

T is for Tantrum

Apparently, T stands for tantrum.

As everyone by now knows, the T-party hates government, because government takes away our freedoms. They hate ObamaCare, which will help people purchase health insurance, because that takes away our freedom to go bankrupt from medical bills. We know they hate ObamaCare, because in 40 bills and 40 votes, the T-party dominated House went on record opposing it. Because voting to defund it only 30 times would just not be freedom-loving enough.

The T-party also hates food stamps, which take away our freedom to not feed our children. They are outraged that the number of people receiving food stamps has grown dramatically in the last 5 years. Clearly this is Obama's way of bankrupting the nation. Can you think of any other reason why more people have been on food stamps over the last 5 years than in the years before the Great Recession? Well, neither can they.

Of course, the T-party doesn't mind agricultural subsidies. They voted to cut food stamps dramatically, but farm subsidies they passed with nary a cut. Handing out small subsidies – typically under \$1.50 per person per day – to struggling families hit by job losses, well, that's socialism. Handing out big subsidies to well off farmers untouched by the economic downturn, well, that's business as usual. Some T-party congressmen even receive farm subsidies themselves. That's why they voted to cut food stamps. It's the freedom-loving thing to do.

But now ObamaCare is on the verge of being implemented. Over the next few months, if it isn't stopped, millions of freedom-losing Americans, even those with existing health problems, will be able to shop online for affordable health insurance. Many of them will receive subsidies helping them to buy that insurance. Freedom-destroying subsidies like food stamps, not freedom-enhancing subsidies like farm supports. Gee, freedom sure can be hard to figure out!

Of course, no freedom-loving T-party patriot can allow that to happen. Like the patriots at Concord and Lexington, who stood up to the British troops who were trying to hand out free polio immunizations to ... oh, wait, that's the Taliban in Pakistan who claim free polio shots is a government conspiracy. Sometimes I get my freedom-loving anti-health-care organizations confused.

So the T-party House voted one more time to stop ObamaCare, attaching it to the bill funding the government for another 30 days. A bill the freedom-hating Democrats in the Senate then stripped of its freedom-loving provisions, and sent back. Oh those nasty Democrats, who love to enslave people with health care and the like. Did our pioneer forefathers have health care? No! They chose to die of yellow fever and small pox and gun shot wounds and beri beri and all kinds of freedom-loving diseases. And so should we.

So now, to save us from the Democrats, the T-party is going to throw a tantrum. They're going to shut the government down, and keep it shut down until they finally get their way. They're going to shut down the EPA, that takes away our freedom to dump PCBs into our rivers. They're going to shut down the Park Service, that takes away our freedom to build condos in Yellowstone. They're going to send home the NIH researchers, who take away our freedom to die from cancer and antibiotic resistant bacteria. Hooray for the T-party!

And best of all, they're going to refuse to raise the debt ceiling, and send the whole country into bankruptcy. Because with the T-party, there's no going too far in defense of freedom. Except that this time, they will have very clearly gone way, way too far.

