



US Will Dump \$700-Billion into Obamacare Subsidies in 2018

The US Congressional Budget Office estimates that it will spend \$700-billion on subsidies this year to help pay the health-care premiums for Americans under the age of 65. The extravagant benefits of the government's so-called 'affordable health care' has forced insurers to raise premiums by 34% in 2018. -GEG

While Democrats have continuously griped about how Republican measures to slowly dismantle the Affordable Care Act (otherwise known as Obamacare) will sink their chances of cementing control of Congress in this year's midterm elections, ***the US government is now estimating that it will spend \$700 billion on subsidies this year to help provide Americans under the age of 65 with health insurance through their jobs or in government-sponsored health programs,*** according to a report from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.



The subsidies come from four main categories:

Roughly \$300 billion is federal spending on programs like Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, which typically help insure low-income people.

Almost as big are the tax write-offs that employers take for providing coverage to their workers.

Medicare-eligible people, such as the disabled, account for \$82 billion.

Subsidies for Obamacare and for other individual coverage are the smallest segment, at \$55 billion.

While Obamacare initially added tens of millions of Americans to the rolls of the insured, **29 million people will likely go without health coverage for an average of at least one month this year**, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

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Scottish Government Greenlights Plan to Allow All Refugees and Asylum Seekers to Vote

In 2016, the Scottish parliament voted unanimously to lower the age of voting to 16. Now, leftists are pushing for refugees and asylum seekers residing in Scotland to vote, also. UKIP's David Kurten says 'progressives' will benefit by using migrants to create "demographic gerrymandering" to win elections. He stated, "If this plan is implemented it will make a mockery of our democracy and will be a disgraceful display of putting British people last in our own country." - GEG

The Scottish government has confirmed that asylum seekers and refugees will be handed the vote under plans to expand the franchise.

Parliamentary business minister Joe Fitzpatrick [told](#) MSPs on Wednesday: "it is right that people who make their lives here and contribute to society should have the right to vote, wherever they are from," stating the government's position on a consultation to expand the vote which was launched in December.

Scotland has already made use of powers devolved in 2016 which allow politicians to make big changes to the country's electorate, with its parliament voting unanimously to [lower](#) the age of franchise to 16 in the same year.

Asked by the open borders-backing Scottish Greens, who have campaigned for giving every migrant the vote whether the government's plans include asylum seekers, Fitzpatrick confirmed that extending the franchise "should include those who were welcomed here as refugees and people going through the process of seeking asylum".

The Scottish National Party (SNP) minister said: "Scotland is a welcoming country and our intention to extend the opportunity to vote to all those legally resident in Scotland, whatever their place of birth, I think should extend to refugees and asylum seekers."

His comments were welcomed by Green MSP for West Scotland Ross Greer, a tireless campaigner for mass migration who, on the one year anniversary this week of the Manchester terror attack in which 22 people were killed and 139 wounded, [drew attention](#) to his comment piece on the bombing, which argued the UK must open its borders to the migrants arriving in Europe on boats.

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AN ACTION RK IGTON, DC 2006		03/15/17	82.0
AN ACTION RK IGTON, DC 2006		03/26/17	82.0
AN ACTION RK IGTON, DC 2006		04/04/18	81.0
AN ACTION RK IGTON, DC 2006		04/12/17	81.0

Angry CEOs Split from GOP over Immigration Reform as Trump Appears to Support His Base

GOP donors who support open borders are angry and are splitting from President Trump, because he is pushing for immigration reform that pressures companies to hire Americans with middle-class wages instead of hiring cheaper immigrant labor. A group of GOP-aligned donors and Never-Trump Republicans are teaming up with elite-left donors to the Democratic Party to push open borders. The business-led Congressional Leadership Fund Super PAC is backing RINOs who endorse the “discharge petition” that would circumvent Republican leadership and bring a Democrat-sponsored ‘no-strings amnesty’ bill to the House floor as early as June 25. -GEG

Pro-migration CEOs and investors are splitting from the GOP’s base of 2016 voters, just months after the base provided them with the congressional votes for a huge tax cut.

The donors are splitting from President Donald Trump mostly because of his push for an immigration reform that pressures companies to hire Americans with middle-class wages instead of hiring cheaper foreigners with the promise of taxpayer-funded citizenship.

However, Trump won 63 million voters in the 2016 election, giving him the political clout to block amnesties and the populist base to help him raise hundreds of millions of dollars in small-denomination donations.

Here are four ways in which angry GOP donors are going on

strike while Trump promises to make immigration [a central issue](#) in the midterms:

1. David MacNeil, a Chicago-area CEO who has donated \$1 million to the GOP is closing his checkbook until one of his employees can get an amnesty because she was brought into the country by illegal-immigrant parents. According to Politico, MacNeil [said](#):

“I’m saying this as a political donor who’s donated seven figures in the last couple of years: I will not donate any more money to anyone who doesn’t support DACA, period,” MacNeil said in a phone call while traveling in Italy. “I’m putting my money where my mouth is.”

