to learn about the subject matter.

#23 | Posted by [PinchALoaf](#) at [2014-11-21 04:42 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  | **Newsworthy 2**

This headline is a joke.

I have intensely followed this law from the infancy of its early debates through today, and will continue to do so.

This law is a steaming pile on so many levels and its unpopularity, right now, is higher than it has ever been. Keep in mind, the most painful aspects of the law have been delayed, so the public has yet to feel the full power of the dark side of the Force.

#24 | Posted by [JeffJ](#) at [2014-11-21 06:06 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  | **Newsworthy 1**

Your website so I guess you can change the headline in your favor. When I do it the headline is changed.

#25 | Posted by [sames1](#) at [2014-11-21 06:18 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

Don't worry, Sames1.

Frank Cotton has infiltrated Rcade's neighborhood.

The chickens are coming home to roost!

#26 | Posted by [JeffJ](#) at [2014-11-21 06:21 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

JeffJ

To understand Obamacare you need to understand how health care is provisioned in this country, and I'm not convinced you do.

#27 | Posted by [snoofy](#) at [2014-11-21 06:22 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  | **Newsworthy 2**

*and its unpopularity, right now, is higher than it has ever been*

Its popularity around our house (we're both self employed) is sky high. We have a great BCBS plan thanks to the ACA and Healthcare.gov's exchange.

The people railing against it the most are on the right, bought into the right wing echo chamber's nonsense, and I'd guess



have their insurance provided by their employers, so they really don't have a clue what the experience of shopping for health insurance was like before the ACA.

Our experience pre-ACA was sky high prices (\$1000 a month+) for so-so insurance plans that could drop you if you dared get sick and actually *needed* it.

#28 | Posted by [AMERICANUNITY](#) at [2014-11-21 07:21 PM](#)  
| [Reply](#) | Flag:

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#24 | Posted by JeffJ

Do you mean like when they begin taxing the 'Cadillac Plan' your employer provides?

#29 | Posted by [AMERICANUNITY](#) at [2014-11-21 07:23 PM](#)  
| [Reply](#) | Flag:

*Do you mean like when they begin taxing the 'Cadillac Plan' your employer provides?*

This was a shocker for me. We just went through open enrollment where I work, and our HR department rolled out a new plan with an HSA. I've posted about it before, but the interesting thing was the H.R. department presented the new plan (optional this year) as the result of the tax implications for "cadillac plans" and that this plan will likely be THE plan in 2017. They presented it as a negative. I was convinced I was going to stay with the old plan.

Then I did the analysis, various cost scenarios, etc. and I come out ahead with the new plan, even through the existing plan is available with absolutely no changes from last year. So I'm going with the new plan, and I'm going to pay less for the same benefits.

When I told folks about what my analysis showed, they didn't believe I could be right based on the way HR presented it. So I ran through an analysis for several of them. They all came out ahead with the new plan. Most went with the new plan, but a few refused to believe it and are sticking with the old plan. Go figure.

And all that without the tax advantages of the HSA and the ability to invest and grow that account for my early retirement plans.



#30 | Posted by [YAV](#) at [2014-11-21 09:06 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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*And all that without taking into consideration the tax advantages of the HSA*

Fixed the ambiguity.

#31 | Posted by [YAV](#) at [2014-11-21 09:11 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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Show us an obamacare recipient with a govt subsidy and you'll hear how satisfied they are.

#32 | Posted by [MSgt](#) at [2014-11-22 01:31 AM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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No subsidy here, my insurance is through my employer.

#33 | Posted by [YAV](#) at [2014-11-22 10:32 AM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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*No subsidy here, my insurance is through my employer.*

#33 | *Posted by YAV*

Me either, I'm self employed.

#34 | Posted by [Whatsleft](#) at [2014-11-22 11:57 AM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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Wait a couple of years till all aspect of obamacare phase in [especially the employer mandate] and then get back to us on that.

#35 | Posted by [MSgt](#) at [2014-11-22 01:07 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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#35 | *Posted by MSgt*

If I were an employer I'd be demanding single payer. All you right-wing entrepreneurs and business geniuses, you're constantly looking for ways to externalize your losses, right? This is the biggest one you'll likely ever get, saving about five thou per employee per year. For a minimum wage employee that's a 25% discount on keeping that poor schmuck flipping your burgers.

Yet for some reason you don't want the discount. Tell me

again about you understand economics real good?

#36 | Posted by [snoofy](#) at [2014-11-22 02:19 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  
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#35 | *Posted by MSgt*

While I'm not in favor of a full repeal of the ACA without a better plan to replace it, I am in favor of fixing issues. I don't think there should be an employer mandate.

Tell us Sarge, do you have insurance?

#37 | Posted by [Whatsleft](#) at [2014-11-22 02:19 PM](#) | [Reply](#) |  
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*I have intensely followed this law from the infancy of its early debates through today, and will continue to do so.*

#24 | *POSTED BY JEFFJ AT 2014-11-21 06:06 PM | REPLY  
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Your problem is that you're just parroting BS talking points from know-nothing talking heads.

Here's the truth, yet again...

