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New "Alaska's Standards" just another name for Common Core

By Barbara Haney, Ph.D.

Many Alaskans may not be familiar with an organization named [Achieve, Inc](#) but it has been the primary driver in the implementation of Barack Obama's educational agenda. It is an organization that enshrines the mojo of [William Ayers](#) and specializes in the implementation of the common core standards and facilitates the entry of states into one of two consortia: Partnership for Assessing College and Career Readiness (PARCC) or Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). William Ayers is a [long time friend](#) of [Linda Darling Hammond](#), the [Senior Adviser of SBAC](#). Therefore, it would hardly be surprising that the use of educational consulting firm that enshrines William Ayer's mojo would then facilitate the writing of a state's educational standards would result in a state becoming a member of a consortium headed by Linda Darling Hammond.

That is exactly what happened in Alaska.

The Alaska Department of Education continues to insist that the state of Alaska wrote its own educational standards and that they are "[Alaska owned](#)" and "[Alaska made](#)" and "[cutting edge stuff](#)." The information submitted by the state of Alaska for funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) clearly conflicts with that narrative. The [ESEA Flexibility document](#) is a tedious compendium of nearly 1,000 pages and is hardly a New York Times best seller; on a summer day in Alaska, it is hardly a choice reading. But as you read the actual document, rather than [AK DEED's cherry picked power point](#) about the document, the truth of the matter emerges.

Of course, you have to get to the appendix attachment 5 of the actual document to find it out. This is a stark contrast to Dr. McCauley laughing at Rep. Wilson's questions on the Common Core at the 8:11 mark [here](#).

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The nervous laughter by Dr. McCauley is generally an indication to dig deeper.

The narrative that these standards are “Alaska’s Standards” and they were “written by Alaska teachers” was the marketing ploy decided upon early on by AK DEED. It was part of the plan laid out by Achieve, Inc with Commissioner Hanley. This blog will bear that out.

It may be true that Alaskan teachers wrote standards. It may be true that these standards were on a server for public comment. But that is not what was adopted. There are multiple iterations of the standards, and only the initial drafting involved teachers. William Ayer’s staff was consulted at each phase of the process.

The Final Standards are not the ones written by the teachers and differ in substantial ways. I won’t bore the reader with [gory details](#) of Alaska’s standards that have been [discussed by SBAC](#) and in the blogs of [other states](#), but after this article, the curious reader will readily see that these standards were actually not written by Alaskan teachers. With rare exception, they are word for word identical to the Common Core. There never was any intent on the part of Commissioner Hanley to adopt standards written by Alaska teachers. There was an intent to engage in a misinformation/publicity campaign calling the standards “Alaskan Made” as noted in the discussion of the Alaska Board of Education meeting minutes under [4 A1 on page 3 in December of 2011](#). But this was before the standards were even adopted, and even then they were admitting that the Common Core was the source document. By January of 2013, they were morphed and massaged into the Common Core standards publically licensed by CCSSO.

As detailed in a letter dated June 7, 2012 from UA President Patrick Gamble to US DOE Secretary Arne Duncan, Alaska’s journey into the Common Core process was tightly scripted. The implementation of the Common Core Standards began in 2010. Alaska DEED, under the direction of Mike Hanley, began planning the implementation of the common core with the assistance of William Ayer’s Achieve, Inc. This can be found buried in the [ESEA Flexibility document](#). For convenience of the reader, this document is listed separately [here](#). Gamble states

“...Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Staff coordinated with Achieve, Inc in the initial planning stages, of the standards revision process in 2010. Staff from Achieve reviewed Alaska’s revision plan and provided feedback via phone conversations and teleconferences. Achieve provided critical guidance for consideration of appropriate stakeholders, identifying key decision makers, and process-specific tasks, which Alaska incorporated into the review.”

Achieve, Inc. is nowhere mentioned in the ESEA Flexibility power point presented to Alaska’s Finance Subcommittee on Education. Indeed, Achieve Inc is not mentioned in the main narrative of the document, except in Patrick Gamble’s letter. Yet the process in Alaska clearly followed the guide written by Achieve Inc. to implement the Common Core.

