

Percentage of Health-Uninsured Americans Rises by 1.7% Since Obama First Promised to Lower It by 100%

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On 23 June 2015, Bloomberg news bannered [“Uninsured Rate Falls to Lowest Since Obamacare Implementation”](#) and reported that, “Last year, 16.3 percent of adults under age 65, or about 31.7 million people, lacked medical coverage, according to a CDC survey published Tuesday. That’s down from 20.4 percent a year earlier [2013, when Obamacare started].”

However, back at the start of 2008, when Barack Obama was campaigning against Hillary Clinton and they were both promising [“Making health insurance universal”](#) (*The New York Times* said that Obama [“aims for universal coverage”](#)) or a 0% rate of uninsureds, the most-reliable figure at that time for the percentage who had no health insurance was [Gallup’s: 14.6%](#). Comparing that with the just-released figure from the CDC of 16.3%, there has been a rise in uninsureds, of 1.7%. (However, the latest figure from Gallup is from March 2015, 12.9%, which is a decline of 1.7% from that initial 14.6%, instead of an increase of 1.7% from it.)

What happened since 2008 was that, when Obama became elected in November of that year, the Gallup percentage started rising to a peak of 18.0% in October 2013, when Obamacare first began enrolling people; and it has declined since that time, back down to (according to Gallup in March this year) 12.9%.

Apparently, when Obama became elected, millions of Americans dropped their insurance in the expectation that much better policies (including a public option) would soon become available — those people didn’t want to lock themselves into anything during that interim, while there was uncertainty as to what would soon become available. As the delays in Obamacare became unexpectedly extended until October 2013, more and more people simply became uninsured — waiting for something better. Obama is now comparing that peak versus the latest figures in order to show (by focusing on a claimed decline in uninsureds) that his promise of “Universal Coverage” hasn’t been a total lie — which it is, and was. The media play along with his fraud.

What Bloomberg and other news-media are now doing is to stenographically report the Administration’s deceptions, by comparing the latest percentage to the peak percentage — which was about 17% in 2013 according to Gallup, or about 20% in 2013 according to CDC, which always shows around 3% higher figures than Gallup. That peak was artificially inflated by the accumulation of people waiting for Obamacare before making renewal-commitments; so, comparing to that peak in order to indicate progress at bringing the rate down in comparison to the situation that existed in 2008 is fraudulent.

Honest would be to compare the 2008 uninsured-rate versus the latest uninsured-rate. The latest percentage of uninsured according to the CDC's just-released figure was actually 16.3% (which covered throughout all of 2014), but the latest figure in the Gallup survey, March 2015, was 12.9%. The CDC figures appear steadily to be approximately 3% higher than Gallup's. If the actual uninsured-rate back in 2008 was 3% higher than Gallup's 14.6%, or was 17.6%, and if the March 2015 rate was not Gallup's 12.9% but instead was also 3% higher, or 15.9%, then **the March 2015 uninsured-rate is actually 1.3% higher than was the rate in 2008** — and that's probably the best possible way to estimate the effect that Obamacare has thus far had on the numbers of uninsured persons: **The uninsured-percentage is probably around 1.3% higher now than it was then.** (Perhaps a significant number of people who were dropping insurance while waiting for Obamacare have still not yet found any health-insurance policy that satisfies them.)

The Bloomberg News report goes on to say that, "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has helped many Americans get health insurance, including about 10 million through new markets with government subsidies, and millions more through an expansion of Medicaid, the state-federal program for the poor." Bloomberg's stenographic report from the Administration further makes clear that some Republican-controlled states have tried to sabotage the ability of Obamacare ("The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act") to reduce the numbers of uninsured. However, that Republican effect nationwide actually accounts for very little of Obama's failure to have lived up to his promise of "Universal Coverage," which (100% insured) is [something that all other industrialized nations \(and some non-industrialized nations\) already have](#). Obama's plan (which was virtually identical to Hillary Clinton's and to John Edwards's) simply wasn't even designed so as to make universal insurance possible. He (and they) simply [lied](#) to Democratic voters, in order to win the Party's nomination.

Voters were treated like suckers by all of the well-funded candidates. It was a lying-contest (just as the Republican campaigns were). And, [subsequently President Obama's Solicitor General presented an argument to the U.S. Supreme Court that political lying is protected speech under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, so that no state may legislate any restrictions against it. The Court ruled unanimously in favor of that view](#) as constituting the Founders' conception of our 'democracy' — essentially dictating that 'democracy' should be a lying-contest (as if that's what our Founders had in mind). This is the view that liberals and conservatives — as represented by 'our' Government today — now hold about "democracy." Essentially, they despise democracy, if they even think it's possible at all. However, regardless of whether democracy exists, it [certainly doesn't exist in the U.S.](#) (even though many people here who should know better continue to say that it does — but maybe they too endorse political lying). And here is [the best quickie-summary video on that study](#), and it even explains why the U.S. has turned into a dictatorship. It shows how this transition, from a democracy into a dictatorship, results from the institutionalization of political lying — the type of thing that all of the well-funded candidates were engaging in during 2008.

Lies control the U.S.; so, it's no longer a democracy; it's institutionalized rule by liars: truth-tellers can't even compete politically. That's the real reason why the United States still doesn't have what all other industrialized countries do: healthcare for all — basic essential healthcare as a right, instead of as a privilege that is accessible only to those who can afford it.

So, that's the fuller story behind ["Uninsured Rate Falls to Lowest Since Obamacare Implementation."](#) Bloomberg's headline was intentionally misleading — fraudulent.

The headline here, "Percentage of Health-Uninsureds in U.S. Rises by 1.7%," using statements from the Obama Administration (which have at various times cited as the latest both the 16.3% CDC figure for 2014 and the [12.9% Gallup figure for March 2015](#)) might instead be (and without sacrificing basic honesty, and this would be **the most that the Obama Administration could claim** while still not overtly lying about the topic):

Percentage of Health-Uninsureds Declines by 1.7%

Since Obama First Promised to Eliminate It by 100%

That's the best they could honestly claim, even though the reality is more like "The uninsureds-percentage is probably around 1.3% higher now than it was then." Not that it would make much difference, because even a 1.7% decline isn't anywhere near to being a 100% decline.

In summary, then: Obama lies through his teeth; it's a fact, no mere charge by Republicans — who are just as much liars as he is. And the press play along by (like they did with "Saddam's WMD" in 2002 and 2003, propagandizing for an unnecessary multi-trillion-dollar ongoing catastrophe in Iraq) stenographically reporting deceptions by the government as if they weren't even intended to deceive the public. ("Oh, it's 'mistakes'!") America's press aren't in the business of exposing the government's lies. America's press are instead in the business of transmitting the government's lies to the public. (And, then, politicians, if confronted later with their lies, might admit their 'mistakes' — as if a lie were instead a mistake — so, that's yet another lie from such a politician. They think that the American public are endless, irremediable, suckers, people who can never rationally learn from experience.)

Or, in other words: However much trust Americans have in the government and the ruling establishment (including the nation's press), it's too much. (For example, this news report is being sent to them all; but if you'll google the headline here you'll see how many of them actually report it. One thing that virtually no major news-media report is the virtually total corruption of America's press, as propagandists for corporate-funded political parties. But that very corruption is my main topic. So, please spread this news-report to everyone you know. It's samizdat in the U.S., just like was so in the U.S.S.R. — it's merely exposing fascism, instead of exposing communism. Your friends should know about it, too.)

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