

What will the Republicans do with control of the Senate?

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With the Republican takeover of the Senate last week and with additional House seats, what will they actually do in January when new members are sworn in?

No doubt that it is a good thing that Harry Reid will finally be out as majority leader, but even he has been reported to have said that all this means is that Republicans and Democrats should be working together (to accomplish liberal policies).

I would agree with pundits who claim that this vote was a repudiation of Obama and his policies, especially Obamacare, I would like to have seen that demonstrated more strongly in the voting. Because the margins were so close, most of the races that were won could have easily have been lost had the vote swung one or two points the other direction.

What at least half or more of the country wants now is a repeal of Obamacare, and clearly the focus of attention come January will be on it, but as one politician - who had just won his race - said to Fox News correspondent Meghan Kelly, it won't be done without having something to replace it with.

If that is the sentiment of the rest of Republicans, then we are in trouble already.

Obamacare needs to be repealed in its entirety, with no federal government program to replace it. Congress should let the marketplace remedy whatever ills there were with health care, and if there are any reform measures that should be done, it would be the peripheral issues that hinder the marketplace from working as it should. For example, simply allowing the insurance companies to sell their products across state lines would allow premiums to fall significantly.

But Obamacare is not the only issue that stands in the way of America recovering from the failing economy. Republicans will need to develop a real search and destroy attitude toward deconstructing the policies and laws that have been forced upon the American people over the last six years.

One such example that is already having a significant impact on our economy is Obama's Global Climate Change Initiative (GCCCI). This is a massive federal bureaucracy in the making, and when it is fully developed will make the EPA pale in comparison.

According to an October 8, 2014 whitehouse.gov Fact Sheet, "President Obama has made it clear that we have a moral obligation to our children and future generations to leave behind a planet that is not polluted and damaged... That's why today, the Administration is announcing new executive actions and a series of private and public sector commitments that will improve the management of our natural resources in the context of a changing climate and support investment in green infrastructure."

Components of the plan will create more federal government agencies to regulate programs to reduce the impact of climate change on our coastlines, to encourage the use of wood in high-rise structures, restore coastal salt marshes, add more land to federal ownership and control along the eastern United States, as well as many other programs. No doubt these new programs will have a heavy impact on property rights, just as existing federal government agencies already have.

Another example is a program that the Obama administration is pushing called the Sustainable Communities Initiative.

According to the White House Office of Urban Affairs Urban Policy Working Group, "The goal of the sustainable communities initiative is to coordinate Federal policies, programs and resources to encourage and fully assist cities, metros and rural areas to build sustainable communities. This will require aligning Federal transportation, housing, water and other environmental infrastructure, economic and environmental policies, programs and funding. More specifically, it means Federal Agencies' actions should measurably help our Nation's communities and regions in making wise sustainable investment choices that will provide residents with a mix of housing options suitable for families of all income levels; support an array of transportation options that provide convenient and affordable access to jobs, education, retail and services..."

Think Obamacare is intrusive in our lives and threatens our freedoms? It certainly does, and it must be repealed if we are to maintain not only our freedom, but the best medical system in the world. But it is only one of many programs that needs to be stopped before it can damage our freedoms any further than it already has.



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