

There is a lot of debate these days about the Health Care in this great country. The politicians will tell us this debate is, well, **HEALTHY** and a part of what makes our country so great. That's all well and good I suppose, as long as somewhere in this debate the politicians actually listen.

Being older and wiser of course, I'm going to do my civic duty by sharing with our fine people that we send to Washington a simple, easy to understand explanation with no attempt at being politically correct. So listen up, Politicians!

[DEEP BREATH]

Every evening I come home and turn on the evening news which is surrounded by very expensive, elaborate commercials by pharmaceutical companies pushing pills I can't run to the store to buy, but have to ask my doctor about, but when I do he says nothing because he prescribes my medications brought to him via a nice paycheck by the very same pharmaceutical company that brought me those expensive, elaborate TV commercials, which makes me wonder why they spend so much on TV commercials if they are also spending money pushing their pills with my doctor, but I'm told this is not so, because these poor pharmaceutical companies actually have to charge so much for their little pills because research is so expensive, which makes me wonder why don't they stop spending money on their expensive, elaborate TV commercials that they apparently don't need because they already purchased my doctor and put that money into research, but again I'm told that I just don't understand, which I don't and is why I asked the question in the first place, because I don't understand when I get a medical bill and read that my simple 'procedure' that only took about 30 minutes cost \$17,000.00 and when I look at the very small print I see that the little bandage I now own on my side cost \$87.43 which strikes me as odd because I'm thinking that I saw the same box of bandages at WalMart for like \$2.00 and I'm asking myself what is so special about this bandage that keeps the doctor from picking up the same thing at WalMart, but again I'm told I just don't understand, which I don't, and that is why I asked the question, because I am told that I should trust my doctor, which I do, but I have a problem understanding

how any of this medical financing makes any sense, which it never will, so we go to our polls and vote for our neighbors to go Washington and try to make sense of all this medical chaos because we all want to be able to have good health care, but then we find out that those same pharmaceutical companies that bring us those elaborate, expensive TV commercials also bring us those constant, elaborate, expensive campaign commercials because, well, if you want to win an election, who better to do your TV commercials than those pharmaceutical companies that are experts at spending money on TV commercials that we apparently don't need because they also spend a lot of money on making sure doctors only give patients their pills and tell us they need to charge us a fortune for these pills because of research, and well, what politician wouldn't want that kind of company working for their campaign after all, so when the debate about health care comes up, the politicians are careful to avoid the real issues because, well, they're going to need some more fancy commercials in a few years when they run for re election and they don't want to bite the hand that feeds them after all, so they cleverly make the debate whether the government should control health care or not, which frankly has most of us scratching our heads trying to figure out how we got to this point.

[Exhale]

If we learned anything from Richard Nixon it is that if you really want to find the truth, you have to follow the money. We want a strong military, but we don't want our taxes to be spent on \$200.00 toilet seats and \$300.00 hammers ... we want good health care, but we don't want our health insurance companies to have to spend \$87.43 on a band aide ... we want politicians who represent the good of the people, not the good of the companies that bring us expensive, elaborate re election TV commercials that we don't really need.

Yes, we have a serious problem with obesity in our country. But the issue is not simply fat people, as much as it's fat wallets. It's called GREED – fix THAT Mr Politician!

Just A Thought