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Obama's Healthcare Reform Strategy: Hatched in Prison by a Convicted Felon

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Millions of Americans are increasingly dismayed at the ruthless tactics employed by the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress in its “war plan” to force a federal government takeover of health care. Their plan has unfolded step-by-step, despite objections by a large and vocal majority of American citizens. At this point, Nancy Pelosi has managed to force her ruinous, 2,000-page abomination through the House; and a vote is imminent on Harry Reid's bill in the Senate—the details of which still have not been revealed.

At no time in American history has wildly out-of-control spending been rammed through Congress with such devastating effects—and over the objections of so many American taxpayers. It is hard for many to understand how such an aggressive plan to wreck the American economy and force us into a socialist system could have been thrust upon us in such a relatively short period of time.

Now, it is becoming clear, thanks to the investigative work of a handful of committed individuals. On his late afternoon television show, Glenn Beck recently exposed the master plan of the Obama administration and its operatives to force a massive plan for universal health care on the American taxpayers—a plan that would virtually destroy whatever remains of our economy, already devastated by the TARP stimulus, end-to-end bailouts, the so-called “jobs” stimulus (which has had virtually no effect on unemployment), and the takeover of huge chunks of the private sector. The Breitbart news organization (with Joel Pollak, writing for www.BigGovernment.com) has exposed the 10-step strategy that the administration and hard-left Democrats have systematically been following.

The expose began on August 31 when Pollak headed to a health care town hall meeting conducted by his congressional representative, Jan Schakowsky (D-IL). Ms. Schakowsky had publicly vowed on the Bill Maher television show to stack the meeting with paid organizers and bring “millions” of people into the streets to demonstrate in support of the so-called “public option.”

Pollak took his video camera to the townhall meeting, and he and a friend took turns filming protesters on both sides of the issue. Caught on video was an organizer from the group Health Care for America Now (HCAN), who was showing followers how to block dissenting views. The organizer instructed demonstrators, “If they stand up and start asking questions, and you're in that area, simply stand up, and start chanting... ‘Health care now! Health care now!’”

Pollak's experience at Rep. Schakowsky's town hall meeting that night convinced him to challenge her in the 2010 election. He stated, “I could not simply watch thugs drown out the people of my own community back home, and do nothing.”

The HCAN video proved to be the “smoking gun” in the controversy over which side of the debate was creating a false image of grass roots support. The video expose, which became a YouTube sensation, contains clues as to how the entire nationwide health care campaign was planned and is being executed by congressional Democrats and the White House.

The organizer in the video is John Gaudette, the Illinois director of HCAN. Gaudette is also affiliated with a left-wing ACORN sister group, Citizen Action/Illinois. Rep. Schakowsky sits on the Policy Council of that group, which suggests that she may have known about and possibly even coordinated the suppression of her own constituents' views by the HCAN demonstrators.

It gets worse.

Rep. Schakowsky's husband, Robert Creamer, is a former leader of Citizen Action/Illinois. He also founded its predecessor, Illinois Public Action—in which Ms. Schakowsky served as Program Director. Creamer now runs a political consulting firm, the Strategic Consulting Group, which lists ACORN and the SEIU among its clients. Creamer's consulting group made \$541,000 working for former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich, who was forced to resign

because his allegedly corrupt behavior had become an embarrassment to the Democrat Party—and particularly, to President Obama.

After the FBI began investigating him for bank fraud and tax evasion at Illinois Public Action, Creamer resigned from Citizen Action/Illinois. Convicted in 2006, Creamer was sentenced to five months in federal prison, plus eleven months of house arrest.

During his time in prison, Creamer wrote a lengthy political manual entitled, *Listen to Your Mother: Stand Up Straight! How Progressives Can Win* (Seven Locks Press, 2007).

The book was eagerly embraced by leading Democrats and their allies, including SEIU boss, Andy Stern. (Stern, by the way, has been the most frequent visitor thus far to the Obama White House.) Chief Obama strategist David Axelrod, enthusiastically endorsing the book, noted that Creamer's book "provides a blueprint for future victories."

