

Emails, responses to PolitiFact Texas, Colby Hale, campaign manager, Roger Williams for US House, June 7, 2012

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To your latest inquiry of what “backup” do we have to reinforce Roger’s statement that “Barack Obama is a socialist”, please know that while we are willing to entertain another trip on the liberal defense of Barack Obama carnival ride, we neither expect nor seek any affirmation from you, Politi“fact”, or the *Austin American Statesman* as all have proven to be just another element of a deeply biased media intent on furthering the goals of Barack Obama. Indeed, we would not be at all surprised for you to, once again, claim that Roger is wrong in his criticism of Barack Obama – frankly, if calling Barack Obama a socialist makes Roger wrong (in your eyes) then Roger doesn’t want to be right . . . ever. You can quote him on that.

From the Merriam-Webster Dictionary:

"**Socialism** (noun): any of various social systems based on shared or government ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of good."

Obamacare

Obamacare was initially rolled out when then-candidate Barack Obama was seeking to win the Democratic nomination. In the announcement of his plan, he called for universal coverage that would be financed by some sets of Americans paying for others:

(http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-250_162-2863074.html)

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on Tuesday offered a sweeping health care plan that would provide every citizen a means for coverage and calls on government, businesses and consumers to share the costs of the program.

Obama said his plan could save the average consumer \$2,500 a year and bring health care to all. Campaign aides estimated the cost of the program at \$50 billion to \$65 billion a year, financed largely by eliminating tax cuts that are scheduled to expire. President Bush wants to make those cuts permanent.

"The time has come for universal, affordable health care in America," Obama said in a speech in Iowa City, at the University of Iowa's medical school.

As passed into law, Obamacare (while not achieving universal coverage) contains all the element to qualify it as socialism – vast new government regulations, mandates, control of 1/6 of the American economy, and measures to re-distribute earnings from certain sets of people in order to give an

un-earned benefit to others.

Cap And Tax

Obama's plans to regulate, tax, and enforce vast government mandates on the energy sector is another example of Obama's socialist tendencies. As stated by Obama, again as a candidate, under his plan energy costs would "necessarily skyrocket". Energy costs for families, businesses, and the energy sector would skyrocket because of Obama's vast new regulatory scheme that would impose punishing taxes and penalties on energy producers and energy users in order to finance some set of goals, subsidies, and programs envisioned by Obama's government.

Again, when a government seeks to take vast control of some aspect of our nation, that government enters into a de facto ownership position; when the same government controls/mandates costs, distribution, and availability of a product or service, they are also taking a de facto ownership position; and when a government seeks to establish means by which they can forcibly take from certain sets of Americans in order to finance their programs and give away some benefit the government has envisioned, that government is no longer operating as a free-market economy as envisioned by our Founding Fathers.

Doubtless, this will not be sufficient information for you but you should at least try to understand that for tens of millions of Americans the case could not be more clear – Obama's belief in government, "social justice", and redistribution of resources is not grounded in anything remotely stated by our Constitution but rather in some conceived notion that more closely resembles socialism.

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Here's a few starter points – cuts to Medicare (i.e. programs people are signed up for, enjoying today, and do NOT want to lose but WILL under Obamacare represents a government decision to take an earned benefit from them in order to expand a benefit from others) and increased taxes:

\$575 Billion:	Medicare Cuts In ObamaCare. (CMS Chief Actuary Richard S. Foster, Memo , 4/22/10)
\$525 Billion:	Taxes Raised In ObamaCare. (CBO , 3/30/11)
\$145 Billion:	Cost Of ObamaCare Cuts To Medicare Advantage. (CMS Chief Actuary Richard S. Foster, "Estimated Financial Effects Of The 'Patient Protection And Affordable Care Act,' As Amended," Memo , 4/22/10)

\$60 Billion:	Tax On Health Insurance Providers. (Joint Committee On Taxation Report , 3/20/10)
\$27 Billion:	Taxes Imposed On Manufacturers And Importers Of Branded Drugs. (Joint Committee On Taxation Report , 3/20/10)
\$26 Billion:	Penalties On Employers And Uninsured Individuals. (CBO , 3/13/12)
\$20 Billion:	Taxes On Medical Device Manufacturers. (Joint Committee On Taxation Report , 3/20/10)

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On Jun 7, 2012, at 3:17 PM, "Selby, Gardner (CMG-Austin)" <wgsselby@statesman.com> wrote:

What part of the health care overhaul redistributes in the way you write below?

“redistribute earnings from certain sets of people in order to give an un-earned benefit to others.”