

President Bush Is Violating His Own Campaign Promise on Children's Health Insurance

"In a new term, we will lead an aggressive effort to enroll millions of children who are eligible but not signed up for government health insurance programs. We will not allow a lack of attention, or information, to stand between these children and the health care they need."

- George W. Bush at 2004 Republican National Convention

The President's Objections Now Are Simply Wrong: Just Ask Some Republicans...

"Frankly, I think the president has had pretty poor advice on this. I can answer every objection that they've made, and I'm very favorable to the president. I know he's compassionate. I know he's concerned about these kids, but he's been sold a bill of goods." - *Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Washington Post 10/4/07*

"I believe this is an irresponsible use of the veto pen." - *Sen. Gordon Smith (R-OR), AP 10/4/07*

"That [serving families making up to \$82,000] is not in our bill. The propoganda in this town or intellectual dishonesty can make a good bill look bad." - *Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA), Strom Lake (Iowa) Pilot Tribute, 10/4/07*

"What will move our country toward socialized medicine is not this bill, which focuses on poor children, but the lack of action to allow people in need to have access to private affordable health care." - *Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), NY Times 9/28/07*

"I am not for excessive spending and strongly oppose the federalization of healthcare. And if the administration's concerns with this bill were accurate, I would support a veto. But, bluntly put, they are not." - *Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), LA Times, 9/28/07*

"This agreement retains the core principles of SCHIP when it was enacted and provides states with new tools to enroll more eligible low-income children." - *Reps. Heather Wilson (R-NM) & Ray LaHood (R-IL), 9/24/07*

"Any time when your choice is helping children in the lower economic range with something as sensitive as health care, to vote against that I think is difficult." - *Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), 9/25/07*

...or ask the American people:

"More than seven in 10 in the poll support the planned \$35 billion spending increase, and 25 percent are opposed. About half of all Americans 'strongly' support the increased spending." [Washington Post, 10/2/07]

"The bill addresses all of the president's complaints, including his concern that families with private coverage now will drop it in favor of government-subsidized care." [NPR, 10/4/07]