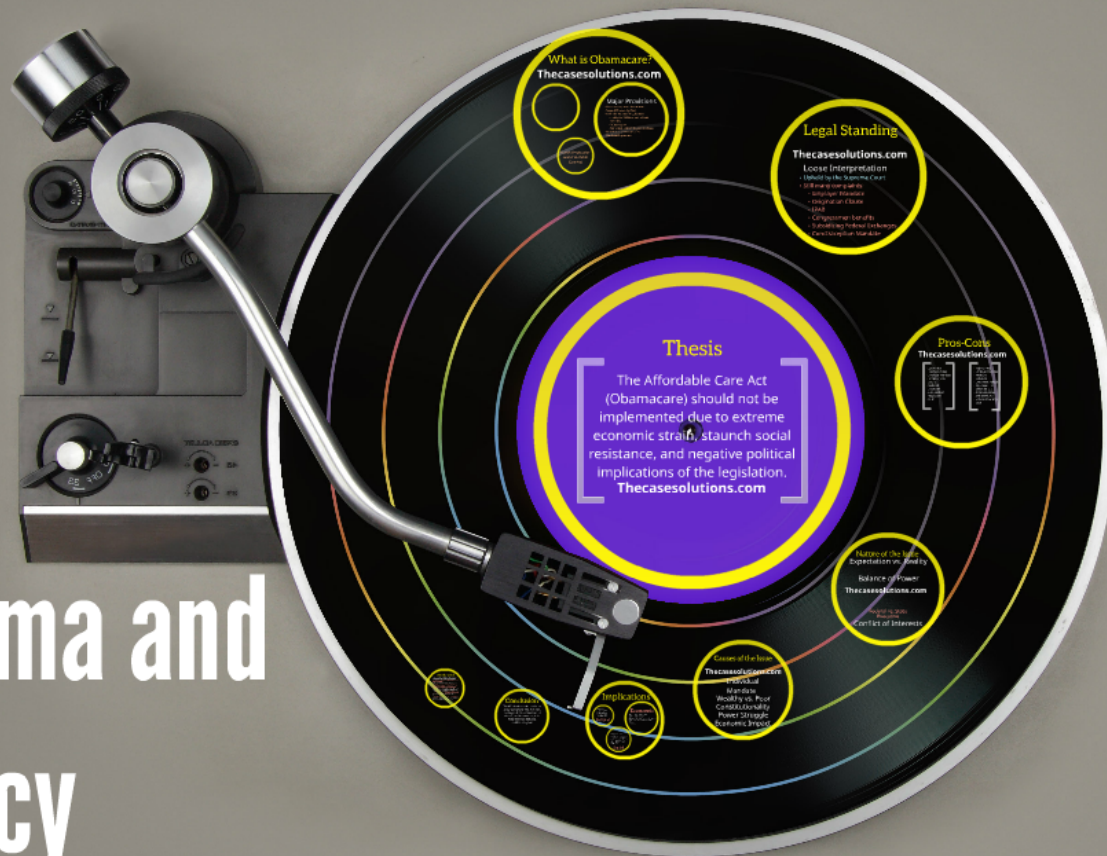


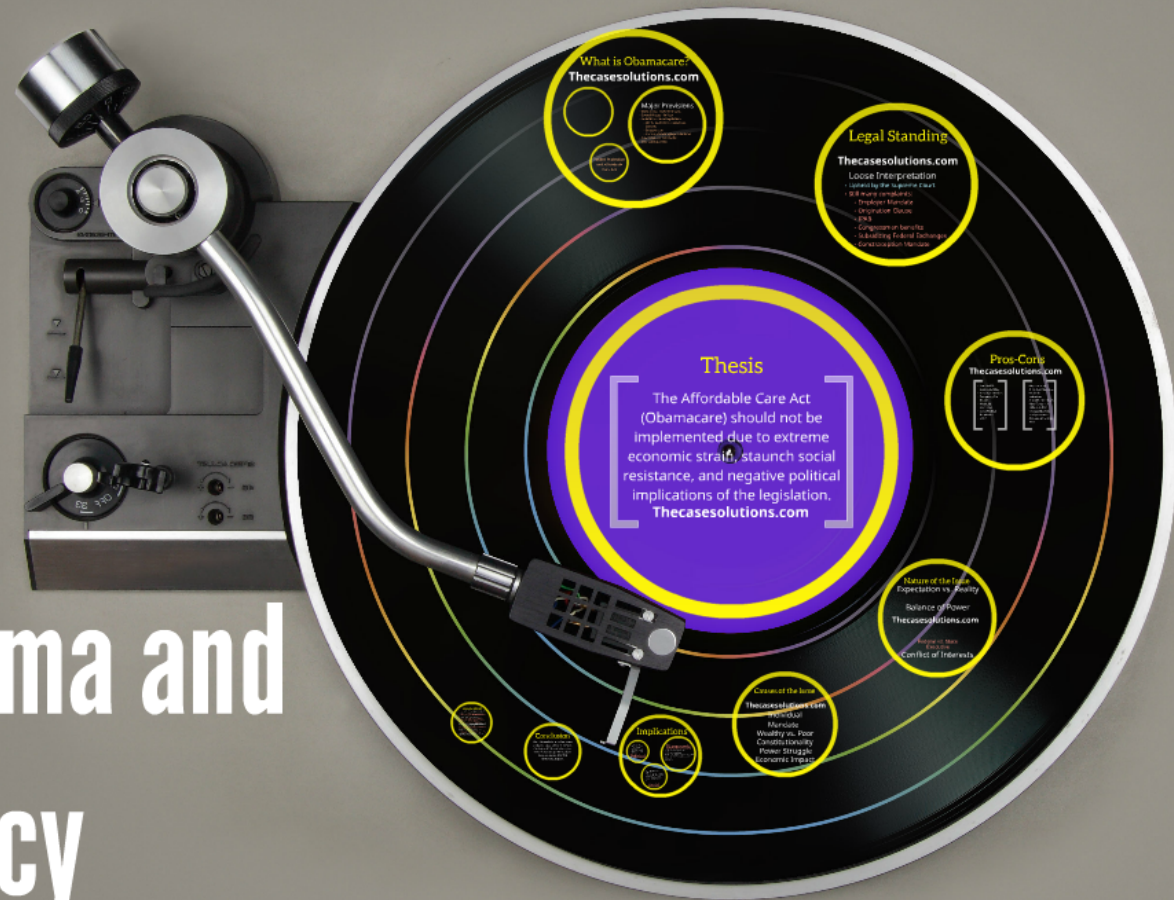
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# Thesis

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?

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### 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

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## Causes of the Issue

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Individual

Mandate

Wealthy vs. Poor

Constitutionality

Power Struggle

Economic Impact