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Health Insurance Reform Fact Check: 5 Republican Myths Obstructing Health Care Reform

MYTH: Grassroots Protestors are Disrupting Town Halls

House Republican Leader John Boehner's Office: "Back home for the August recess, rank-and-file Democratic Members of the House are facing a backlash from their constituents."

FACT: Lobbyist-Run Groups Are Orchestrating Extremist Mobs

Republicans and well-funded special interest groups are sending far-right extremists to local town halls to stop any meaningful discussion of Health Insurance Reform. Some of these mob scenes have turned especially ugly -- including the hanging of Members of Congress in effigy and use of Nazi SS symbols.



MYTH: "Government-Encouraged Euthanasia"

House Republican Leader John Boehner claimed the House bill "may start us down a treacherous path toward government-encouraged euthanasia."

FACT: The claim is "nonsense."

The bill never requires anyone to discuss end-of-life care. Rather, the bill ensures medical professionals who do offer this type of counseling ... are reimbursed for their time, just as ... for other types of counseling or medical services.



MYTH: Private Plans Outlawed

Rep. Doc Hastings (R-Wash.) claimed on his website that individual private health insurance plans will be outlawed in 2013 under the Democratic health care plan.

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FACT: Private health insurance not banned

Individual policies will continue to be available, but people will buy those policies through the national health insurance exchange, which will ensure that people with pre-existing conditions will be able to get coverage. The House bill also allows for existing policies to be grandfathered in, so individual purchasers who like their coverage will be able to keep it.



MYTH: 120 Million Americans Will Be Deprived of Health Care

Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.): Democrats' plan "will deprive roughly 120 million Americans of their current health care coverage."

FACT: "False"

The 120 million number Pence cites comes from the Lewin Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of insurance giant UnitedHealthCare, which based its numbers on several public-option scenarios that are dramatically different than what Democrats have proposed. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that in 2013 about 11 million—NOT 120 million—Americans will end up voluntarily enrolling in the public option, and none of them will be "deprived" of coverage.



MYTH: There is a Republican Plan

Minority Whip Cantor: "The Republican plan" provides "access to affordable basic coverage."

FACT: "Republicans have yet to coalesce around a single plan."

Even though the House Republicans' "Health Care Solutions Group" guaranteed a counter proposal, they have refused to release a plan to the public.



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