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Are there problems with the current state of healthcare? Yes. Are there people who need coverage who cannot get coverage? Certainly. Does government have a role to play? No question. Yet plans being rammed through Congress may create more problems than they solve, and the public is beginning to notice, especially the potential costs involved. Some estimates place the price tag on the Senate plan at about \$2.5 Trillion Dollars! More deficit spending when we are already suffering economically and drowning in debt?

Yet above all the fiscal madness are the ethical and moral problems with these plans that run contrary to our biblical convictions. Prospects for the rationing of care and the lack of conscience protections present serious ethical problems. If we all end up in the "public option" plan because private health insurers can no longer compete, who decides who gets treatment? A government panel? What about those denied care? And what about doctors who must violate their consciences by performing abortions covered under the government plan?

That brings us to the huge moral problem: Abortions covered in the Senate plan. Depending on the poll, as many as 71% of Americans oppose federal dollars being used to pay for abortions or supporting the abortion industry. Like Daniel, we must respectfully object to any plan that doesn't exclude taxpayer funding of abortions and tax dollars to subsidize abortion providers.

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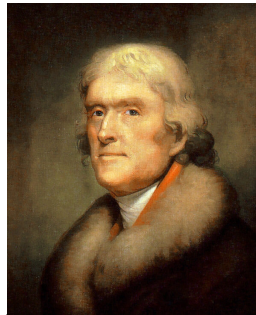
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- Compel taxpayers to fund a huge abortion-industry bailout – something 71% of Americans oppose.
- Require some medical providers to violate their consciences and perform abortions – or risk losing their jobs.
- Insert government bureaucrats between caring doctors and needy patients and their families when it comes to making decisions about treatment.
- Result in the rationing of care, as we have seen in other nations with government run healthcare.
- Offer domestic partner benefits to homosexuals.
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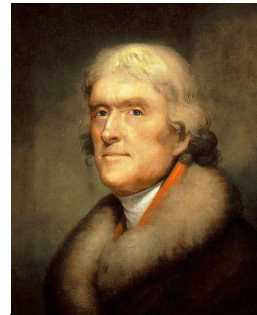
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