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## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

### HEALTH CARE REFORM GLOSSARY UPDATED

1) **HERITAGE FOUNDATION:** CONSERVATIVE THINK TANK WHICH PROPOSED MARKET-BASED HEALTH CARE REFORM IN 1989. WE CALL IT THE "INDIVIDUAL MANDATE!"

IT'S AN INNOCULATION--AGAINST SOCIALIZED MEDICINE!

2) **ROMNEYCARE:** VERSION OF HERITAGE PLAN INSTITUTED IN MASSACHUSETTS BY MITT ROMNEY WHO NOW SEEMS TO HAVE NO MEMORY OF THE EVENT. I DID WHAT? SURELY YOU ARE MISTAKEN!

I LAUGH AT YOUR ERROR! AH HA HA HA HA!

3) **OBAMACARE:** VERSION OF ROMNEYCARE EMBRACED BY BARACK OBAMA IN 2009. A MARKET-BASED PLAN WHICH PRESERVES THE PRIMACY OF PRIVATE INSURERS? HOW COULD ANY REPUBLICAN POSSIBLY OBJECT?

4) **IMAGINARY OBAMACARE:** SOURCE OF MASS HYSTERIA AMONG CONSERVATIVES FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. HE WANTS TO KILL US ALL WITH HIS BIG-GOV-ERNMENT DEATH PANELS!

IT'S STRAIGHT OUT OF THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO! YAROLE BARGLE BARGH!

5) **CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS:** SURPRISE SWING VOTE UPHOLDING HEALTH CARE REFORM, TO DISMAY OF MANY. THAT TURNCOAT MAKES ME SICK TO MY STOMACH!

WELL, AT LEAST YOU'LL HAVE HEALTH CARE FOR THAT.

6) **HELLISH DYSTOPIA:** RIGHT-WING PERCEPTION OF COUNTRY IN WHICH PEOPLE HAVE INCREASED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, WHEN PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS ARE OUTLAWED--

--ONLY OUTLAWS WILL HAVE PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS!

7) **THE INHERENT FRAGILITY OF HUMAN EXISTENCE:** CONCEPT WITH WHICH OPPONENTS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM ARE SEEMINGLY UNFAMILIAR. I DON'T HAVE ANY HEALTH PROBLEMS, AT THIS PRECISE MOMENT!

IF I GET SICK, I'LL JUST HAVE A BAKE SALE! OR TRADE SOME CHICKENS!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DIESEL AND DUST

I live in the River Road area very close to the railyard. I love my home and neighborhood, the proximity to the river and bike path, the large lots and the fertile soil we are blessed with. Unfortunately there is a trade-off living where I live: the noise from the switching yard, chemical odors that come from the Baxter wood preserving plant, diesel fumes from the trains and Union Pacific's herbicide spraying along the tracks.

I am very concerned about the possibility of coal trains traveling through my neighborhood and the health effects that would have on the residents. We already have to close our windows many nights because of the sounds and smells in the air, and sometimes I don't even want to be outside in my garden because the air is so thick with the smell of creosote and ammonia. If we allow coal to be transported through our community via the railroads, we will be dealing with not only more diesel particles being pumped into the air but also coal dust blowing off the train cars. Exposure to this type of pollution has many health risks, including respiratory problems, heart disease and cancer. Children are especially vulnerable to these particulates.

I am strongly in support of City Councilor Alan Zelenka's proposal to restrict the export of coal by train through Eugene's railyard and neighborhoods. This will be discussed at the City Council's July 9 meeting. More information is available at [www.beyondtoxics.org](http://www.beyondtoxics.org).

Laura Kemp  
Eugene

### CONSENSUS VS. ACTION

There are two problems with the consensus advocated by Nicole Medema ("Mic Check!" column 6/28): it doesn't work, and it drives action-oriented people nuts.

To quote *Battlestar Galactica*, "This has all happened before and it will all happen again." Nothing about consensus is new. In the late 1960s I went to Students for a Democratic Society meetings at UC Riverside. They used consensus. The meetings went on for hours. Decisions were made by whoever was willing to stay the longest.

I've been an activist, working with various groups on a variety of issues, for over 20 years. The very worst part of the job is meetings, and I seldom go to them anymore.

What is the goal? To have meetings? Most activists want to make something happen. We will not endlessly sit and listen to people talk, with no action. Eugene is littered with the remains of dead groups that did not understand this simple fact.

Medema wrote, "There are no leaders or elected representatives in the Occupy structure." Yes there are — nothing happens without them — they're just self-selected volunteers who aren't given any formal authority by the group.

I suggest cutting way down on the pointless meetings and forming small action teams that can actually get something done.

Lynn Porter  
Eugene

### POOP CAN FOLLY

I try to do the right thing as I go through life. This was instilled in me as an Eagle Scout and 25 years in the military achieving



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