WHAT'S REALLY BEHIND REPUBLICAN LUNACY

After I finished writing the essay on the Congressional Budget Office Report regarding the effect of raising the minimum wage, it got me to thinking about the bigger picture.

Background Information

How are pickpockets able to steal your watch, wallet, jewelry, and other valuables while you are standing there talking to them, face-to-face?

There is only one way they can do that ... by distracting you.

Throughout world history, distraction has been the favorite tactic of politicians who were attempting to do something that went against the public good (but was very good for them and their friends).

That brings us to the year 2010 in the United States.

2 huge events occurred that year:

the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Affordable_Care_Act>

and

the Supreme Court case known as "Citizens United"

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizens_United_v._Federal_Election_Commission>

Critical Analysis

Obamacare is projected to help up to 30 million Americans eventually. The ones who will benefit most are the sick, the elderly, and young poor people. The goal was to enroll about 7 million the first year. So out of 300 million Americans, we are talking about helping 2% of the population (and eventually up to 9%); and the brunt of the expense for helping them would fall on the Federal government and insurance companies ... not on the rich.

So why did Republicans threaten to crash the American economy, which would have had worldwide consequences, just to prevent the poorest, sickest Americans from getting help? Why were they willing to destroy countless lives over something that wouldn't really cost them much at all? Why were the most evangelical Christians in America willing to look like anti-Christians to stop Obamacare? Why did Republicans not care how cold and heartless they appeared? Why did they publicly promote lie after lie even though they had to know that their lies could be easily debunked? Is there an explanation that answers all these questions and ties together all these seemingly bizarre actions?

Pay Attention ... This Is Why

The Citizens United decision effectively ended our democracy and handed control of the government over to the rich. They will now choose our government officials ... and they will control them.

To keep America from becoming another Egypt and falling into revolt, the rich had to find a way to keep Americans distracted on another issue, and keep them from focusing on what had just happened to their democracy.

That explains why Republicans concentrated all their efforts on Obamacare: they were distracting America; and it worked better than they could have ever imagined in their wildest dreams.

The rich are picking our pockets. They have stripped America of its middle class. Now, the 1% own half of *everything* there is to own, and they show no signs of stopping at half. Their distraction has worked perfectly. While we have been laughing at what a bunch of ignorant, superstitious, morons they are, they have been silently smirking to themselves.

This is the only conclusion that answers ALL of the questions above.

What Must Happen

Until the general public develops the critical thinking skills necessary to protect themselves from manipulation, they will continue to be mere puppets for the rich, and will willingly contribute to their own demise.