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## Gruberism - We're All Stupid

*"Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive." Sir Walter Scott*  
*"Never believe anything until it has been officially denied." Otto Von Bismarck*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is a preeminent learning institution world renown for its excellence in the fields of science, engineering, mathematics and technology. The nation owes it a debt of gratitude for providing us the transparency to the law commonly referred to as Obamacare. MIT economics professor, Dr. Jonathan Gruber is considered to be one of the architects of this draconian legislation. He also was a consultant to then Michigan Governor Mitt Romney in the development of Romneycare.

Dr. Gruber developed the Gruber Microsimulation Model, a computer healthcare model, that provided Democratic politicians the ammunition to tell the American public that Obamacare would not add to the federal debt and would lower overall healthcare costs. Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, John Kerry and others referenced Gruber's analysis during the healthcare debate. What these politicians forgot to tell us was that Dr. Gruber was receiving nearly \$400,000 from the federal government to provide his expertise and that he earned over \$5 million from both federal and state governments over the past several years. The Administration used his comments to explain its policy and a compliant media went along for the ride.

After passage of the law without one Republican affirmative vote, the good economist went on a series of lectures to various healthcare events. Thanks to an obscure blogger from Pennsylvania, Dr. Gruber's lectures at these events were recently posted on You Tube. Gruber lays bare the deception practiced by the redistributionists and progressives. Their long time goal of socialized medicine was achievable. As conservative Monica Crowley has said, if the government controls your healthcare then they control you.

The elitism of academic intellectuals is on full display with Dr. Gruber. Elites always know what is best for commoners. They assist in writing complex laws in order to receive sweet consultancy contracts to show the masses their educated worth. Here are a few of Gruber's comments explaining the development of Obamacare: "the Bill was written in a tortuous way to make sure that the CBO (Congressional Budget Office) didn't score the mandate (individual) as taxes. If the CBO scores the mandate as taxes it dies."; "And basically, call it the stupidity of the American voter or whatever, but basically that was really, really critical for the thing to pass."; "Lack of transparency is a huge political advantage."; "If healthy people pay in and sick people get money, it would

not have passed.”; “It is a very clever basic exploitation of the lack of understanding of the American voter.”

Gruber also knocked down the myth that health insurance reform will raise costs for small businesses. “Objective CBO analysis,” he pointed out, “shows that these claims are clearly wrong – reform will lower, not increase, non-group insurance costs.” Of course the objective CBO analysis is the same one that Gruber used to purposely obfuscate an objective, transparent analysis.

It is of no surprise that the President, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi are distancing themselves from Dr. Gruber. Prior to his election, Obama said that he borrowed liberally from other’s ideas regarding healthcare including Dr. Gruber. What can they now say to explain their deception. Their eyes were always on the prize - more government power and control under the mantra of economic and social justice.

It was President Eisenhower who warned us to beware of the military-industrial complex. Perhaps we should also beware of the progressive-academic complex. This group includes the main stream media and most of our academic institutions who march lockstep towards moving us to a Euro-style government.

This Administration believes that the more they can divide the American electorate and demonize their opponents, the better their redistribution outcome. What they fail to recognize is the damage they have done to our form of government. Many Americans have lost trust in their representatives as one falsehood after another flows from their lips. How can we forget: “Here’s a guarantee that I’ve made: if you have insurance that you like, then you will be able to keep that insurance. If you’ve got a Doctor that you like, you will be able to keep that Doctor.”