

LaRouche Delivers a Bloody Nose to the British Empire

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Aug. 15—The British imperial interests have suffered a serious blow at the hands of Lyndon LaRouche, and they are reeling from the impact of that unanticipated strategic setback. Over the past 72 hours, President Barack Obama's failure to deliver on a made-in-London euthanasia scheme, disguised as a health-care "reform" program, has shocked the British media and the entire British political Establishment, and prompted them to launch a desperate defense of the British National Health Service and its affiliated NICE "death panel," which is the model for Obama's plan.

"The British elites suddenly found themselves facing a significant strategic defeat, in the face of the massive and spreading American popular revolt against the Obama Administration, and they were forced to launch an all-out defense of their own deeply flawed health-care system, as their last chance to salvage their Obama project," one senior U.S. intelligence source told *EIR* yesterday. "The issue is, London losing its grip over the Obama White House, and that is a really big deal, given all they have invested in that program."

Indeed, in response to the continuing mass strike ferment throughout the United States against the Obama Administration's failed policies, the British media, from the Fabian Society-linked London *Guardian* to the right-wing Tory *Daily Telegraph*, is carrying out a coordinated black propaganda campaign, to save London's grip over the White House—by defending British health care as a world-class system, far better than that of the

United States. The normally middle-of-the-road British *Independent* today ran an article, headlined, "The brutal truth about America's health care," describing the thousands of poor people who turned out in Los Angeles for free health care, and defending the Obama plan. The *Independent* screed is typical of the propaganda line coming from the entire British media this past week.

Politicians from Labour Party Prime Minister Gordon Brown, to his Tory opponent David Cameron, have also delivered nearly identical defenses of the British system. Given the top-down orchestration of British politics, it is not unfair to presume that the Queen's Privy Council, headed by Lord Peter Mandelson, issued orders for the engineered effort last week, when the situation in the United States broke totally out of control.

'LaRouche Is To Blame'

The single biggest cause of hysteria from British quarters is the fact that Lyndon LaRouche has been publicly identified as the catalyst of the revolt against the Obama White House's efforts to shove a Hitlerian euthanasia scheme down the throats of the American people. Beginning with the Aug. 6 Romulus, Mich. town hall meeting by Rep. John Dingell (D), the LaRouche Political Action Committee poster, depicting President Obama with a Hitler mustache and the caption, "I've Changed," has grabbed headlines in newspapers around the United States and around the world.

This past week, as town hall protests swelled in size,



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Citizens protest at a town hall meeting in Bozeman, Mt., Aug. 14, one of several recent such events, where a panicked President Obama tried, unsuccessfully, to salvage his sinking health-care reform plan. Note the ubiquitous LaRouche PAC poster, showing Obama with a Hitler mustache.

more and more U.S. and international media began airing interviews with LaRouche PAC organizers; and the *Washington Times* went so far as to publish an interview with *EIR* Editor-in-Chief Nancy Spannaus, spelling out LaRouche's critique of the Obama health plan scheme, and LaRouche's alternative.

The next day, an hysterical reporter for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) conducted a live interview with LaRouche national spokesperson, Debra Freeman, in which Freeman denounced the British health-care system, as a genocidal mess.

LaRouche's well-documented denunciation of the Obama Administration's plan for the creation of IMAC (Independent Medicare Advisory Council), modeled on Hitler's September-October 1939 T-4 program of government-enforced euthanasia, has been picked up by leading Republican Party figures, including House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio); former Alaska governor and vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin; conservative commentator Patrick Buchanan; and scores of lesser known columnists, bloggers, and activists.

One senior political operative told *EIR* that the Republican Party, desperate to regroup after the electoral defeats of 2006 and 2008, picked up the LaRouche attacks on the Obama health-care swindle, studied the documentation, concluded that LaRouche was absolutely correct, and jumped on the bandwagon. By last week, ac-

cording to the source, every faction within the GOP had picked up on the LaRouche message—to the point that a frantic Karl Rove warned Republicans that they were losing control over the issue to LaRouche.

Furthermore, a wide range of Democratic Party-linked voices, from *The Nation's* William Greider, to the *New York Times's* Frank Rich, to cultural commentator Eli Siegel, to Arianna Huffington (see accompanying documentation), have also joined the attack on President Obama, denouncing him for cutting a dirty backroom deal with “Big Pharma” and “Big Insurance,” and accusing him of being a corporatist—i.e., a fascist.

