

Why Bernie Sanders' Progressive proposals are EVIL.

"Medicare for All!" and other well-meaning prescriptions of the Bernie Sanders crowd are EVIL. They force people to labor for others against their will.

We abolished slavery in the 1860s. Obamacare has elements of a return to slavery - making people work for the benefit of others and not themselves. Forced Social Security at least has an element of people laboring to likely benefit themselves, even if it's on the tail-end of a Ponzi scheme. Obamacare's mandate presents us with almost no choice: pay a ridiculously high penalty for NOT getting insurance coverage. Some choice.

Bernie Sanders doesn't even want that. We want ONLY a government health care system. He thinks there will be efficiencies based on scale, but he neglects two big elements:

- 1) very large systems cause inefficiencies because they can't be fully policed and
- 2) when a very large system fails, all are affected.

You don't need to foist a health care system on millions of people. A block of 125,000 people is "critical mass" to actuarially cover every health catastrophe known to America for the last 100 years (the 1918 influenza epidemic would have left some latecomers without reimbursement). 125,000 is just 1/4 of Vermont. Let Bernie find his 125,000 in his home state. He need not compel others to join. Progressives in Connecticut could have critical mass for this lovely system with a mere 4% of the population. STOP foisting his clotured system on the other 96% of us!

"But we need EVERYone to join!" say many progressives.

"Why?"

They have no answer other than "because we know it's good".

Ah, meaning "we know better than you". That may be well-meaning, but it's elitist, short sighted, and almost certainly wrong. Want to prove yourselves right? - take your 4% and prove the system brings better health and financial outcomes. Then you won't even need to use compulsion - the rest of us will WANT to join.

For some progressives, the prescriptions are not even well-meaning. These are the women and men who USE progressivism for a different agenda: to gain power over you. Jonathan Gruber, the elite MIT professor who helped craft much of Obamacare and several state insurance schemes, is in this category. Gruber admitted to needing to fool people to get Obamacare's mandates into acceptance. Gruber intimated that people were too stupid to keep up with the machinations of the manipulative elites. Barack Obama MIGHT be in this same "manipulate to get more power over others" category.

Bernie Sanders is not. He's a wide-eyed true-believer in forced socialism. (Here, "true believer" means pure, but gullible). Whether his gullibility is better than Gruber's Machiavellianism is tough to compare. Both portend evil to Americans who don't want government using unnecessary force on ourselves or others.

When the manipulators get together with the wide-eyed believers, it's a powerful combination. Truth suffers; justice is eviscerated; the American Way is steamrolled.

Even if health care is a right - it's NOT a right to be administered by forced government - private does better. Progressives need to stop presuming that a societal good can ONLY come from government. They need to wake up to the problems that government aid to some wreaks on others.

As governor, i would get Connecticut OUT of Medicare, Obamacare, and possibly Medicaid. Extricating our citizens from all the Federal mandates will not be hard if there is a PEOPLE's mandate. We the people become the ones who slice the Gordian knot. The good governors, armed with mandates from people in their states to return to free markets in insurance, in hospitalizations, in rehabilitations, and in mental health services, can cut through the snarls that have enmeshed our rights in a federal-state monstrosity.

Extricating from Medicare and Obamacare is one of the few campaign promises on which i need a delay. There are many other aspects of Connecticut needing a forceful governor in 2019 and early 2020. By late 2020 or early 2021 we will sack the system along with other governors, or if no others share the same sentiments as the aroused people of Connecticut, we will go it alone.

There will be good governor candidates in other states in 2020, who know more than i do about the evils of the current system; there will be movement from the Trump-Pence administration to keep up with. There will be private initiatives in Connecticut (at least) that reveal a clear course to free market health care that even dopey federal judges will approve.

I hate to delay people whose finances have been made marginal by the results of Obamacare (less choice, higher premiums, higher deductibles). If quick extrication with no financial casualties could happen in Month One of my administration, i would make them. But right now, that's too big a task, and too daunting a fight. We can first show the progressives that Free Market solutions in other areas (small business, schools, non-profits) are improving Connecticut. Then we can "cut CT" from the chains that ensnare us. Until that time, i urge people who are concerned about the marginalized finances of Obamacare victims to contribute to the LF Fund. That's the fund i started and plan to grow over the coming months. Hopefully the Governor's Imprimatur will help LF attract more money for the health of Connecticut citizens.