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Subject: Medicare Mess

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 12:21:08 GMT

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So far the Bush has addressed one aspect of the Health Care industry in his promotion of the Republican Medicare Drug Plan. It was enacted primarily to help the drug companies stem the tide of purchases going to Canada and other countries where the drug industry has less lobbyist's turning the wheels of government. The plan is also a tracking program to put all recipients into a data bank that will help the government control the health care of many American citizens. Well; we know the plan as enacted is a total failure and only serves the drug industry. Is this what he meant by addressing health care in his State of The Union Speech? To help industry reap more profits on human misery and illness? We need responsible leaders that have compassion for the people; not toadies for the drug industry.

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Subject: Re: Medicare Mess

Posted by [Leland Crooks](#) on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 13:55:00 GMT

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Doublespeak. War is Peace. Slavery is Freedom. Medicare D is helpful. VA negotiates drug prices, VA can't negotiate drug prices. I have 3 elderly relatives that I take care of all of their business. This is a freaking disaster. No spin, first hand experience. I'm lost by this program. Setting up trusts and dealing with medicaid and regular medicare is a piece of cake compared to this. It requires projection into the future as to drug needs. Just not possible with old folks. The pharmacist here who is very helpful told me to do nothing until almost the deadline. He's really infuriated by it also. If you don't sign up, you get penalized. What the hell is that? Unfunded mandates is what that is. Feds are really good at that. Fortunately none of mine require much medicine, but do I subscribe them to a barebones plan for now, just to get hammered later? Or do I subscribe to a bigger plan now, and get hammered now. Actually I'm just going to go get hammered.