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Repeal and Run Exposes Republican Hypocrisies

In 2013, Republicans were quick to call the Affordable Care Act (ACA) a disaster, racing to the cameras to falsely claim that 5 million Americans were losing coverage.¹ Republicans did not mention that all these people did not actually lose coverage but could now sign up for new plans with enhanced consumer protections, many paying less for better coverage with the help of a new affordability tax credit.² Republicans are now looking to fully repeal the ACA without a replacement plan, this time actually leaving more than 30 million people without coverage of any kind.³

They jumped the gun when they thought 5 million would lose their health insurance – when in reality 20 million gained coverage. Will they be as critical of their own bill that takes away health care from millions of Americans and raises the uninsured rate to pre-ACA levels?

Senator	Comment on Possible Loss of Coverage under ACA	Repeal And Run Coverage Losses	Repeal and Run Premium Increases
Richard Shelby (R-AL)	“Today marks the five-year anniversary of ObamaCare being signed into law. Over the past five years, I have heard from thousands of Alabamians, like Chad from Prattville, about the negative impacts of ObamaCare. This damaging law has not only caused Alabamians to see rising health care costs and to lose their preferred insurance, it also has several negative effects on our economy and job creation.” <i>(3/2015)</i>	357,000	\$2,952
Luther Strange (R-AL)	Not a member of Congress in the 113 th Congress.	357,000	\$2,952

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	“Keep your health care plan if you like it’ was one of the key claims that President Obama used to force this flawed law through Congress, and now over 5,000 Alaskans have seen this promise broken in the first month of its rollout,” (11/2013)	62,000	\$5,424
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Dan Sullivan (R-AK)	Not a member of Congress in the 113 th Congress.	62,000	\$5,424
Jeff Flake (R-AZ)	“I think all of us have heard from hundreds of our constituents in the past week who have had their insurance policies canceled or their insurance policies have been made unaffordable by the Affordable Care Act.” (11/2013)	709,000	\$3,042
John McCain (R-AZ)	“Altogether, Arizonans have seen over 210,000 cancellation notices mailed out in less than one year’s time. Those notices should have been sent to the White House and every Member of Congress that voted in support of this failed health care law, and because of that support has left hundreds of thousands of Arizonans and millions across the country with fewer choices and higher costs when it comes to health care options.” (9/2016)	709,000	\$3,042
John Boozman (R-AR)	“The President is just trying to shift the blame for policy cancellations to the insurance companies. His solution is for them to work it out somehow, essentially letting Americans keep their insurance for another year, only to have it taken it away after the election.” (11/2013)	361,000	\$1,884
Tom Cotton (R-AR)	“Millions of American’s [sic] policies were cancelled because of ObamaCare, and those same Americans were then forced to pay more for health insurance!” (6/2014)	361,000	\$1,884
Cory Gardner (R-CO)	“250,000 Coloradan’s [sic] have lost their insurance. That’s more people than have now signed up across this country nationwide for Obamacare.” (11/2013)	588,000	\$1,878

Marco Rubio (R-FL)	“[O]bamacare was supposed to help middle class Americans afford health insurance. But now, some people are losing the health insurance they were happy with.” (2/2013)	2,230,000	\$1,836
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Johnny Isakson (R-GA)	“It is simply wrong and unfair to continue to allow Obamacare to inflict pain on individual Americans who are seeing their plans canceled, seeing their premiums spike and losing their doctors.” (2/2014)	1,006,000	\$1,716
David Perdue (R-GA)	“Many Americans, like me and my wife, had their insurance plans cancelled altogether. We were promised we could keep our doctors, and that wasn’t true. We were promised we could keep our plan, and that wasn’t true. The American people are fed-up and went to their polling booths in November to express their outrage.” (1/2017)	1,006,000	\$1,716
Mike Crapo (R-ID)	“The promises of the flawed health care law are nothing like the realities. The American people deserve health care reform with permanent solutions to the drops in coverage, rising premiums and other problems.” (12/2013)	184,000	\$2,088
James Risch (R-ID)	“President Obama promised the American people time and time again that if they liked their current health insurance plan they could keep it That promise was false; the proposal greatly changes millions of middle class Americans’ plans.” (11/2013)	184,000	\$2,088
Todd Young (R-IN)	“Here you have hardworking people who were repeatedly told not to worry, that their coverage would stay the same and—if anything—their costs would go down. Just the opposite is happening.” (11/2013)	566,000	\$1,716
Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	“It’s not that I have some magic crystal ball. We all knew it. The Administration certainly knew that the day would come when millions of people would receive cancellation notices.” (11/2013)	230,000	\$1,806

