

Double, Double, Toil, and Trouble

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Originally I wrote this freelance article, **Double, Double, Toil, and Trouble**, in response to an **USA Today** article entitled, **Trump's right about drug prices: Our view: Let Medicare Bargain with Big Pharma** .

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/01/16/donald-trump-drug-prices-obamacare-medicare-editorials-debates/96638534/>

Since the day I wrote this article, January 25, 2017 a lot has happened. According to an article published by Vox, **After meeting with pharma lobbyists, Trump drops promise to negotiate drug prices: The new plan is tax cuts and deregulation**, President Donald Trump has relented upon political strategy of allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with big Pharmaceutical manufacturers.

President Trump has decided to deal with the Pharmaceutical industry by providing tax breaks and deregulation as a reward for cooperation with interest of United States government to promote the greater good.

<http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/1/31/14453740/trump-medicare-prescription-drugs>

President Trump may have shifted policy decisions again regarding allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices. During the delicate parley of political and business wrangling while powerful interest are trying to negotiate deals things can change overnight.

The Bloomberg article entitled, **Trump Sinks Pharma Stocks on Medicare Drug Price Negotiation** , demonstrates how Trump's support of direct negotiate between Medicare and pharmaceutical manufacturers can cause pharmaceutical stocks to lose billions of dollars in value overnight. An industry with stocks precipitously declining in billions of dollars of value overnight is seriously maimed, impaired, and crippled in a vital mission of delivering quality pharmaceutical products to customers.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-02-07/trump-backs-medicare-drug-price-negotiating-spicer-says>

The observation things can change overnight regarding high level business and political negotiate provides Insight into problematic nuances regarding repeal and replacement of Obamacare. I sincerely hope my visions of disorder and chaos within chambers of U.S.

Congress does not come to fruition because of problematic nuances regarding repeal and replacement of Obamacare.

Lawmakers have just begun to grapple with the issue of repeal and replacement of Obamacare so therefore visions and insight I provided as a political consultant are still viable :

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As a freelance writer and political consultant I just can't keep up with what's going on. I have been extremely busy working nearly 80 hours per week trying to develop intelligence content for various social media platforms.

I have been so extremely busy performing or “doing” this task or job I have been unable to clairvoyantly connect with anyone in the stratosphere. Richard Branson, CEO of Virgin Mobile, discussed the concepts of “doing” versus “being” in his article, *How to be Happy*, as I referenced in my article, *Men of Letters*:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oc9mDlylCijqOydkDIkIMjiv8pS-rAUy84KqmApEGEW/edit?usp=drivesdk>

Paradoxically, my “doing” 80 hours or more per week doing this work has made me feel like I am in another time zone, Rod Serling's *The Twilight Zone*. I feel like I have lost a lot of time in jet lag since **Mariah Carey** gave a breathtaking performance at *Dick Clark's Rockin 2017 New Year's Eve Celebration* with **Ryan Seacrest**.

Where has all that time dissipated too? I feel like I am still at *Dick Clark's Rockin 2017 New Year's Eve Celebration* with **Ryan Seacrest** watching **Mariah Carey** give a breathtaking performance.

Paradoxically, I felt more real back in the day a long time ago when I was simply “being” engaging in White House briefings within the stratosphere, as per my freelance article, *Word Games with Friends within the Stratosphere Part I*

<http://wp.me/p8pPRb-2l>

I clairvoyantly hear another voice within the Stratosphere saying, “Mr. President, don't cripple our industry.”.

Sad to say, **RxRights** has decided to close its doors as a consequence of not being able to generate enough funding. **RxRights** made significant contributions to helping make medication affordable for American citizens. The closing of **RxRights** is described in an article entitled, ***RXRIGHTS IS CLOSING ITS DOORS.***

<http://www.rxrights.org/closing/>

It is difficult to understand why a business, rather it is a Not for Profit or For Profit enterprise, would decide to close completely without considering an option of selling, thereby allowing new management to take over. It takes years to establish a business therefore a business that has generated revenue should have value.

As far as the problem of not being able to generate enough funding that may be just a temporary problem. Perhaps, tweaking the business model may allow a Not for Profit such as RxRights to generate more funding.

An observation that events move fast and news gets old quickly provides valuable insight into the fake news controversy. Social media platforms, especially Facebook, have been under immense political pressure to get rid of fake news stories.

An outdated article that may have included highly relevant pertinent truthful information several days ago may be perceived by software algorithms as fake news because of fast moving events that have transpired within hours after the original article is published. Likewise, commentary from a historical perspective can provide valuable insight even when a writer suffers from jet lag.

