



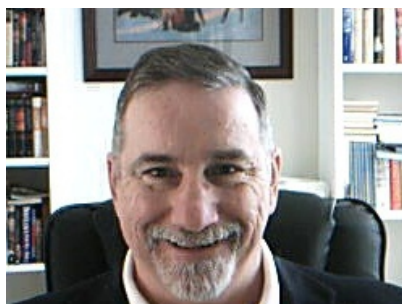
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“You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.” (Deuteronomy 16:19)

“The upcoming Supreme Court case on the constitutionality of Obama Care is not about the commerce clause; it is simply about individual liberty.” –Dave



On March 26, 2012, the US Supreme Court will be hearing the [case](#) “Department of Health and Human Services, et al., Petitioners v. Florida, et al.” The main question being asked of the Court is “Whether Congress had the power under Article I of the Constitution to enact the minimum coverage provision.”

For the five “conservative” justices to answer anything other than a resounding “no” would seem to any liberty-loving citizen as a complete impossibility. However, if a recent Washington Post [article](#) is to be taken seriously, this is not only a possibility, but also a possible 7-2 landslide decision in favor of Obama Care.

Too much of our liberty is at stake to roll the dice with an unsure judiciary. WE the People must act with forbearance, force, and foresight.

By forbearance I mean we must display patience and self-control as we address this swiftly-approaching battle. While we are in a battle for our liberty, we must not become combative.

By force I mean using the full constitutional powers we possess as citizens, powers that we enumerated in a limited way to our federal government, of which the judiciary is to be the least harmful. In “To The Streets” we will address ways of letting the US Supreme Court know of our desires in this case. They work for us!

By foresight I mean this is a fight for our liberty that we must approach with an eye on the future, not just 2014, but also—and more importantly—for our posterity. If the government is allowed to force private citizens into a commercial contract then there are no longer any limits upon that government.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



It is preposterous to believe the Framers of our US Constitution had in mind an individual mandate for health insurance, or any commodity for that matter, when penning the commerce clause in Article I, Section 8. ObamaCare's forced insurance mandate does not fall under the commerce clause because commerce was limited to the trading of goods and services.

"If duties are too high, they lessen the consumption; the collection is eluded; and the product to the treasury is not so great as when they are confined within proper and moderate bounds. This forms a complete barrier against any material oppression of the citizens by taxes of this class, and is itself a natural limitation of the power of imposing them." Alexander Hamilton, *Federalist* #21

It is not surprising that many of today's Congressional Democrats and Leftists (but I repeat myself) believe that they have enumerated constitutional powers to force individuals to purchase the services of a healthcare insurance company. One such congressman equates it to being forced to have auto insurance. The difference is obvious but let's state it anyhow. People do not have to drive a car; there are alternate means of transportation.

Conversely, people who can afford to pay for their own healthcare should not be forced to carry an insurance policy they have no intention or need of using. And the term commerce was never meant to apply to individual consumers. Writing for the Constitution Society, scholars Robert Bork and Daniel Troy address this issue:

These early discussions of the nature of the Union suggest that "commerce" does not include manufacturing, agriculture, labor, or industry. In short, "commerce" does not seem to have been used during the founding era to refer to those acts that precede the act of trade. Interstate commerce seems to refer to interstate trade — that is, commerce is "intercourse for the purposes of trade in any and all its forms, including the transportation, purchase, sale, and exchange of commodities between the ... citizens of different States."

Reading that, it is beyond a stretch of the original intent of the Framers of the Constitution to think healthcare can be mandated of individuals. It is an aberration to all that is called American.

FROM THE PULPIT

“If spiritual liberty calls upon its pious votaries to extend their views far forward to a glorious hereafter, civil liberty must at least be allowed to secure, in a considerable degree, our well-being here. And I believe it will be no difficult matter to prove, that the latter is as much the gift of God in Christ Jesus as the former, and consequently, that we are bound to stand fast in our civil as well as our spiritual freedom.” Reverend Jacob Duche, July 7, 1775, Christ Church, Philadelphia

Individual healthcare mandates are not the only issue with ObamaCare. As we have written in a previous edition of The Truth Newsletter, religious organizations will be forced to provide both contraception and sterilization against the tenets of their faiths.

Additionally we are not far as a nation to being forced into taxpayer funded abortions, exactly like what is happening in Massachusetts with RomneyCare. While the American taxpayer is already being forced to pay for abortions in limited instances, the door to unlimited abortion on demand, with the bill being footed by you and me, is the ultimate goal of abortion proponents.

We are a people endowed with unalienable rights such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A government that forces us to purchase goods and services is one of tyranny. Our civil liberty is part of our right of pursuing happiness. If we do not stand against this tyrannical requirement to purchase healthcare, then what is to stop the Obama Administration from requiring workers to join labor unions? What is to stop the Justice Department from deciding that joining any political organization they deem coercive to move to outlaw said organization?

In his sermon on liberty, Reverend Duche said the following:

“But, if we are to judge from the late ungenerous and ill-digested plans of policy, which have been adopted by those whom she hath entrusted with the powers of administration, we cannot but think, that they began to be jealous of our rising glory, and, from an ill-grounded apprehension of our aiming at independency, were desirous of checking our growth.”

Liberals have always been jealous of the freedom-loving patriotic spirit. They do not believe individual responsibility and care for one's needs can be truly accomplished by WE the People. That jealousy arises out of a desire to control our lives of which will never be exercised over a free and independent people.

TO THE STREETS

WE the People have a tall order before us. While the Supreme Court is appointed by the President and confirmed by the US Senate, they still answer to us. They do not have lifetime appointments as government schools teach us. They “shall their offices during good behavior,” according to Article III, Section 1 of the US Constitution. If this Supreme Court decides to uphold the liberty-robbing ObamaCare, then their behavior is no longer “good.”

Here are some immediate steps that must be taken to make sure the US Supreme Court knows that WE the People are watching them.

1. Write the Supreme Court and ask them to rule in favor of freedom and strike down the freedom-robbing ObamaCare. Please send a brief letter or postcard to:

Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

2. Please call (and as always be courteous) the Court and ask the clerk to notify the justices of your request that they strike down ObamaCare. You can call Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 202-479-3000.
3. Get all your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to do the same. We want to overwhelm the Supreme Court mailroom with letters and postcards and we want to shut down their switchboard from the volume of calls.

If we do not speak loudly on this case before the Supreme Court then we are gambling with our liberty. Too many lives have been lost fighting for our freedoms. It is never free; it will always cost us to be free.

How much are you willing to pay?

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