



## Oz in Fraudland

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Ten days ago, I [quoted](#) Veronique de Rugy, warning that Minnesota's day-care fraud scandal was "only the tip of the iceberg."

Beyond subsidized daycare? Health care, home health care, Medicaid.

Fraud, fraud, fraud.

But it wasn't just a lone *Reason* scholar saying it. "What we're seeing in Minnesota ... is dwarfed by what I saw in California," *The Epoch Times* [quotes](#) Dr. Mehmet Oz, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Minnesota, Dr. Oz [said](#), "is just the tip of the iceberg."

Just in California's hospice and home health care, Oz figures,

fraud rockets up to at least \$4 billion.

Add a few billion here and there and soon you're talking real money.

I titled my commentary quoting Ms. de Rugy "The Tip of the Socialism-berg." Remember Mr. Socialism? Karl Marx? He introduced to the world a complicated, rather magical theory of exploitation in market society focusing on "surplus value." While I have trouble making heads or tails of his theory—seems utterly nuts—I do know something about its origin.

Marx nabbed it from [classical liberal French scholars](#) who preceded him. But *they* said the exploitation was through *government* mechanisms: it's those who skim off of taxes who exploit the masses.

Marx turned it upside down.

So let's turn things right-side up: we all know that when it comes to policy, good intentions don't make up for bad consequences. And those who de-fraud the taxpayers don't have "good intentions."

They're thieves.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.