In his book (a copy of which Glenn Beck has shown several times on his program), Creamer draws on decades of political experience on the radical left, including the teachings of arch-radical Saul Alinsky. It includes several revealing episodes from Rep. Schakowsky's political career. Creamer lays out a "Progressive Agenda for Structural Change," which includes a ten-point plan for forcing universal health care on the American people in 2009 (emphasis added):

- "We must create a national consensus that health care is a right, not a commodity; and that government must guarantee that right."
- "We must create a national consensus that the health care system is in crisis."
- "Our messaging program over the next two years should focus heavily on reducing the credibility of the health insurance industry and focusing on the failure of private health insurance."
- "We need to systematically forge relationships with large sectors of the business/employer community."
- "We need to convince political leaders that they owe their elections, at least in part, to the groundswell of support of [sic] universal health care, and that they face political peril if they fail to deliver on universal health care in 2009."
- "We need not agree in advance on the components of a plan, but we must foster a process that can ultimately yield consensus."
- "Over the next two years, we must design and organize a massive national field program."
- "We must focus especially on the mobilization of the labor movement and the faith community."
- "We must systematically leverage the connections and resources of a massive array of institutions and organizations of all types."
- "To be successful, we must put in place commitments for hundreds of millions of dollars to be used to finance paid communications and mobilization once the battle is joined."

Creamer added that, in order to win, "we must not generate just understanding, but emotion—fear, revulsion, anger, disgust."

Obviously, Democrats have followed Creamer's plan to the letter. They claim our health care system is in crisis—despite polls showing that roughly 80% of Americans are happy with the healthcare they receive. Readers can no doubt recall seeing or hearing President Obama himself recount false stories about Americans dying for lack of health care and health insurance.

The Left has targeted the health insurance industry, with Rep. Schakowsky promising to "put the private insurance industry out of business"—even though that industry is a top employer in Illinois.

The stench of corruption continues to build, as Democrats have cut deals with the pharmaceutical industry and the American Medical Association, among others. The President himself has warned wavering "Blue Dog" Democrats that their re-election chances depend on passing health care reform. Mary Landrieu (Democrat - Louisiana) was promised \$300 million of slush fund money (otherwise known as "stimulus" funds) for the state of Louisiana (read, job security for Landrieu) to get her vote to move the Senate bill forward. SEIU members have been brought to town hall meetings by the busload, and rabbis and pastors have been urged to back health care reform from the pulpit. It is our guess that these corrupt manipulations are just the tip of the iceberg.

The strategy has utilized a far-ranging web of interconnected organizations (i.e., Obama's "Army," which we have reported on during the last few months) to whip up support and silence opposition. Included are HCAN and Organizing For America—the former Obama campaign arm. (And where do these groups get the money for their organizing operations? From you, the American taxpayer!)

Creamer wrote his plan in 2006, with the explicit intent that it be carried out in 2009, "once a progressive Democrat is elected President," and once Democrats could count on 60 votes in the Senate. Isn't it curious that Creamer, sitting in prison, could have predicted the details of President Obama's legislative agenda so precisely? Most likely,

Creamer helped design the Democrats' health care bills; and having a strategy in place to force passage would explain why President Obama has been obsessed with passing a health care bill in 2009. It would explain the role of several overlapping left-wing groups, including Creamer's own Citizen Action/Illinois. It would also explain why HCAN was so overtly aggressive at Rep. Schakowsky's town hall meeting.

Creamer's role as strategist would also explain his high profile in the Democrat Party after being released from prison. He trained volunteers for the Obama campaign, and even attended the White House state dinner last month — together with Stern, Axelrod, and other Obama cronies—despite the fact that ex-convicts are usually not allowed to attend such events.

Creamer's broader objectives, as laid out in his book, are the “democratization of wealth” in America and “progressive control of governments around the world”—i.e., totalitarian world government.

He recently wrote on his blog at the Huffington Post, “If we succeed in winning health insurance reform we will have breached the gates of the status quo. We will demonstrate that fundamental change is possible. Into that breach will flow a wave of progressive change.” (Remember Obama's statement after the election that, “We are just days away from fundamentally changing America”?)

This is an extremely radical agenda; it makes use of Rep. Schakowsky's political connections, a complex network of leftist organizations, and Creamer's old pals in the White House. The fact that it was hatched in federal prison—and has unfolded exactly as intended, despite the protests of millions— should give every freedom-loving American a huge wake-up call. This administration is waging war on every citizen who does not agree with its socialist objectives!

If Obamacare passes, the radical march will not end with health care. It will continue until the Obama/Creamer/Far Left dream of radical change is realized on all fronts—or until voters stand up and put a stop to it in 2010.

(Editor's Note: Details are from Joel B. Pollak's article, “Was Democrats' Health Care Strategy Written In Federal Prison?” published at Biggovernment.com, Dec. 7, 2009.)