

## Another Reason to Hate Santorum

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On March 18, 2012, I watched an interview with Rick Santorum on “This Week With George Stephanopoulos.” Santorum mentioned how he wanted to end big government with ObamaCare, yet he also wanted to make sure big government controls the sex lives of all Americans by making it illegal or unfeasible to have an abortion, use contraceptives, or view pornography.

First, I have issues with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) because no law should mandate that a citizen buy a commodity. That is the way Mitt Romney set the law in Massachusetts, which sucks because now everyone in MA is pitted against the law. I must choose to pay rent and have luxuries like food, clothing, transportation to work, heat, electricity, Internet (which my daughter and I use for school), and phones, or have insurance. I could choose to not pay rent and buy insurance instead (roughly the same amount – except that rent is cheaper than insurance). Thus, MA residents must forgo necessities in order to expand the profit margin of Blue Cross or Tufts. How is that fair? How is that just? Am I to live in a box on the street in order to have health care?

Mandated health care is bullshit and it mocks the issue of affordability. Americans are struggling to make ends meet. The cost of living is steadily going up while the job market (and the average wage) stagnates. Yet, we must buy health insurance?

I say, fuck Blue Cross, fuck Tufts, fuck Harvard Pilgrim, and fuck insurance companies. Why should the middle class be expected to become slaves to these companies that thrive on our misery? America can afford to go to a single payer plan like VA Benefits or MediCare and then cover everyone free (or at the very least, an affordable and realistic rate). Remind me again why is that wrong. Ending our military involvement in the Middle East can easily pay for the cost of the program. In addition, we can also end subsidies to companies like Lockheed-Martin and Boeing.

Second, for those who think that universal health care is socialism and un-American I ask; since when should Congress mandate the purchase of a commodity? Since when should Congress enact laws that serve the profitability of wealthy companies and investors over the needs and the plight of American citizens? And where does it say that we should give up our First Amendment right of privacy to people like Rick Santorum, who clearly wants to take away pornography, contraceptives and abortion? Why should any American’s sex life be the business of anyone else? Why would you allow your rights to be taken away while fighting to make sure health care is not socialist?

This is why I get angry and begin hating our populace. Too many Americans are so foolish that they cannot see the forest for the trees.

**Author’s Note:** This post was written during the 2012 election when Rick Santorum was running for president. I still champion the idea that health care should be a single-payer universal plan. Private insurance is not efficient, unless you consider efficiency to be only counted in how many necessary services are denied or minimally covered. The people who oppose single-payer universal health care, and consider it socialism, are ignoring the fact that private, mandated insurance is wealth redistribution.