Achieve, Inc instructed AK DEED’s staff via telephone consultations at every part of the process. In the initial phase, teachers were pulled together and asked to compare the Common Core Standards to the existing Alaska Grade Level Expectations (AK-GLE). Standards were scored based on a rubric of anywhere from full alignment to not aligned at all. If not aligned, educators were then asked if the Alaska standard was more rigorous or less. Clearly then, the subsequent step would be to involve educators into accepting the Common Core Standards, or nearly so, while leaving them with the impression that they actually wrote them, or at least had a personal investment in them.

After the initial round, the Alaska English standards magically emerged nearly perfectly aligned with the Common Core but lacked informational texts listed in the common core. The Alaska’s math standards had very little in common with the Common Core, perhaps suggesting that psychological maneuvering and jedi-mind tricks are not easily used on math teachers. The reports and scoring of these “teacher driven” standards still exist in [archive form](#).



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The creation of the draft standards was probably the last that most teachers involved in the process saw of the standards until they were published in their final form for approval. By December of 2011, the new standards were made available for public comment, according to page [3 of December 15-16 minutes of the Alaska State Board of Education](#). The Commissioner also indicated in this meeting that the Common Core was used as the starting point and that they intended to promote the Common Core standards were “made in Alaska.” There was also a discussion of a publicity campaign to gain further support for the “roll-out” of the standards as “Alaska made.”

The standards “sat on the server” for public comment and were submitted to the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) for review. This is where the magical transformation of the standards took place. The first set of standards was apparently not quite close enough to the Common Core for approval by the CCSSO and suggestions were made to bring about a greater alignment of Alaska’s standards and the Common Core. That is when another set of standards emerged. These are probably the changes suggested by “stakeholder comments” that are discussed in the ESEA Flexibility document. It is in this period that the Alaska math standards morphed into the Common Core practically verbatim. Pythagorean Theorem, multiplication table memorization, and a host of other math concepts were purged from the state standards. The Common Core informational texts were brought into English Language Arts (ELA) standards and the literature not part of the Common Core removed. EPA manuals and UN publications took the place of British literature and other American classics. These are, quite frankly, major document changes that were undertaken by DEED with little oversight by the legislature, the taxpayers, the parents, and the teachers.

In June 2012, the Final Standards were approved. By August 2, 2012, the exchange between the CCSSO and AK DEED show that the final standards are quite closely aligned, but perhaps [not close enough](#). The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Executive Committee approved proposed changes to the SBAC Governance document on 9/18/2012. Under this provision, states that had standards that were “substantially identical” to the common core could enter the consortia. This action allowed Alaska to be considered for membership status. However, the state would have to prove that the standards were [“substantially identical.”](#)

On January 22, 2013, Scott Norton, Strategic Initiative Director of the CCSSO issued a [memo stating](#)

*“...analysis showed that the final Alaska ELA and Math Standards track **nearly exactly** with the Common Core, employing the **same structure and language** used in the CCSS, with **nearly all the CCSS being used verbatim** in the Alaska Standards.”* Bold is author’s.

This should put to bed the notion that Alaska’s Standards were written by Alaskans, owned by Alaskans, or originated in Alaska.

The truth is that the plan was in place long ago by Commissioner Hanley and William Ayers to call the Common Core standards “Alaska made and owned” and not the common core. Then the state would be entering the consortia and proving their standards were substantially identical while telling the Alaskan public that they were not the common core. After all, the teachers attended the meeting where they were drafted right? So they will defend them, to their own detriment and that of Alaska’s children, parents, and taxpayers.

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A nation under a well regulated government, should permit none to remain uninstructed. It is monarchical and aristocratical government only that requires ignorance for its support.

Thomas Paine, Rights of Man, 1792

Are there some minor differences between Alaska's Standards and the Common Core? Of course, every state is allowed to 15% either in the form of an additional sentence or an additional clause to a sentence to provide clarification. Alaska doesn't have nearly that much variance from the Common Core. Never fear, Achieve tells states how to deal with that 15% on [pages 23 of implementation guide](#). Anything that is not part of the Common Core is to be ignored. It won't be on the Consortia tests. As [Brian Gong notes in his 2012 presentation](#), the Consortia drive the process. Retention and promotion for teachers and principals are now tied to the results of the SBAC tests. Only the Common Core content will be on that test, not the "state content." Thus, anything that varies from the Common Core will be merely letters on a page.

