



Repeal Obamacare

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Oy vey! Given the alternative of Donald Trump on the one hand and—now that Biden has bailed—a bad-as-Biden Biden-substitute on the other, Americans must re-level their look at the lesser of two evils.

It may be difficult to resist hoping that Trump gets elected this November to allow many of the Democrats' worst initiatives be left to die on a withering vine. (Examples of the worst: Congress-bypassing regulations designed to [penalize](#) production of gas-powered cars and [outlaw](#) certain freelance or contract work.)

Still, the candidate and his party have many flaws.

We cannot forget that. Indeed, with their abandonment of

the tiniest desire to reduce the size of the federal leviathan, remembrance should be easy.

Shrink government? Radically reduce spending? Reduce debt? No such goal was seriously pursued in the first Trump administration, and no such goal is mentioned in the twenty-point Trump-Republican Party [platform](#).

There's talk of tax cuts, ending inflation (somehow), diverting spending from Democratic projects. Sure. But the platform insists that Social Security and Medicare programs not be modified in any way.

In any way!

And about Obamacare—the biggest expansion of the medical state in recent years, which Republicans had once pledged to repeal—the platform is mute.

The 2016 platform said that improving healthcare “must start with repeal of the dishonestly named Affordable Care Act of 2010: Obamacare,” a declaration retained in 2020. Now it's gone. Republicans seem to have succumbed to the strategy of turning Obamacare into yet another supposedly unassailable, supposedly inextirpable entitlement program.

Unfortunately, you don't recover or expand liberty by accepting every expansion of serfdom.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.