In fact, White House sources have leaked to the media some details of the agreement, reached in recent weeks, between PhRMA, the industry lobbying group, and the President, further fueling the “revolt from the left” against Obama.

What LaRouche started, on April 11, 2009, with his webcast warning that Obama suffers from a severe “Nero Complex,” has now mushroomed into a far-reaching popular revolt. The ostensible issue is the President's fascist health-care scheme, but the underlying factor, is that the American people are fed up with bailouts of Wall Street at taxpayers' expense, massive job losses, home foreclosures, and the bankrupting of nearly every state government—translating into a collapse in social services, and basic infrastructure like schools, hospitals, and core transportation systems.

That London is acutely aware of the danger that such a popular revolt—informed by LaRouche's clear alternative recovery policies—represents, was made perfectly clear by a pair of articles in the past 24 hours.

Edward Luce, the London *Financial Times* Washington bureau chief, penned an article today, dripping with sarcasm, titled “Healthcare paranoia is part of America's culture war,” which did, in fact, admit that the health-care battle is actually a much deeper one, centered on American values and the U.S. Constitution. “Anyone who visits a few of this month's rowdy town

hall meetings can grasp that opposition to Mr Obama's healthcare proposals is a lightning rod to a far larger world view, which seeks to protect American values and the US constitution from an alien takeover," Luce writes. "Their issues are diverse. But their sentiment is common: America's constitution is being trashed by un-American values.... No amount of contrary evidence will puncture the view that Mr Obama plans to establish 'death panels' that will decide which grannies get to live or die. Nor will reason counter the view that countries such as Canada and the UK push their weakest to the back of the queue.... Forget the details of healthcare reform. The side that identified with American values will get the upper hand."

The second article, posted in the widely read *Huffington Post*, written by Chris Weigant, went directly at the central issue that has London and Wall Street totally up in arms: the fact that the decades-old containment of LaRouche has totally broken down.

Back in 1976, *Washington Post* editorial writer Stephen Rosenfeld published an infamous op-ed, speaking for the Anglo-American Establishment media. He declared that, henceforth, there could be no media coverage of LaRouche, that was anything other than a mocking slander. Rosenfeld put in writing, what had been delivered, face-to-face, in December 1971, as an official Establishment pronouncement to LaRouche. Sidney Hook, the grand-master of the Congress for Cultural Freedom, told LaRouche, moments after the latter had decimated Keynesian economist Abba Lerner at a Queens College debate, that his ideas would never be met with serious debate again. LaRouche had dared to commit the crime of publicly proving, before a large university audience, that Professor Lerner was a devotee of Hitler's chief economist, Hjalmar Schacht.

In his *Huffington Post* rant, Weigant assailed the Establishment media for breaking the more than 35-year containment pact: "I truly believe that some of the overpaid, well-coiffed talking heads on television finally woke up and became embarrassed that they were lending so much legitimacy to people who normally would be referred to as the 'tin-foil hat brigade' (see, for example: followers of Lyndon LaRouche). There's an unspoken rule in the mainstream media that once a consensus is reached that any one person or group is from 'the fringe,' then all they deserve from that point on is ridicule. Look at how they treated Dennis Kucinich or Ron Paul in last year's campaign, for instance.

"But," Weigant continues, "the media found them-

selves in a quandary last week. They loved the 'angry person screaming at member of Congress' video so much (and ran it so many times) that they knew they were culpable...."

The reality is obviously more profound than Weigant's nasty admission about the Establishment media's black-balling. LaRouche called the shot on President Obama's Nero Complex, and dared to draw the accurate historical parallels between the President's health-care reform swindle, and Hitler's universally despised T-4 euthanasia program, which was the precursor to the concentration camps and the Holocaust. As events proved LaRouche to be right, and as the American people suddenly woke up one day and realized that they were about to lose everything, because they had foolishly gone along with a culture and an economic policy that have brought us to the brink of total breakdown, all hell broke loose.

