Repeal Obamacare? Seriously?

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Since its enactment in 2010, the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," has enabled over 40 million Americans to obtain affordable health care coverage, some for the first time. This includes many people who were self-employed or worked for small businesses, or who could not obtain coverage due to pre-existing medical conditions.

Donald Trump promises to repeal Obamacare if he's re-elected, a prospect that should terrify everyone currently covered. It's a bizarre move, since 62% of Americans approve of Obamacare, and record numbers of Americans are signing up this year for 2024 coverage.

Biden-Harris spokesman Michael Tyler suggests: "It's no great mystery why one of Donald Trump's first campaign pledges is to repeal Obamacare: The architect of the birther movement has a deep-seated disdain for the signature accomplishment of America's first Black president." Simply put, Trump's racism requires hardworking Americans to pay a huge price.

Whatever his motives, Trump has handed President Joe Biden a beautifully wrapped holiday gift by reminding Americans that he and President Obama and the Democrats fought for this vital, life-altering coverage.

Trump's move also torpedoes the plans of MAGA Republicans facing tough races. While they dread Trump's fanaticism, they're still following his lead. Flailing presidential candidate Ron DeSantis has vowed that he'll eliminate Obamacare. Even North Carolina Governor wannabe Mark Robinson is holding a "special event" to seek Trump's blessing at Mar-a-Lago. MAGA Republicans will try to end Obamacare, leaving millions of Americans without affordable coverage, before they'll dare to cross Donald Trump.

If you or your loved ones benefit from Obamacare, if you care about living in a healthier America, vote for Democrats. They're fighting for your health, prosperity and peace of mind. Republicans are fighting to make you sicker, poorer and more fearful.

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