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“She is a critically important employee and it would be a disaster if I were not able to legally employ her,” MacNeil said. “They should not be playing political football, political blackmail with people’s lives. If you think about how people feel, they wake up at 3 in the morning, wondering: Am I going to be deported?”

2. The New York Times [reported](#) May 24 that a group of GOP-aligned donors and activists is secretly allying with elite-left donors to the Democratic Party. The GOP CEOs include several pro-migration advocates, such as Jerry Taylor, president of the Niskanen Center:

The network – composed of overlapping groups led by Democrats such as the donor Rachel Pritzker and several veteran Obama administration operatives, as well as leading Never Trump Republicans like Evan McMullin, Mindy Finn and William Kristol – aims to chart a middle path between a Republican base falling in line behind Mr. Trump and a liberal resistance trying to pull the Democratic Party left.

“If you’re a Republican who is concerned about the health of the liberal order and alarmed over the destruction of the norms of American democracy, there’s no reason you shouldn’t be willing to work with a Democrat who is equally concerned about those same matters,” said Jerry Taylor, a Republican who is president of the Niskanen Center, a moderate think tank that grew out of the libertarian Cato Institute.

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The Niskanen Center hosts a semimonthly invitation-only gathering of Trump critics called the Meeting of the Concerned, which attendees are asked to keep confidential. While it is attended primarily by a rotating cast of Never Trump Republicans – including the pundit Mr. Kristol and the former Representative Mickey Edwards.

The Niskanen Center is very pro-migration, amid growing evidence that mass-migration drives down Americans’ wages and expands civic conflicts. The center says:

We believe that immigration yields positive economic and social benefits to the United States, to the global community, and—most importantly— to immigrants themselves. Our work seeks to advance the freer movement of people with four priorities: protecting vulnerable immigrant populations, relieving labor shortages by liberalized migration, strengthening humanitarian immigration, and energizing U.S. economic growth with foreign entrepreneurs, investors, and workers. We have been particularly focused on promoting a path to citizenship for Dreamers and arguing for reforms to increase the number of refugees resettled in the United States.

3. John Rowe, an Illinois-based energy-industry millionaire is threatening to stop donations unless the GOP embrace a policy

of cheap-labor amnesty. He [told](#) Politico:

“Every member of the Illinois delegation knows this is one of the most important issues facing them and it determines how much money I’m giving them,” said Rowe, who heads a pro-immigrant business group in Illinois. “This is the home state of Abraham Lincoln. We’re betraying our entire heritage if we don’t get this done.”

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“In truth, we may not be a huge number of people, but in terms of being reliable, active donors, we’re people who give every year to candidates,” Rowe said.

While attending a recent fundraiser for House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, Rowe said he was direct with the Louisiana congressman: “There’s a whole bunch of Republicans like me who simply aren’t going to keep giving money if you don’t get an immigration bill done.”

Rowe has argued that the GOP cannot win elections without identity-politics appeals to blacks, Latinos, and women. However, Trump won the 2016 election with very different pocketbook-politics appeals to the financial interests of all Americans.

4. The business-led Congressional Leadership Fund Super PAC is [backing a majority](#) of the GOP representatives who launched the [discharge-petition process](#) that could allow Democrats to pass a no-strings amnesty through the House before the 2018 election.

A partial list of CLF donors is provided by [OpenSecrets.org](#). The list includes investment firms and hedge funds which gain from the GOP’s low-tax policies and also from the cheap wages and high real-estate values ensured by mass immigration. According to the CLF’s [website](#):

“Founded in 2011, Congressional Leadership Fund has the endorsement of the entire House Republican Leadership. CLF supports candidates who promote the values of the center-right majority in the House of Representatives and counters efforts on the left, like Nancy Pelosi’s House Majority PAC and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

One of the CLF’s biggest donors is the American Action Network, a [pro-migration group](#) of investors and CEOs headed by a hotel investor, [Fred Malek](#). In 2015, Malek’s group helped [raise funds](#) to run advertising against GOP members who oppose amnesty policies pushed by former President Barack Obama. So far, [the group](#) has contributed at least \$12 million to the 2018 campaign.

Malek and his top aide, Corry Bliss, run the CLF. Bliss [told](#) the *New York Times* that he will help GOP candidates win reelection by highlighting local issues:

C.L.F. has opened 31 offices across the country and contacted over nine million voters. In each district, we focus on local issues – and our field program will make a big difference in November.

That local-focus strategy can help distract voters from the donors’ push for a national cheap-labor amnesty, which is being supported by at least 11 of the CLF-backed GOP legislators.

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