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Double, double, toil, and trouble, as from ***Macbeth*** by **William Shakespeare**. What are our new Congress and Senate junior members doing now on Capitol Hill?

Today, is day two of the new legislative business session with an influx of new junior members which are majority Republican lawmakers.

In order to know how our government is serving us, the American people, I considered peering into my crystal ball, but oops, I don't have a crystal ball. So maybe, I will just turn on **C-span** to

find out what the new Congress is doing on Capitol Hill to help the American people . If you don't have a crystal ball, check out **C-Span** folks.

<https://www.c-span.org/congress/>

I turned on C-span. **Paul Ryan** outlined the Republican House agenda. Democratic leaders outlined the Democratic agenda. Republicans and Democrats shared disparaging viewpoints within speeches outlining House agenda for the new legislative session.

Disparaging is not exactly the proper word. I asked Google the meaning of disparaging. According to Google, disparaging means " having little or no value or worth.

Actually, a democratic speaker referenced a way to negotiate revisions of trade policy in such a way as to accomplish both the Democratic and Republican agenda. My most immediate impression is that the suggestion there are ways to work together is refreshing.

Actually, after Donald Trump's inauguration Friday January 20, 2017 there has only been 1 full legislative session business day, which occurred Monday January 23, 2017. The House is off, or should I say, not in session for the remainder of January (<https://www.congress.gov/days-in-session>). I assume House members are back home serving their constituents until they are called back to Capitol Hill to do the people's work in a full legislative session.

Than boom, Vladimir Putin hit me again by knocking out my TV reception, thereby denying me access to my government. Of course, instead of Vladimir Putin, associates of ranking U.S. House members within intelligence agencies, monitoring my internet usage and visit to C-span website may have resented insinuations about 1 working full day of legislative session for remainder of January 2017.

If Donald Trump's claims intelligence agencies are politicized than private citizens should be vigilant and wary. Ironically, Donald Trump's claims intelligence agencies are politicized is an Eric Snowden assertion.

Quite calm serenity after losing my TV reception allowed me to go where the meeting of the minds occurs in the stratosphere. Someone out there is sending a telepathic message in the stratosphere, ' You're a jackass'.

Now, I will advise them they will never have a meeting of the minds within the Stratosphere with that attitude. They will have to read all about it on internet and in mass media.

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<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precognition>

As a political consultant I would advise the President to proceed with caution in terms of moving too quickly to overhaul socialized medicine, essentially known as **Obamacare**, and incorporating free trade practices within competitive markets with ultimate goal to synthesize Trump Care based on capitalism.

Notice I used the term **overhaul**, instead of term dismantle. Although, radical staunch conservatives within the rank and file Republican base vehemently opposed to socialized medicine may like the term "**dismantle**" instead of "overhaul" for all practical pragmatic purposes overhauling Obamacare is a realistic goal to achieve for a successful Republican Trump presidency.

Donald Trump's quick sign off of executive orders for legislative action to dismantle Obamacare is simply to placate staunch radical conservatives within the Republican rank and file base many of whom paid big money to help Donald Trump get into the White House.

An overhaul of Obamacare is a process of introducing capitalist free market competitive practices within dynamic framework of socialized medicine to reeve up the dragster speed monster hot rod engine of the American health care system synthesized into Trump Care. Trump Care synthesized as Obama socialized medicine tuned up with capitalist free market competitive practices will be a revved up dragster speed monster hot rod engine capable of **profitability** providing superior health care for everyone.

Everyone has the same goals. Everyone wants a health care system that can profitably provide superior healthcare for everyone. Everyone may have a different strategic plan for how to create an exceptional model health care system capable of profitably providing superior health care for everyone.

The GOP should be careful not to bite more than they can chew too quickly early onward within legislative sessions. The passage of health care reform is a gigantic fire breathing dragon within the political arena that has made mincemeat out of great lawmakers and politicians of bygone decades.

Many decades during twentieth century saw fierce resistance to socialized medicine. The history of health care reform is outlined in an article entitled, **Long Time Coming: Why Health Reform Finally Passed**, published in **Health Affairs** journal.

<http://m.content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/6/1112.full>

A key quote from the article, **Long Time Coming: Why Health Reform Finally Passed**, is the following snippet:

"The twentieth century was unkind to health reformers. National health insurance proved a maddeningly elusive goal, as a parade of presidents—Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, and Bill Clinton—tried and failed to overhaul the nation's health system.¹ Every time reformers got their hopes up, their plans ran into an array of formidable obstacles, including fierce opposition from stakeholders . . ."

