

Some Still Fighting The Civil War In America

With the way some governors and congressional people are reacting to the United States Supreme Court ruling that The Affordable Health Care Act is constitutional indicates to me that we are still fighting the Civil War in this country. Those individuals call it "Obama Care" which I read as code for race. This ruling came on the heels of an earlier decision by the same court to strike down parts of the State of Arizona's passage of a very restrictive immigration law aimed at our Latino brothers and sisters in this country.

It has become crystal clear that most Americans have come to grips with these two issues and agree that the court was correct in both decisions. We all know that our health care delivery system is broken and must be corrected. Even those who still say that they want to repeal what the president, congress, and the court has said is legal say the system is broken and needs repairing.

We all know people who need care and cannot afford it. We all

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know families who have had to remove children from their health plan because of age before they are established and the child can't get established. Your child comes out of college in their early twenties trying to get a job with benefits but those jobs have been outsourced to other countries. If Kaiser Foundation Health Plan had made us drop my son, Hardy II before he had gotten established, we would have gone to the poor house when he broke his leg and was hospitalized for a month. He had just graduated from Wilberforce University and not employed when the accident happened near Cal State University, San Bernardino. There is no way we could have covered the financial cost of his excellent care at Kaiser in Fontana.

Yet we have governors from the poorest states in the country saying they will reject the coverage

for the people in their state. These states have high populations of African Americans, Latinos and people living below the poverty level and sadly do not vote in high numbers. I think these leaders need to consult with their providers of health care in their

Barack Obama is the law of the land in America.

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state and question the wisdom of denying health coverage to their citizens.

Regardless, the Affordable Health Care Act passed by congress and signed by President

laws, this did not sit well with these same people.

Now I will admit something needs to be done about people coming into the country illegally, it has become a complicated prob-

lem. I know a young lady that had to be deported back to Mexico and it is a horrible thing to see that happen. She was a good college student and involved in community activities to assist children. Then there are others that work in agriculture on large farms to help harvest the food we eat, while others get legal visas and when they expire never go back home. No one political party or group of people have an answer that will satisfy everyone but we must treat every group with respect while we work toward a solution. We cannot deny our neighbors basic human rights if they are in need. We can not stop and ask people for legal papers and identification just because we suspect they are here illegally.

Yes the more things change the more they stay the same and the decisions by the United States Supreme Court and the reactions by some who vow to not abide by the law, only highlights that. They should ask themselves are they still fighting the Civil War?



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