**Top 10 Reasons Why Health Care Costs Have Risen**  
 (16:00 mark, thru 22:00 mark)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

1. Population growth and aging
2. Uncontrolled proliferation of technology
3. Increasing chronic care needs
4. Direct to consumer marketing of healthcare products and services
5. Restriction of managed care practices
6. Legislative health care mandates
7. Consolidation of health care providers
8. Rising liability insurance costs
9. Excessive demand ("consumptive society")
10. Care variation from best practices (i.e. poor quality)

Dr. Kizer also explains the ACA  
 (30:00 mark thru 32:00)

**Institute of Medicine: The cost of healthcare - where's the money going?**  
[resources.iom.edu](http://resources.iom.edu)

#38 | Posted by [PinchALoaf](#) at [2014-11-22 02:21 PM](#) | [Reply](#) |

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#24 | *POSTED BY JEFFJ*

Does that include when Newt Gingrich suggested the Personal Mandate back when First Lady Hillary Clinton tried and failed to champion health care reform?

#39 | Posted by [snoofy](#) at [2014-11-22 03:10 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

What? So they are saying that people who believe the bs are the best informed?

#40 | Posted by [Shawn](#) at [2014-11-22 03:38 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

#37 | POSTED BY WHATSLEFT AT 2014-11-22 02:19 PM | FLAG: Absolutely - I have TRICARE which I earned under contract by 21 years service including one years in RVN.

#41 | Posted by [MSgt](#) at [2014-11-22 03:39 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

*So they are saying that people who believe the bs are the best informed?*

No, they're saying that those best informed don't believe the bs.

#42 | Posted by [YAV](#) at [2014-11-22 03:55 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

*I have TRICARE which I earned*

Notice how he can't simply tell you which insurance he has without explaining why he's entitled to it.

It's a full-on entitlement mentality.

#43 | Posted by [snoofy](#) at [2014-11-22 04:16 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  | **Newsorthy 1**

#41 | *Posted by MSgt*

Interesting that you don't seem to believe that many people in the private sector don't *earn* the ability to obtain healthcare, or that people shouldn't have healthcare unless they've *earned* it.

#44 | Posted by [Whatsleft](#) at [2014-11-22 07:26 PM](#) | [Reply](#) |

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Everyone should have health care, period.

Setting aside ideological motivations, for the simple reason that most people in the modern world have exactly that.

I think anyone who thinks it should be otherwise is at least a century and a half behind the times.

#45 | Posted by [snoofy](#) at [2014-11-22 07:34 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼

No, they're saying that those best informed don't believe the bs.

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No. They are attempting to prove their conclusion with a test that is designed to base 'accuracy' upon acceptance. That is not science, it is propaganda.

#46 | Posted by [Shawn](#) at [2014-11-22 10:50 PM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag: (Choose) ▼

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#24 | POSTED BY JEFFJ AT 2014-11-21 06:06 PM | FLAG: | NEWSWORTHY 1

Oh please!! Seriously?? Which vapid numbskull flagged this empty remark newsworthy?  
You clowns need to grow a brain.

or how about learning critical thinking.

Come on Jeff give us some specifics that set this pile to steaming. Otherwise you are wasting bandwidth just yammering to yammer your mad. We already know you are angry and it is one of life's big "so whats?" because your mad about this doesn't matter. Its yours.

Besides I want to see if you have anything other than the dribble oozing from the brain of some petty little rightwingnut authoring an op-ed full of dire predictions dreamt up by such and such a some other rightwing think tank ad infinitum... to back up your claim.

I have this hunch your bloat is just a bunch of hot air and

considering that you had to say nothing relevant to get a news worthy flag. If there is one the the clownies love is a whole lot of who like it when someone says nothing to get them happy. I know for sure you have plenty of company in the empty space where you put your psychic predictions of how hatred of it will grow as soon as people find out about it...

I guess you think no one knows about and for sure they it haven't read up on it... because according to you boy ol boy as soon as they do all hell will break loose.

pffffittt.

#47 | Posted by [RightisTrite](#) at [2014-11-23 02:05 AM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  | **Newsworthy 3**

"Those Who Understand ObamaCare Best Like It Most"

Does this mean most who dislike it are morons?

#48 | Posted by [Tor](#) at [2014-11-23 02:40 AM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:  | **Newsworthy 1**

"Those"...so will amnesty include these new Obamabots? AmnestyCare?

#49 | Posted by [Greatamerican](#) at [2014-11-23 02:46 AM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

The study referenced in this article is a good example of "researcher bias." The model they're using to determine knowledge about the ACA is flawed.

First of all, the model only has 18 data points (survey questions). There needs to be more in order to encompass all aspects and perspectives of the law.

Second of all, some of the data points being used to determine ACA knowledge are debatable and not clear cut. For example the survey question, "US citizens without health insurance have to pay a fine" is misleading - it's been successfully argued in front of the SC that the mandate is not a fine but a tax. Another misleading survey question is that "committees do not decide whether people get medical care" ; however, ACA requires the HHS to determine what is considered an "essential health benefit" and t

#50 | Posted by [ghickey](#) at [2014-11-23 05:43 AM](#) | [Reply](#) | Flag:

...and this is being done by committee (such as the folks over at the IOM).

#51 | Posted by [ghickey](#) at [2014-11-23 05:44 AM](#) | [Reply](#) |

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