

# Has the GOP Thrown the Kitchen Sink at Health Reform Yet? They've Tried Everything Else...

*“I'm doing everything I can to prevent this bill from becoming law. Plain and simple.”*  
- House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH), CNN's SOTU, 3/14/10

As we head into the final stretch on health reform, what else will the Republicans come up with to deceive the public, derail reform, and protect the insurance companies and the status quo? Does the health reform bill cede Texas to Mexico? Use tax dollars to cover care for French poodles?

- **March 2010** – Republicans circulate an apparent fraudulent memo on health insurance reform that was falsely attributed to Democratic staffers.
- **March 2010** – Republican Member takes to the House Floor and makes an unsubstantiated and false claim that Democratic Members are trading votes on health insurance reform in exchange for jobs.
- **March 2010** – Republicans are outraged about the use of a floor procedure that they used hundreds of times in the past.
- **February 2010** – Republicans are outraged about the use of reconciliation in the Senate, even though it was used many more times in the past by them.
- **Fall 2009** – Republicans repeatedly claim that the health reform bills add to the deficit, despite CBO – the official referee of Congress – confirming they reduce the deficit.
- **Fall 2009** – Republicans repeatedly claim that the Democratic health reform bills are unconstitutional, despite an overwhelming consensus of legal experts repeatedly debunking the claim.
- **Fall 2009** – Republicans repeatedly call health reform efforts socialism, saying they will lead to an economic disaster and will end America as we know it.
- **September 2009** – Republicans repeatedly claim the health reform bills will provide health care for illegal immigrants, despite all experts repeatedly debunking the claim. Rep. Wilson (R-SC) shouts at President Obama on the House floor during an address to Congress, calling the President a liar on the issue
- **August 2009** – Former Vice Presidential Nominee Sarah Palin makes outrageous claim that the reform bills include “death panels.” Many Republicans help spread the outrageous fabrication, including Sen. Grassley (R-IA), a leading Republican negotiator on health reform, who says government may “pull the plug on grandma.”

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