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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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Nature of the Issue
Expectation vs. Reality

Balance of Power

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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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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