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Already the saber rattling has begun within constitute rank and file voting districts. People are reporting long wait times for doctor appointments. Long wait times may be due to uncertainty of what may happen to health care under Trump administration. If enough people forced to wait longer air frustrations about waiting longer sooner or later the White House will get the message who is boss.

Unfortunate patients have to lose precious valuable time as a consequence of political wranglings. Hopefully, all the medical staff in the country will not walk off job leaving everybody without health care.

Lawmakers answer to constitute voters in their district. A good reason exist for a legislative respite for remainder of January in aftermath of Donald Trump's inauguration. House members are in their districts taking the pulse of the nation, measuring emotive reactions to fast moving events occurring during the transition of power in January. Lawmakers need time to prepare political strategy before quickly jumping into a legislative session.

As a political consultant I advise our President to appeal to sensibilities of radical staunch conservative campaign donors, who are vehemently opposed to socialized medicine, in regards to quickly dismantling and replacing Obamacare.

It took over one half century for legislative passage of institutionalized government healthcare. It is simply unrealistic over one half century of legislative work will be dismantled and replaced overnight. Also an inherent risk of economic devastation exist, as a consequence of moving to fast, rushing to overturn socialized medicine.

One can easily empathize with radical staunch conservative rank and file Republicans vehemently opposed to socialized medicine. Major Republican campaign donors who negotiate health care contracts on behalf of employees amounting to billions of dollars are understandably incensed by a stakeholder claim by government benefactors in a business they built from scratch as a direct result of socialized medicine.

In early legislative sessions the most immediate concern is to forge working relationships among House colleagues from opposite sides of the aisle. In terms of forging working relationships between Democrat and Republican colleagues in early legislative sessions more work gets done on the golf course and in other relaxed informal settings than within tense Congressional chambers.

It may be a good idea to postpone the real work of overhauling socialized medicine within tense Congressional chambers until the 2nd year of Donald Trump's first term as President. Negotiations about nitty gritty details of overhauling socialized medicine within tense Congressional chambers may be more successful in 2nd year of Donald Trump's first term in office because during second year liberal and conservative Congressional colleagues will have forged improved working relationships within relaxed informal settings conducive to getting spectacular legislation passed.

In more relaxed informal settings liberal and conservative Congressional colleagues can tread lightly upon broach of emotionally intense issues pertaining to health care reform allowing more productive conversations during first year of Donald Trump's presidency. The institutional framework of Trump Care should be outlined on the golf course among liberal and conservative Congressional colleagues during the first year and afterward nitty gritty details ironed out within intense Congressional chambers in second year of Donald Trump's first term in office.

In the interest of establishing working relationships among House colleagues I propose a legislative referendum controversial enough to be challenging, but yet enable esprit core group dynamics among colleagues. The legislative referendum I propose will prevent a pattern of Democratic house members from lapsing into despair and sleeping on the job during legislative sessions as a consequence of despair resulting from a Republican controlled Congress where dissension is discouraged.

In terms of keeping the juices of democracy freely flowing and bubbling, within a tightly controlled partisan Republican house and Senate, where dissension is not allowed by a Republican president, I proposed a legislative referendum to finally decide rather a candidate should be elected by electoral college or popular vote. The legislative referendum I propose is an exercise of democracy within a tightly controlled partisan Republican house and Senate with an iron fist Republican president who may not allow any dissention

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I am not opposed to the electoral college, although many people desire to abolish the electoral college and replace with election by popular vote. My central tenant is, Speak up now, or forever hold your peace.

If a Republican candidate should ever win majority of popular votes, but loses future election in 2020 by failing to capture enough electoral votes, Republican strategists will likely cry foul. We

should forever put this issue to rest before the issue arises again in future elections. Personally, I don't care if either electoral college or popular vote is decided upon to be best for our country. I do think that a legislative referendum needs to be proposed to forever put this controversial issue to rest so that nobody will do any squaking in future elections.

The early legislative referendum I propose will help early onward establish smooth legislative processes in an awkward political atmosphere given both Republican and Democratic strategists view the electoral college system as having pluses and minuses, advantages and disadvantages. The legislative referendum is controversial enough to be challenging, but yet enable esprit core group dynamics among colleagues. The legislative referendum I propose will prevent a pattern of Democratic house members from lapsing into despair and sleeping on the job during legislative sessions as a consequence of despair.

