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The Affordable Care Act passed into law over 5 years ago. Conservatives have devoted considerable energy into dismantling it ever since. There have been over 50 separate attempts and a couple of government shut downs. They may find that repealing Obamacare ~~may get~~ will be more and more difficult, as most of their dire predictions have not come true and some good outcomes are now proven.

A Gallup poll last week found that the rate of uninsured residents has dropped in every state that has implemented the act, an average of 7 per cent. Oregon and California saw decreases of 10 percent in the number of uninsured citizens.

The Journal of the American Medical Association published a paper demonstrating that Obamacare is successfully connecting more Americans to health services, like doctors and medications.

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation study proved that Obamacare did not reduce the labor force participation rate. That is, it did not force more people into part time jobs. It has not been the "job killer" that was predicted.

The McKinsey Center for U S Health reform is made up of business and corporate leaders, more conservative than liberal. Their report shows consumers have more insurance options now because private insurance companies have risen to the occasion. They also report a median increase in premiums of 4 to 6 percent.

Unless you have a really short memory, you will recall that insurance premiums were rising long before Obamacare. Premiums rose 10 percent in 1970. Obama was 9 years old. The most rapid growth in insurance premium costs was from 1986 to 1989, when Ronald Reagan was President.

One of the biggest drivers of insurance premium costs is healthcare costs. I looked up a Guide to Overturn Obamacare at DiscovertheNetworks.ORG. This report says insurance costs are forced by the expense of new medicines and new technology.

The report went on to say that "The third party payment system has insulated many Americans from the true cost of their health care."

It is true. Prior to Obamacare, most people who had insurance were satisfied with their healthcare coverage. Especially if their coverage was a benefit of their employment and they did not have to look at rising costs. Some people even thought their medical care was "free."

Medical expenses are the leading cause of bankruptcy, with over half of all bankruptcies caused by serious injury or illness. But over three quarters of those people have medical coverage. This was true before Obamacare and it is unlikely to change after Obamacare.

Remember all of the uproar over Obamacare Death Panels? Listen to this quote from Michael Strain, resident scholar of the American Enterprise Institute, a neo conservative think tank. Recommending a repeal of Obamacare, Strain writes "A slightly higher mortality rate is an acceptable price to pay for certain goals, including less government coercion and more individual liberty."

Sounds good, as long as I get the individual liberty and you get the higher mortality rate.

This is Mike Goldsby for Community Comment.

Why not work together on reform rather than waste time on repeal?