For the Record, Mr. President

After initially cancelling all scheduled town hall appearances by President Obama, the White House spinmeisters decided last week that the President had to be sent out to salvage his all-but-lost health-care reform plan. A series of tightly screened and engineered "town hall" meetings was staged, to give the President the opportunity to lie through his teeth. President Obama tried—unsuccessfully—to reassure the American people that he does not plan to create "death panels" to set limits on medical care.

But, at the same time that Obama was visiting New Hampshire, Montana, and Colorado, delivering carefully scripted lies to carefully screened audiences, sources on Capitol Hill were telling a far different story to *EIR*. In fact, the top White House health-care aides, from Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, to Office of Management and Budget director Peter Orszag—to Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, Rahm's brother, administration health policy advisor, and a leading euthanasia advocate—were all arm-twisting and threatening Congressional leaders, telling them that the *only* issue that is not up for negotiation is the President's plan to create an independent board, to set absolute limits on health-care services and payments. The very "death panel" that the President said was off the table, is the only issue that the White House insists is non-negotiable.

One senior U.S. intelligence source verified the Congressional accounts and explained that the President has been sold on the need for massive austerity.

“The bailout could cost \$24 trillion, so there have to be austerity cuts, to reduce the Federal deficit,” the source revealed. “Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and White House chief economic advisor Larry Summers have both promised the Chinese, and other major holders of

U.S. government debt, that there will be massive cuts, to reduce the deficit. Unless they get their independent panel, to impose severe cuts in health-care services and payments, they won’t succeed.

“This is what the President believes, for now. Health

Members of Congress Say ‘No’ to IMAC

The following letter, addressed to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and issued at the end of July, was initiated by Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-Mass.), and is being circulated for signatures. Reports are that 75 Members of Congress, from both parties, have added their names as of Aug. 13. The letter is also being circulated by other institutions, including the Illinois Hospital Association.

Dear Madam Speaker:

We, the undersigned members of Congress, write to voice our strong opposition to the “Independent Medicare Advisory Council (IMAC) Act of 2009” and the “Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) Reform Act of 2009” (H.R. 2718, S. 1110, S. 1380), and the inclusion of any of any of these proposals in the “America’s Affordable Health Choices Act” (H.R. 3200), or any other legislation.

The role that Congress has traditionally played in crafting the Medicare program to provide the best policies for beneficiaries is one that has had a significant impact in our communities. Through the legislative process, Members are able to represent the needs of their communities by improving benefits for seniors and the disabled, affecting policies that fill the health care workforce pipelines, and ensuring that hospitals are equipped to care for diverse populations across our individual districts. Such a responsibility is one that is not taken, nor should be given away, lightly.

These proposals would eliminate the current advisory role of MedPAC and severely limit Congressional oversight of the Medicare program. By placing this authority within the executive branch, with no Congressional oversight or judicial review, the legislation eliminates the transparency of Congressional hearings and debate. Without the open and transparent legislative process, Medicare beneficia-

ries and the range of providers who care for them would be greatly limited in their ability to help develop and implement new policies that improve the health care of our nation’s seniors.

The creation of this commission would also eliminate state and community input into the Medicare program, removing the ability to develop and implement policies expressly applicable to their different patient populations. These national policies that would flow from such a commission would ignore the significant differences and health care needs of states and communities. Geographic and demographic variances that exist in our nation’s health care system and patient populations would be dangerously disregarded. Furthermore, all providers in all states would be required to comply even if these policies were detrimental to the patients they serve. Such a commission could not only threaten the ability of Medicare beneficiaries, but of all Americans, to access the care they need.

These legislative proposals would also limit Congress’s ability to work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to create and implement demonstration and pilot projects designed to evaluate new and advanced policies such as at home care for the elderly, the patient-centered medical home, new less invasive surgical procedures, and collaborative efforts between hospitals and physicians, and programs designed to eliminate fraud and abuse. Additionally, these proposals eliminate Members’ ability to represent the needs of their own districts and states by addressing issues such as current and future provider workforce needs, the classification of hospitals that may qualify as critical access or rural hospitals, and obtaining critical health care services such as home health, ambulances, trauma centers, and nursing homes.

We urge you to reject the inclusion of these proposals or any like proposal in H.R. 3200 or any other legislation.

Sincerely,
Richard E. Neal

care is just one part of the overall austerity scheme they are trying to pull off.”