Donald Trump should not feel threatened by a legislative referendum to finally decide, once and for all, rather or not elections should be decided by electoral college or popular vote. Immigration policies implemented during Trump administration will cut back on voter fraud enabling a successful bid by Donald Trump for a 2nd term in 2020 should lawmakers amend the Constitution to elect a President by popular vote.

An article published by **USA Today** entitled ***Trump's right about drug prices: Our view***, demonstrates a hands on approach by Trump administration. The **USA Today** article is shared by **RXrights**.

It is truly fascinating to consider that **RXrights** is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to affordable drug prices. The **USA Today** article, attributing savvy business practices to Trump regarding direct government negotiate of drug prices, as shared by nonpartisan **RXrights**, demonstrates liberals and conservatives can work together.

<http://www.rxrights.org/your-right-to-safe-and-affordable-prescription-drugs/about-us/>

Please excuse the pun referencing hands-on approach. Perhaps hands-on is not the best choice of words during this administration.

The hands on approach for direct government negotiation of drug prices is instrumental in moving stakeholders towards a synergy to incorporate competitive free market capitalist practices into a socialized government framework to create an exceptional superior health care system known as Trump Care.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/01/16/donald-trump-drug-prices-obamacare-medicare-editorials-debates/96638534/>

The value of a direct hands on approach regarding Donald Trump's shrewd business acumen in arranging direct government negotiate of drug prices is outlined in paragraphs from a previous

Facebook article I wrote:

Change can sometime temporarily knock business entities off their feet, but eventually everything will stabilize and economic growth will occur again. As a political analyst, I fully expect Toyota to revamp automotive production in near future despite Tesla becoming a competitor. Donald Trump's job is to apply full resources of the United States government to establish equilibrium within markets as quickly as possible after disruptive technologies knock mutually beneficial business relationships off kilter.

In a chaotic universe governed by disorder if the United States government fails to do its job of quickly restoring economic equilibrium after mutually beneficial business relationships are knocked off kilter by disruptive technologies than further cataclysmic events may occur. If the United States government fails to do its job of restoring economic equilibrium cataclysmic events will be propelled by the law of thermodynamics that states an object in motion will remain in motion until acted upon by an outside force (I.e. United States government).

Motion of cataclysmic events ultimately caused **Mariah Carey's** earpiece to malfunction preventing **Mariah Carey** from providing a musical performance fans expected at the **Dick Clark New Year's Eve Rockin New Year's Eve** celebration with **Ryan Seacrest**. In the classic movie, **The Matrix**, Neo saw a quick glimpse of a black cat and the Oracle described it as the entire universe unraveling

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A valuable lesson from the Matrix is that during an epoch governed by law of accelerating technological returns the United States government must take a hands on approach to restore economic equilibrium after disruptive technologies disturb mutually beneficial business relationships.

Generally, Republican conservative principles uphold value of limited government. Limited government may curtail and restrain leadership during a time that cataclysmic events can occur rapidly as a consequence of disruptive technologies. Leadership is an essential outside force to prevent continued motion of cataclysmic events.

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In contemplation of effective leadership geared towards economic prosperity gaining momentum within the Western Hemisphere, **Kevin O'Leary**, aka Mr. Wonderful of ABC broadcast reality television **Shark Tank** fame, is running to win the top job of prime Minister of Canada against current Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1319145198149977&id=149574365107072).

Kevin O'Leary intends to use his shrewd savvy business acumen that made him a billionaire to help make Canada great again.

It is interesting to note that **RxRights** is an organization dedicated to making available affordable medicine for everyone. The key business strategy deployed by **RxRights** to make affordable medicine available for everyone is facilitating direct ordering pharmaceutical products from Canada at lower prices.

Currently, Canadian infrastructure is crumbling due to entropy within physical universe. The crumbling Canadian infrastructure is motion that according to the law of thermodynamics will continue in motion until acted upon by an outside force. Kevin O'Leary is the outside force who will repair crumbling Canadian infrastructure and bring prosperity to Canada after Kevin O'Leary gets elected as Prime Minister of Canada.

Effective leadership within the United States of America and Canada, geared towards economic prosperity, gaining momentum within the Western Hemisphere will help the Western Hemisphere become a viable trading partner with Europe and Asia. Together, we will work as partners to solve global problems and assist in growth of third world economies to open new markets abroad.

So the future holds great promise for everyone as outlined in CEO of **Google**, Peter Diamandis, **TED** talk, **Abundance is Our Future**:

https://www.ted.com/talks/peter_diamandis_abundance_is_our_future?language=en

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