Navigational Warning for Health Reform Collisions Ahead:
Slow Down, Shift Gears, Turn the Wheel

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Repent!

The End is Near!

Are you referring to the Apocalypse, the debt ceiling or Newt Gingrich's Presidential Run?
My Role Today
DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN

Broadway's Smash Comedy About Men & Women

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Answering the Questions

Effect of 2010 elections: Siege, hunker down w/perm authority & regulation, warning shots, defuse headaches

How different in 10 years? Wait till 2012, bankruptcy proceedings, unicorn sightings

Supreme Court? Puncher’s chance, burden of precedent & judicial constraint, finding the outer limits

Design different but still near-universal? Yes, No (different definitions)

Are coverage goals appropriate? Depends on proportionate priorities
The Opposition/Alternative Case
(Disclaimers)

• Pols, voters, wonks, weasels
• Everybody doesn’t like something
• Looking for what’s behind door # 3
• Conflicts, contradictions, continuum
• Not your father’s GOP
Individual Mandate
(RINOIs once roamed freely)
Republicans vs. Democrats
The Basic Objections to ACA

• Economic, budgetary, destabilizing, administrative, federalist, constitutional
• Role of govt, slippery slope, political economy
• Who chooses? Who decides?
• Broader policy priorities
Seeing A Different World

- Incentives vs. compulsion
- Equal opportunity vs. equal results
- Less politics, more markets
- Pro-market vs. pro-business
- Independent achievers vs. dependent victims
- Reward results vs. manage processes
- Causes & consequences: costs vs. coverage
- Floors vs. ceilings; public vs. private $$
- Alarm over debt, deficits, unchecked govt growth
Alternative Medicine

- Defined contribution (limits, adjustments)
- Competition in state insurance regulation
- Mainstream more public to private
- Solve value first, to expand coverage later
- Continuous coverage incentives
- Safety net (HRPs, retargeted Medicaid)
- More targeted, more progressive subsidies
- Delegate allocation limits to private agents
- Choice, competition, decentralized trial & error
• Situational, results-based federalism
• The two Santa Claus theory of fiscal policy
• Individual mkt vs. ESI
• Overinvesting (med mal savings, )
• Tackling delivery system reform w/o nostalgia
• Provider performance measurement beyond prices
• Beyond health insurance & rational actor incentives
• Dueling deus ex machina policy reforms
IPAB vs. Market Innovation
What’s Next?
“Yes, We Can” Implementation?
Finding A New Body
to Bring Life to Health Reform

Frederick: What a filthy job!
Igor: Could be worse.
Frederick: How?
Frederick: Could be raining.
(sound of rain)
Health Policy Debates:
The Search for Bipartisan Compromise
State Laboratories of Democracy?
WHY OBAMACARE IS WRONG FOR AMERICA

FOREWORD BY REPRESENTATIVE PAUL RYAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

GRACE-MARIE TURNER · JAMES C. CAPRETTA
THOMAS P. MILLER · ROBERT E. MOFFIT
What Should We Do with this Magnificent Construction Project?
It’s Not the End of the World (Yet)