

Republicans amaze me

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Republicans amaze me. The other day, I saw Ron Paul, a candidate for the republican Presidential nomination; suggest that folk who get sick and have no medical insurance should be left to their own devices.

I heard former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson (R-WY), say that senior citizens are greedy, because we want Social Security left alone.

How is it that a democratic government could be too large if it strives to keep its citizens healthy and its elderly independent? Then, it's just the right size if it's big enough to train and arm its young people and wage war around the globe with the help of overpaid mercenaries.

Every candidate you've ever heard speak talks about "what the people want".

Let's start with Social Security. We are required to pay into it. It's a "tax" that comes out of our paychecks, whether we like it or not, so that we won't be a burden on the government when we are let out to pasture. That's their story. The government has been investing my money for over 50 years now. The government wasn't too big to decide that this was the best way for it to provide for me in my old age. How can keeping its' word be the act of a "too large" government, now that I am a certified senior citizen?

The healthcare initiative that is called "Obamacare" by its republican detractors would make health insurance mandatory, just like Social Security. Even republicans don't suggest that we should stop paying into Social Security, they just want the money managed by some of their under regulated, Wall Street, campaign benefactors.

I Googled Democracy. It was defined as "a system of government by the whole population, OR, all the eligible members of a state". Nobody asked me, but, I choose health insurance and Social Security. And, I can't find a single American who can tell me how our lives will be improved if the military objectives in Afghanistan are achieved. In fact, only one person that I asked professed to know what those objectives are. It's an embarrassment how few folk know where Afghanistan actually is.

Watch out for that "all the eligible members of a state" part of the democracy definition. There are serious attempts to "thin the herd" afoot. And old folk, dark folk and sick folk are the herd. Ya heard.