

# Obama Lied About Obamacare

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Obamacare Increases Insurance-Rate by 87.7%/85.4%, or 2.7% Since 2008

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Candidate Obama's Promise of "Universal" Meant 100%

Obamacare started being available on 1 October 2013 and has now been available for 16 months. When candidate Obama was running for the Presidency, he promised "universal coverage," which is what exists in virtually all other developed countries: 100%, everyone insured, no citizen lacking health insurance for ordinary and life-preserving needs. (Medicare-for-everybody would have been this.) Now that his Obamacare has been available for 16 months, is every American citizen health-insured; did he provide what he had promised? Is America no longer the lone outlier that has a lousy system of funding health care — overloading emergency-rooms, which is the costliest way to deal with healthcare (and one reason why all other advanced countries pay far less and yet obtain better results than the U.S. does)?

When Obama ran for the Presidency and started to make this "universal healthcare" promise, the insurance-rate was [85.4%](#) (or 14.6% uninsured); and, today, according to the Gallup poll released on March 4th, it is [87.7%](#) (or 12.3% uninsured).

In an article at Huffington Post on 16 June 2014, I headlined "[Obama Lied About Obamacare, Now Wants Political Lying To Be Legal.](#)" and there were only 35 reader-comments to it; so, it seems that not many people then thought that either part of the headline was especially interesting. The subheads summarized that report, and there were three:

"Obamacare fails to come close to meeting candidate Obama's promises:

"Mr. Obama never even tried to fulfill on them; he was opposed to them.

"Obama now openly supports legalizing lying during political campaigns."

Each one of those three sub-heads was fully documented, but probably few people clicked through to the documentation. Anyway: few commented.

At washingtonsblog on 9 January 2015, I headlined "[How Obama Lied About Obamacare.](#)" and provided a different account of his lying, also fully documented, but this time there were only 11 reader-comments. (That site has a smaller audience though it's

perhaps the best American general-news site of all.)

Americans apparently don't much care about being lied-to by politicians, not even when it concerns the candidate's most-central campaign promise.

How can a democracy exist under such a circumstance? It can't — not really. If only few people demand honesty from their political leaders, then having an honest government is impossible. And democracy without an honest government is impossible.

Obama now is basing [his over-arching foreign policy](#) on [pure lies](#); and it's bringing us closer to a nuclear war than ever since the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 — and this time the U.S. is clearly the aggressor. Obama [lies](#) to say that Russia is.

Americans seem to accept being ruled by a psychopath who is bringing the world [closer to nuclear war than in 70 years](#).

Similarly, George W. Bush, who lied Americans into supporting a catastrophic invasion in 2003 that produced hell in Iraq and over \$3 trillion in costs to U.S. taxpayers (and that started ISIS in 2006), is a [fairly popular former President](#), to the people he deceived and cost so much.

Something's wrong with American values — this country's real values, not the ones that all the politicians profess.

Americans live in a fantasy-world of lies, until the fantasy ends, however it does, which probably will turn out to be very ugly indeed.

They just don't much care. They certainly aren't enraged at the liars.

Lying is the way to succeed in America.

Anyway: Obama has moved the insured-rate up from 85.4% to 87.7% and is nowhere close to 100% or "universal coverage" — not even in a single state.

And Americans tolerate a lying government. Even one that lies on big things.

If Americans tolerate lies in politics, then that's what Americans will get, because lying will be the way to win, and America will then have a lying Government. Even on the big things. It's dangerous.

Oh, and regarding that U.S. Supreme Court case in which the White House argued that lying in politics is a fundamental free-speech right, [the Court agreed, 9-to-0, 100%](#). (The decision is summarized there.)

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