

Failure of ObamaCare's Costly Digital Technocratic Web Portal

Less than half of 1% of visitors have successfully enrolled online

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This should remind Americans what happens when the federal government tries to control and regulate a market. Dysfunction and distortion occurs.

The failure of this new digital technocratic healthcare web portal actually has nothing to do with the quality of the website, but has everything to do with the *quality* of the product, and even more so whether or not it actually fills a need.

A bureaucratic damage control PR exercise is already in motion:

"HealthCare.gov received 14.6 million unique visits in the first 11 days, showing the intense demand for quality, affordable health insurance," Health and Human Services Department spokeswoman Joanne Peters said in an e-mail. "While traffic is down somewhat from its peak on day one, it remains high as Americans continue to seek to learn more about their new coverage options. We will be releasing enrollment figures on a monthly basis similar to how we release data for the [Children's Health Insurance Program] and Medicare programs." (see Washington Post article below)

Unlike the Washington Post, <u>Forbes</u> actually reported the truth: Obamacare's website is crashing because it doesn't want you to know how costly its plans are:

"A growing consensus of IT experts, outside and inside the government, have figured out a principal reason why the website for Obamacare's federally-sponsored insurance exchange is crashing. Healthcare.gov forces you to create an account and enter detailed personal information before you can start shopping. This, in turn, creates a massive traffic bottleneck, as the government verifies your information and decides whether or not you're eligible for subsidies. HHS bureaucrats knew this would make the website run more slowly. But they were more afraid that letting people see the underlying cost of Obamacare's insurance plans would scare people away."

More problems will arise as time passes with type of system. The devil will be in the detail. The reality will soon become evident that Obamacare lets whoever it classifies as "the poor" to walk right in to hospitals, while forcing working Americans to take out a bank loan in order to get inside a hospital – premiums will be twice as high, and already expensive deductibles will increase, not to mention that this new system may soon require that entire deductibles must be paid up front.

Contrary to the partisan rhetoric coming out of the White House and its Democratic Party arm, political and public opposition to Obamacare is a direct result of the federal government's attempt to ram its program down Americans' throats, and the IRS has been hire to collect healthcare fees – possibly at gun-point. If you know anything about the IRS, you'll know that is no exaggeration.

Americans should not forget: the original Obamacare bill was passed through the House before anyone had actually read it.

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