The ESEA Flexibility money totaled \$69 Million for Alaska. In exchange for that money and Alaska's right of self-determination and freedom, they agreed to enter a consortia program that is going to cost [billions to implement](#).



COMMON CORE IS UN AGENDA 21

<http://www.democratsagainstunagenda21.com/common-core-is-agenda-21.html>

Common Core is an integral part of UN Agenda 21/Sustainable Development: globalization is the standardization of systems. Whether the system is law enforcement or land use or government, the standardization, harmonization, and integration of all international methods of management is essential for total control.

Education is the flash point for embedding system acceptance in all sectors of the population. Standardized propaganda is developed for pre-kindergarten to post graduate school; this is what is meant by 'Life Long Learning.'

Breaking down traditional methods of learning in order to re-socialize the populace is the goal. Obedient, dependent people who are constantly being propagandized will provide the 'human capital' to fully implement UN Agenda 21/Sustainable Development.

Regardless of the content of this nationalized and internationalized system of behavioral modification, the goal and outcome will be to fundamentally destroy the individual's rights.

For more, please click on the following links that will take you to posts about Common Core on this website

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OBAMA THREATENS: Race Relations "May Get Worse" if He Does Not Get His Way

Posted by Jim Hoft on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, 6:44 PM www.thegatewaypundit.com

Obama threatened the GOP this week that "racial tensions may get worse" if he does not get his way with the economy.

[The White House Dossier](#) reported:



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President Obama said that if economic prescriptions of the type he supports to increase economic growth and reduce “income inequality” are not adopted, then race relations in the United State may deteriorate further.

“If we don’t do anything, then growth will be slower than it should be. Unemployment will not go down as fast as it should. Income inequality will continue to rise,” Obama said in an interview published Sunday by the New York Times. **“Racial tensions won’t get better; they may get worse, because people will feel as if they’ve got to compete with some other group to get scraps from a shrinking pot. If the economy is growing, everybody feels invested, ”** he said.

With each passing day, Barack Obama looks more and more like a tinpot dictator.



And you thought \$16.7trillion was bad... Leading economist says U.S. national debt is actually \$86.8TRILLION

By [David Martosko In Washington](#) PUBLISHED:15:27 EST, 29 July 2013| UPDATED:15:56 EST, 29 July 2013
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The U.S. government's books are in the red by more than \$86.8trillion, according to an influential University of California San Diego economist.

That's a number more than five times as large as the figure acknowledged by the U.S. Treasury and used by government agencies to justify their budgets and spending.

Officially, the debt stands at \$16.7trillion, including nearly \$12million in debt held by the public in the form of Treasury Bonds, wrote James Hamilton in a working paper for the National Bureau of Economic Research.

On the last day of 2012, the national debt clock in New Yrk City showed \$16.38 trillion in debt, coming out to more than \$138,000 for each U.S. family. Another \$300 billion has been added since then, not including the extra \$70 TRILLION

Table 5. Treasury debt held by the public and combined federal off-balance sheet liabilities

	2006	2008	2010	2012
1. Treasury debt held by public	4,867	5,837	9,052	11,299
2. Housing-related commitments	6,386	8,036	7,594	7,520
3. Student and other loan guarantees	468	547	419	325
4. FDIC	4,154	4,975	6,575	7,406
5. Federal Reserve	(773)	360	(1,136)	(1,128)
6. Social security	16,500	18,700	21,400	26,500
7. Medicare	28,500	33,200	24,900	27,600
8. Other government trust funds	1,308	1,487	1,646	1,862
9. Total off-balance-sheet commitments	56,544	67,305	61,398	70,085

Hamilton identified. © National Bureau of Economic Research

Hamilton's math shows that at the end of 2012, nearly \$70.1 trillion (bottom, right) was owed in off-balance-sheet liabilities, in addition to the 'official' federal debts **THE WOODSHED PAGE 5**



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But that number doesn't include several 'off-balance sheet' obligations including \$54.1trillion in missing funding for Medicare and Social Security, along with support for federal housing, loan guarantees, savings deposit insurance and the cost of actions taken by the Federal Reserve.

