

Do Nothing Republicans

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Republicans should help pass the Build Back Better (BBB) bill. Instead, if Republicans have their way, there will be no major legislation to benefit everyday Americans. The GOP, led by Mitch McConnell, has signaled that there will be no legislative agenda for 2022. Just imagine David Rouzer's Town Halls — if he actually held any. Question: "Mr. Rouzer, will you work to reduce prescription drug prices and allow Medicare to negotiate them?" Rouzer would have no answers. BBB includes it.

Rouzer's puppet master, Mr. Trump, had total control of both houses of Congress from 1/20/2017 until 1/2/2019, when every week was "Infrastructure Week." It was a running joke because nothing got done. Thankfully, Biden was elected in 2020. Yes, he truly was. He passed an infrastructure bill.

The twice-impeached former President showed no interest in passing laws (he'd prefer there was no government at all), other than tax cuts for the rich. This is a pattern that goes back almost two decades, but most assuredly since 2008.

That's when Obama became President, and Republicans officially became the party of "no" to creating or passing any meaningful legislation. Fortunately, again, Democrats used their brief period of total control to pass the Affordable Care Act. Like it or not, today 31 million people have healthcare coverage via "Obamacare," which includes nearly 15 million through Medicaid expansion, but not for many North Carolinians because of our GOP state legislators.

Now, Democrats are trying once again to improve everyday people's lives through BBB, and the Republicans are singing the same old tune of "no."

There was a time when both parties sought control of government, to implement their ideas to help the American people. Since 2008, Republicans just want the power of government. The power to do what? Nothing.

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