

## Democrats are treating Grandma terribly

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The media report that Democrats have a winning strategy for the women's vote by exploiting a presumptive greater sensitivity to social and women's issues.

An election cycle back, Republicans were portrayed as heartless and willing to "throw grandma off the cliff" by suggesting that Medicare be put on a sustainable fiscal path.

Grandmas are also women, yet in the current Virginia election cycle, women have again given the winning edge to Democratic candidates. But it is the result of such Democratic wins that the country now suffers under the harsh reality of Obamacare. Democrat Nancy Pelosi's "we have to pass the [health care] bill so that you can find out what's in it" is devastating families and individuals. The congressional ruling class has insulated itself from having to abide fully by this law. The ordinary worker bears the full brunt.

How have Democrats financed Obamacare? One revenue stream amounts to throwing Grandma (and Grandpa) off that infamous cliff. Around \$500 billion of Medicare funding has been diverted to fund Obamacare — less money for Grandma's broken hip or Grandpa's cancer treatment. But also less affordable medical insurance for the general population, no matter what age. How compassionate was that vote, ladies?

Out-of-state money paid to convince voters that climate change occurrences are best solved by the Democrats. Records document no change in global temperature for 17 years, no major U.S. landfall-hurricanes since 2005 (Sandy was a post-tropical cyclone), unchanged global sea level rates-of-rise, even as CO2 levels increased 9 percent. The U.S. government has spent around \$100 billion over the past decade combating non-existent climate change and on renewables, including financing a string of energy flops. Grandma and Grandpa could have had a good bit of compassionate medical care for that sum.

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