The biggest items in this category come from Social Security and Medicare which, if current policy is maintained, will require enormous sacrifices from future taxpayers,' [Hamilton wrote](#).

Future commitments for Social Security - whose misnamed 'trust fund' is actually empty - will cost the government \$26.5trillion in today's dollars when beneficiaries start cashing in their benefits. Future Medicare commitments account for another \$27.6trillion.

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These numbers are so huge it is hard even to discuss them in a coherent way,' argues Hamilton.

[A]lthough one can quarrel with the specific numbers, there is an undeniable important reality that they reflect -- the U.S. population is aging, and an aging population means fewer people paying in and more people expecting benefits. This reality is unambiguously going to be a key constraint on the sustainability of fiscal policy for the United States.'

Conservative groups are leaping up to point out the apocalyptic nature of the new numbers.

If we don't do something to get a handle on these unfunded liabilities, the result will be complete economic decay and catastrophe,' Club for Growth Spokesman Barney Keller told MailOnline.

Keller said it's 'important for America to reform entitlements by doing things like converting Medicare into a voucher system or reforming Social Security by offering private accounts for younger workers.'

Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner is seldom amused by the idea of raising the federal debt ceiling, which brought us the infamous budget 'sequester' the last time around.

The Obama administration and its Democratic allies in Congress have historically opposed Social Security and Medicare reform efforts, treating entitlements as a 'third rail' that could politically incapacitate anyone who tries to touch them.

'We will not negotiate over Congress's responsibility to pay the bills that Congress ran up,' White House press secretary Jay Carney told [Bloomberg](#) last week.



Boehner had said House Republicans are 'not going to raise the debt ceiling without real cuts in spending.'

The annual congressional squabbles over raising the debt ceiling limit only apply to the \$16.7trillion number, not to off-balance-sheet amounts.

That figure, dwarfed by Hamilton's estimate, also includes sol-called 'IOUs' from the Medicare and Social Security trust funds, whose money Congress generally spends every year instead of setting it aside to pay for future benefits.

Never enough credit cards: The federal government has borrowed against Americans' future tax contributions to the tune of \$86.8 trillion in all

[Hamilton blogs](#) about economics, and wrote about his paper earlier this month, noting that government-held mortgages and housing loan guarantees add trillions more to the financial burden that will be carried by future taxpayers.

As of the end of 2012,' he noted, 'the outstanding debt and guarantees issued by Fannie and Freddie (along with those of the Federal Financing Bank, Federal Home Loan Banks, Farm Credit System, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, FICO, and REFCORP) came to \$7.5trillion.

That number alone is nearly two-thirds as much as the \$12trillion in federal debt held by the public.

In the working paper, Hamilton explains that these commitments gave the federal government a 'huge' level of 'involvement in the housing boom and bust of the last decade.'

Dan Holler, communications director at Heritage Action, told MailOnline that Hamilton's report 'destroys the notion that Washington can continue to ignore America's pressing fiscal situation.'

'Congress is notoriously slow to act,' he vented, 'but at the very least it makes clear that raising taxes and praying for economic growth is not a solution. It should also increase the sense of urgency to reform America's mortgage finance system, which is currently dominated by taxpayer-backed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.'



DETROIT

By Frosty Wooldridge (Frosty Wooldridge (born 1947) is a US journalist, writer, environmentalist, traveler)

For 15 years, from the mid 1970's to 1990, I worked in Detroit , Michigan . I watched it descend into the abyss of crime, debauchery, gunplay, drugs, school truancy, car-jacking, gangs and human depravity. I watched entire city blocks burned out. I watched graffiti explode on buildings, cars, trucks, buses and school yards. Trash everywhere!

He that would make his own liberty secure, must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty, he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself.