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Joni Ernest (R-IA)	“[T]here are still 31 million Americans that will not have health care. The Congressman [Bruce Braley] has stated that costs will not go up, but we are seeing heavy increasing cost because of policy cancellations.” (10/2014)	230,000	\$1,806
Jerry Moran (R-KS)	“[T]he unfortunate reality is many more Americans have lost their health insurance than have enrolled in coverage under Obamacare.” (11/2013)	219,000	\$2,166
Pat Roberts (R-KS)	“20,000 Kansans lost their health insurance because of [Obamacare].” (10/2013)	219,000	\$2,166
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	“It [Obamacare] resulted in millions of cancellation notices for hardworking Americans who had health care plans they liked and who had done nothing wrong.” (12/2015)	486,000	\$1,374
Rand Paul (R-KY)	“The President promised the American people if you like your doctor you can keep him or her. He promised if you like your insurance, you can keep it . . . In Kentucky, 10 times more families have been canceled than have actually gotten on.” (11/2013)	486,000	\$1,374
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	“We cannot sit idly by as millions of Americans lose their health insurance.” (01/15)	558,000	\$2,238
John Neely Kennedy (R-LA)	Not a member of Congress in the 113 th Congress.	558,000	\$2,238
Susan Collins (R-ME)	Original Cosponsor on S.1617: If You Like Your Health Plan, You Can Keep it Act	95,000	\$2,046
Thad Cochran (R-MS)	“Five million Americans have been kicked out of the health plans that they liked and were promised they could keep.” (1/2014)	229,000	\$2,112
Roger Wicker (R-MS)	“Americans are experiencing sticker shock from rising costs, uncertainty from cancellation notices and bureaucratic confusion, and infringements on their religious freedom.” (6/2014)	229,000	\$2,112

Roy Blunt (R-MO)	“By the end of 2013, over [*]4.7 million Americans had their healthcare plans cancelled...In addition to increased cost, families in Missouri and across the nation have lost the ability to choose a plan that best suits their healthcare needs.” <i>(2/2017, *actual figure is 2.6 million)</i>	504,000	\$1,860
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Steve Daines (R-MT)	“In the last year alone, tens of thousands of Montanans have seen their insurance plans cancelled.” <i>(03/2014)</i>	142,000	\$2,550
Deb Fischer (R-NE)	“[I] speak on behalf of nearly 3,000 Nebraskans who have contacted my office with their concerns about ObamaCare. Their stories are, unfortunately, not unique: skyrocketing premiums and cancellation of plans they were promised they could keep.” <i>(11/2013)</i>	165,000	\$2,208
Ben Sasse (R-NE)	Not a member of Congress in the 113 th Congress.	165,000	\$2,208
Dean Heller (R-NV)	“We’ve all heard from the law’s supporters that ObamaCare would give uninsured Americans access to health insurance. Time and time again, they promised that people who already had a health plan they liked could keep it . . . These personal stories are why I’m proud to cosponsor the ‘If You Like Your Health Plan, You Can Keep It Act,’ introduced by my colleague, Senator Johnson from Wisconsin. This is a simple, but necessary, bill to give Americans the ability to keep their health plans if they like them. The people of Nevada deserve better, and they deserve to have a government that keeps its promises.” <i>(11/2013)</i>	371,000	\$1,692
Richard Burr (R-NC)	“Unfortunately, the President’s health care law has left millions of Americans with cancelled health plans - at least 4.7 million according to the Associated Press.” <i>(03/2014)</i>	1,025,000	\$3,432

