



GOT 2 MINUTES?

ONLINE RESPONSES TO NEWSPAPER CONTENT USING THCC TOOLS

EXAMPE 1: Response to Tennessean Op Ed

Excerpt:

Nation needs boldness on system reform -- Our View

For a man who has taken such bold actions in other areas, President Obama's plan for health-care reform is rather timid by comparison. The best that can be said for it is that it is a good step in the right direction.

Response posted to "In Your Voice" online. Note that **BOLD comments** came directly from supplied talking points. *Italicized* indicates adding of personal comments, but still support THCC POV.

Now is the time! And I appreciate The Tennessean taking a solid stand on one of most pressing issues of our time. We cannot afford to wait and pass this challenge on to yet another generation! The cost of our premiums is skyrocketing, wages are stagnant, and more people are becoming uninsured. Families can't afford the costs and we can't deny people critical care. It would be more cost effective if everyone had affordable coverage and preventive care. The current path is not sustainable and we're all paying the price-if we are going to fix the American economy, Americans must come together to support national health care reform that guarantees affordable access to meaningful care. Smckay, 3/11/2009 10:39:17 AM

EXAMPLE 2: Response to Reader Op Ed

Excerpt:

Nationalization Would Be A Mistake

Taken to their logical conclusion, President Obama's reforms will culminate in the federal government managing the financing, pricing and availability of health care in America.

*Here we go again. Dr. Dickerson is either confusing Sen. Lindsay Graham's (R-FL) call to nationalize the banks -- or he is listening too much to Rush. He certainly isn't listening to conservative leaders like Thomas J. Donahue, President of the US Chamber of Commerce, who is on record as supporting much of what President Obama is suggesting. This is hardly surprising when, after all, what we are talking about is **having the same health insurance that Congress has – no more, no less?***

If You Like It—You Can Keep It: Health care reform means better choices and options for all. You have the choice to keep your doctor, your hospital and even your health insurance plan if you like it. There will be the choice of a public health insurance plan which will bring down costs, make coverage affordable, force private health insurance companies to compete and guarantee that quality, affordable coverage will always be there for us when we need it.

Smckay, 3/11/2009 10:46:48 AM