Thomas Paine, *Dissertation on First Principles of Government*, December 23, 1791

Detroiters walked through it, tossed more into it, and ignored it. Tens of thousands, and then hundreds of thousands today exist on federal welfare, free housing, and food stamps!

With Aid to Dependent Children, minority women birthed eight to 10, and in one case, one woman birthed 24 children as reported by the Detroit Free Press, all on American taxpayer dollars.

A new child meant a new car payment, new TV, and whatever mom wanted. I saw Lyndon Baines Johnson's 'Great Society' flourish in Detroit . If you give money for doing nothing, you will get more hands out taking money for doing nothing.

Mayor Coleman Young, perhaps the most corrupt mayor in America , outside of Richard Daley in Chicago , rode Detroit down to its knees... He set the benchmark for cronyism, incompetence, and arrogance. As a black man, he said, "I am the MFIC." The IC meant "in charge". You can figure out the rest.Â

Detroit became a majority black city with 67 percent African-Americans.

As a United Van Lines truck driver for my summer job from teaching math and science, I loaded hundreds of American families into my van for a new life in another city or state.

Detroit plummeted from 1.8 million citizens to 912,000 today. At the same time, legal and illegal immigrants converged on the city for the free government handouts, so much so, that Muslims number over 300,000. Mexicans number 400,000 throughout Michigan, but most work in Detroit . As the whites moved out, the Muslims moved in.

As the crimes became more violent, the whites fled. Finally, unlawful Mexicans moved in at a torrid pace. Detroit suffers so much shoplifting that grocery stores no longer operate in many inner city locations. You could cut the racial tension in the air with a knife! Detroit may be one of our best examples of multiculturalism: pure dislike, and total separation from America ..

Today, you hear Muslim calls to worship over the city like a new American Baghdad with hundreds of Islamic mosques in Michigan , paid for by Saudi Arabian oil money. High school flunk-out rates reached 76 percent last June, according to NBC's Brian Williams. Classrooms resemble more foreign countries than America .. English? Few speak it! The city features a 50 percent illiteracy rate and growing.

Unemployment hit 28.9 percent in 2009 as the auto industry vacated the city. In Time Magazine on October 4, 2009, "The Tragedy of Detroit : How a great city fell, and how it can rise again," I choked on the writer's description of what happened. "If Detroit had been ravaged by a hurricane, and submerged by a ravenous flood, we'd know a lot more about it," said Daniel Okrent. "If drought and carelessness had spread brush fires across the city, we'd see it on the evening news every night." Earthquake, tornadoes, you name it, if natural disaster had devastated the city that was once the living proof of American prosperity, the rest of the country might take notice.

But Detroit , once our fourth largest city, now 11th and slipping rapidly, has had no such luck. Its disaster has long been a slow unwinding that seemed to remove it from the rest of the country.

Even the death rattle that in the past year emanated from its signature industry brought more attention to the auto executives than to the people of the city, who had for so long been victimized by their dreadful decision making."

As Coleman Young's corruption brought the city to its knees, no amount of federal dollars could save the incredible payoffs, kickbacks and illegality permeating his administration. I witnessed the city's death from the seat of my

The Grecians and Romans were strongly possessed of the spirit of liberty but not the principle, for at the time they were determined not to be slaves themselves, they employed their power to enslave the rest of mankind.

Thomas Paine, The American Crisis, No. 5, March 21, 1778

18-wheeler tractor trailer because I moved people out of every sector of decaying Detroit .

"By any quantifiable standard, the city is on life support. Detroit 's treasury is \$300 million short of the funds needed to provide the barest municipal services," Okrent said. "The school system, which six years ago was compelled by the teachers' union to reject a philanthropist's offer of \$200 million to build 15 small, independent charter high schools, is in receivership. The murder rate is soaring, and 7 out of 10 remain unsolved. Three years after Katrina devastated New Orleans , unemployment in that city hit a peak of 11%. In Detroit today, the unemployment rate is 28.9%. That's worth spelling out: twenty-eight point nine percent.

At the end of Okrent's report, and he will write a dozen more about Detroit, he said, "That's because the story of Detroit is not simply one of a great city's collapse, it's also about the erosion of the industries that helped build the country we know today. The ultimate fate of Detroit will reveal much about the character of America in the 21st century.