Thom Tillis (R-NC)	“Last fall [2013], over 473,000 North Carolinians received cancellation notices.” <i>(9/2014)</i>	1,025,000	\$3,432
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John Hoeven (R-ND)	Original Cosponsor on S.1617: If You Like Your Health Plan, You Can Keep it Act	69,000	\$1,986
Rob Portman (R-OH)	“We think healthcare costs should be going down, not up. We think people should be able to keep insurance that they had.” <i>(9/2014)</i>	964,000	\$1,374
Jim Inhofe (R-OK)	“President Obama promised the American people time and again that ‘if you like your plan you can keep it,’ but millions of people across America and throughout Oklahoma are finding that not to be the case.” <i>(12/2013)</i>	313,000	\$2,958
James Lankford (R-OK)	“[T]housands of central Oklahomans in my district who received cancellation notices for plans they liked and then were forced to look elsewhere for inferior plans.” <i>(12/2013)</i>	313,000	\$2,958
Pat Toomey (R-PA)	“Today's enrollment numbers are further evidence that the President's health care law is a train wreck in the making. Even more troubling are the millions who are losing health coverage they like because the President deemed those plans inadequate and failed to make good on his promise that ‘if you like your plan, you can keep it.’” <i>(11/2013)</i>	956,000	\$2,508
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	“The president promised if you liked your health care you could keep it. He said it'd be as cheap as a cell phone and easy as to access as Amazon.com, so he's oh for three.” <i>(10/2013)</i>	353,000	\$2,424

Tim Scott (R-SC)	“[Obamacare’s] lost coverage, and the questionable sign up numbers have all become familiar since the law’s enactment We know now the promise that if you liked your healthcare, you could keep it turned out not to be true.” (4/2014)	353,000	\$2,424
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John Thune (R-SD)	“Four years after ObamaCare became the law of the land, millions of Americans have little but canceled policies, fewer choices, and skyrocketing costs to show for it.” (3/2014)	74,000	\$2,688
Mike Rounds (R-SD)	“[M]illions have lost their preferred doctor or insurance plan, despite promises to the contrary.” (02/2015)	74,000	\$2,688
Bob Corker (R-TN)	“We all get calls from incredibly distressed citizens who have had their policies cancelled yet are unable to enroll in a new plan. . . . At the end of the day, while there will be a few winners, most Americans are going to find a less dynamic health system.” (12/2013)	526,000	\$2,514
Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	“At least 82,000 Tennesseans will begin to lose their individual health insurance policies starting Jan. 1 because their plans have been outlawed under Obamacare.” (12/2013)	526,000	\$2,514
John Cornyn (R-TX)	“Texans feel deceived, and Americans everywhere share our frustration. At least 3.5 million people have already received cancellation notices because of Obamacare.”	2,550,000	\$1,728
Ted Cruz (R-TX)	“Already, more than 4 million people have lost their insurance plans because of Obamacare.” (12/2013)	2,550,000	\$1,728
Orrin Hatch (R-UT)	“Thanks to Obamacare, millions of people have already lost their existing health insurance and have found that their options on the exchanges come with much higher premiums.” (12/2013)	273,000	\$1,752

Mike Lee (R-UT)	“[T]he President of the United States promised: If you like your plan, you can keep it. We all know now that simply wasn't true. Though many of us have been saying this for years, many Americans, including many in my State, are realizing the pain of the President's false statement.” (11/2013)	273,000	\$1,752
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Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	“7,000 West Virginians have lost their health care plan because . . . the President said, if you like your health care plan you can keep it. Period.” (10/2014)	184,000	\$2,514
Ron Johnson (R-WI)	“Americans wanted to believe their president when he repeatedly promised they could keep their health care plans and doctors, and that his health care plan would actually reduce a family's annual insurance cost by \$2,500 per year. Now the truth is known, and millions of Americans have lost health care plans they liked and could afford.” (3/2014)	431,000	\$2,274
John Barrasso (R-WY)	“Fewer than 1,000 people have been able to sign up [in Wyoming], but thousands and thousands have had their insurance canceled under the law.” (12/2013)	47,000	\$2,784
Mike Enzi (R-WY)	“In Wyoming alone we have 2,600 people who are losing the health care coverage they liked. I have received numerous letters from my constituents illustrating the scope of this problem.” (11/2013)	47,000	\$2,784

¹ <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/dec/17/5-million-fall-obamacare-coverage-gap/>

² <http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2014/03/03/how-many-nongroup-policies-were-canceled-estimates-from-december-2013/>

³ http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/86236/2001013-the-implications-of-partial-repeal-of-the-aca-through-reconciliation_1.pdf and <https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/115th-congress-2017-2018/reports/52371-coverageandpremiums.pdf>