

Obamacare - A taxing predicament ? By Jersey JD

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Yesterday's Supreme Court decision to uphold the "Obamacare" mandate has left all of us Libertarians & Conservatives with an uneasy feeling inside. The Supreme Court of the United States with the support of Chief Justice John Roberts, ruled that it is OK for the federal government to *force* citizens to purchase a service (in this case health care) or did they...

In his majority opinion Chief Justice Roberts wrote "*the mandate is not a legal command to buy insurance. Rather, it makes going without insurance just another thing the government taxes, like buying gasoline or earning an income.*"

By moving the mandate to the "tax" side of the debate, it opens an entirely new avenue for conservatives to challenge the law on Constitutional grounds.

Here is what I think happened.

1. Kennedy was going to vote with the Progressives.
2. Roberts was going to vote with the Conservatives.
3. Roberts, seeing the result would swing towards Upheld (and make the court look political) -- offers...
4. To switch votes with Kennedy -- this allows Roberts to:
5. Control the drafting of the Majority opinion -- while at the same time -
6. De-politicizing the court.
7. Net - net. The Bill was going to be upheld -- But...
8. Roberts takes the heat, to create a better environment for a political solution -- and
9. Controls the writing of the majority opinion -- so he gets his dicta in.

A far-fetched idea ? Maybe, or maybe a reason for conservative foot soldiers to support and elect candidates for the U.S. House & U.S. Senate that will vote to repeal "Obamacare" on the recently upheld "Power to tax" clause of the Constitution.

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I think that there should be a requirement that the following each release their tax returns:

1. Anyone who wants to moderate a primary debate.
2. Anyone who wants to be in the White House Press Corps.
3. Anyone who wants to be a candidate for House or Senate.
4. Anyone who wants to be Governor.
5. Anyone who wants to be State Senator, State Representative or Councilperson or Mayor.
6. Anyone who wants to be get their salary from Government source or subsidy.
7. Everyone.

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