If what was once the most prosperous manufacturing city in the nation has been brought to its knees, what does that say about our recent past? And if it can't find a way to get up, what does that say about Americas future?"

As you read in my book review of Chris Steiner's book, "\$20 Per Gallon", the auto industry won't come back. Immigration will keep pouring more and more uneducated third world immigrants from the Middle East into Detroit , thus creating a beachhead for Islamic hegemony in America . If 50 percent illiteracy continues, we will see more home-grown terrorists spawned out of the Muslim ghettos of Detroit . Illiteracy plus Islam equals walking human bombs.

You have already seen it in Madrid , Spain , London , England , and Paris , France with train bombings, subway bombings and riots. As their numbers grow, so will their power to enact their barbaric Sharia Law that negates republican forms of government, first amendment rights, and subjugates women to the lowest rungs on the human ladder. We will see more honor killings by upset husbands, fathers and brothers that demand subjugation by their daughters, sisters and wives. Muslims prefer beheadings of women to scare the hell out of any other members of their sect from straying. Multiculturalism: what a perfect method to kill our language, culture, country and way of life.

I PRAY EVERYONE WHO READS THIS REALIZES THAT IF WE DON'T STAND UP AND SCREAM AT WASHINGTON , AND OUR STATE, CITY AND LOCAL LEADERS, THIS IS WHAT AWAITS THE REST OF AMERICA . IF YOU THINK MEXICANS AND MUSLIMS AND OTHER FORIEGNS WILL EVENTUALLY FIT RIGHT IN THEN YOU ARE AS BIG A PART OF THE PROBLEM AS THEY ARE.

IF YOU THINK THIS IS JUST A BUNCH OF HOOEY AND YOU FEEL NO DUTY TO FIGHT FOR THIS COUNTRY, THEN I'M SORRY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WILL TAKE FOR YOU TO STAND AND FIGHT ?

Sen Cruz: Americans Want Economic Growth Back; We Must Stand Together to Defund Obamacare

Contact: press@cruz.senate.gov / (202) 228-7561 Tuesday, July 30, 2013

<http://www.cruz.senate.gov/record.cfm?id=345445>

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) today joined Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) and Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) in a colloquy on the Senate floor to explain the importance of defunding Obamacare in the Continuing Resolution.

It is important to understand who it is hurt the most by Obamacare. It is not the C.E.O.'s, not the wealthy. It is young people, Hispanics, African-Americans, single moms. According to the most recent census data in 2011 the poverty rate for those who worked full time was 2.8%. The poverty rate for those working less than full time year round was 16.3%.

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Mr. President, if young people at home are watching this today and wondering about how are they going to get a job, how are they going to climb the economic ladder? How are they going to achieve the American dream? Obamacare is driving up their health care premiums right now. And we all know that the President promised the American people at the time

Obamacare was being debated if you like your health care plan, you can keep it. The facts have conclusively proven that wrong. According to a February 2013 report by the Congressional Budget Office, seven million people will lose their employer-sponsored insurance.

I believe the American people should hold their elected officials accountable and that most assuredly includes me. It includes all of us. We should be held accountable by our constituents.

And the American people know this bill isn't working. There's bipartisan agreement on it. And we have a potential in the next 62 days to show real leadership. Not to give a speech. Not to give a meaningless symbolic vote. But to stand together to actually defund it.

Let me be clear what I think should happen. I believe the House of Representatives should pass a continuing resolution, should fund the entirety of the federal government except for Obamacare, and should explicitly prohibit further funding of Obamacare, should adopt the legislation that I've introduced as a condition to the continuing resolution...

We then take the argument to the American people. That it is the American people that should decide if there are members of this body who are willing to shut down the American government in order to force Obamacare down the throats of the American people, in order to say President Obama will grant a waiver to giant corporations but not to hardworking American families.

Let's take that argument to the American people because I think the American people want economic growth back. That should be our top priority. Nothing is killing jobs more. Nothing is hurting the American economy more than Obamacare.



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