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Thesis

The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should not be implemented due to extreme economic strain, staunch social resistance, and negative political implications of the legislation.

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What is Obamacare?

Major Provisions
- More access, more Americans
- Several Phases - by Year
- Federal Insurance Regulations
  - Limits, restrictions, denial, new benefits
  - 26 years plan
  - Individual and Employer Mandates
- New Taxes and Tax Credits
- Medicaid Expansion

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Legal Standing

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Loose Interpretation

• Upheld by the Supreme Court
• Still many complaints:
  • Employer Mandate
  • Origination Clause
  • IPAB
  • Congressmen benefits
  • Subsidizing Federal Exchanges
  • Contraception Mandate
Pros-Cons
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- Low-Middle income families
- Employer Mandate
- Temporary Tax Breaks
- Medicaid Expansion
- Strict Federal Regulation
- CHIP

- High-earners
- Employer Mandate
- Medicare reduction
- Enrollment Periods
- New Taxes - 1.1 trillion dollars
- Increased prices and premiums
- Focuses on wrong issue
Nature of the Issue
Expectation vs. Reality
Balance of Power
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Federal vs. State Executive
Conflict of Interests
Causes of the Issue

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Individual
Mandate
Wealthy vs. Poor
Constitutionality
Power Struggle
Economic Impact