These austerity schemes are doomed to fail, and that poses the next big question for Obama’s ultimate controllers in London: When do they decide that the President is beyond salvation, and what do they do then? For the moment, they are reeling from a serious defeat on a major battlefield, a defeat that they identify with the name “LaRouche.”

Documentation

Mass Strike Explosion At Town Hall Meetings

Aug. 14—“Your government has lost the faith and trust of the American people,” someone shouted out at the Aug. 12 town hall meeting in Hagerstown, Md., giving voice to the sentiment of most of those in the huge crowd, who cheered loudly, as Sen. Ben Cardin winced. This scene is one that has been repeated dozens of times across the country, while the LaRouche political movement’s interventions (with the now-famous poster of Obama sporting a Hitler mustache) and literature distributions have provided leadership for the mass strike that has erupted against President Obama’s Nazi health-care plan.

Despite attempts by the White House and Obama Democrats to portray the nationwide outpouring of disgust and rage against both the President and Congress, as “orchestrated” by a far-right-wing cabal, the protests are genuine, if inchoate, as millions of Americans lose their jobs, and homes, and face a future with draconian cuts in medical care.

When Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin tried to push the line that the town hall protesters were being orchestrated and instructed by shadowy outside forces, in an appearance on CNN’s “State of the Union” Aug. 6, host John King interrupted him: “Let me ask you something—let me interrupt, Senator. Is there anything wrong with that? This country was founded on a whole series of events, including the Boston Tea Party in my hometown, where people were organized and instructed, and they were instructed to go somewhere and raise hell. Is there anything wrong with that?”

The vignettes that follow, demonstrate that what we’re seeing is a popular revolt, in which people of all political persuasions feel threatened by their government, and are pouring out their frustration and rage, but, at the same time, are looking for sane leadership.

Town Meetings Across the Country

Here are reports from some of the town meetings held over the Aug. 8-9 weekend, where Americans were raising Hell:

- Rep. Mike Burgess’s (R) town hall meeting in Denton, Tex., was packed with 500 people. As seen on YouTube: A woman shouts at Burgess, “I can’t believe you voted on something you hadn’t read! That’s an outrage! You are threatening my two young daughters by doing that!”

“You’re right,” replied Burgess, “and your outrage is justified.”

Next, a 40-year-old man, with his 8-year-old son, spoke: “We are having our future taken away from us... What political activity is equivalent to standing in front of a tank in Tiananmen Square? Why can’t we get our representatives to do that? The people in Iran are not going through the system to change things. You guys must find some way to stop this—I mean, put your political career out there... Tell the Democrats there will be people marching to their front door if they don’t listen.”

Burgess responded, “My [GOP] leadership does not appreciate the emotion you’ve just showed. . . .”

Another woman stood, and, very worked up, presented a pages-long “Letter to Our Leaders,” saying: “I get angrier every day. They are passing bills in the middle of the night. What do we do—vote every single person out of office? The Republicans have left us; the Democrats have left us; what do we do?”

- Rep. Rick Larsen (D) held a town hall meeting in Skagit, Wash., in a room holding 150 people. About 500 more sat on the lawn outside, listening to loudspeakers. The two-minute YouTube segment shows signs, including those of LaRouche PAC; the narrator says, “The Lyndon LaRouche PAC brought Obama as Hitler signs [showing Obama with a Hitler mustache]. They were also passing out pictures of the two world leaders chumming it up [the cover of the LPAC pamphlet, “Act Now to Stop Obama’s Nazi Health Plan”]. Larsen angered constituents when he said he did not support the single-payer plan.

LPAC organizers reported that, without fail, when



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The White House has attempted to portray the anti-Obama protests at town meetings as orchestrated by a right-wing cabal. The truth is, that desperate Americans are showing up in force to express their genuine fears about the economy, health care, etc. Shown: Scenes from Sen. Ben Cardin's town meeting in Towson, Md. Aug. 10, where LaRouche PAC organizers found 2,000 angry citizens outside the hall, which could only hold 500.

15 minutes of the start of the event, a nearly nose-to-nose confrontation of people with opposing views became so heated they had to be separated as Shelby County sheriff's deputies and Memphis police officers called for re-inforcements."

- Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D) held a town hall at King Grocery Store in Brighton, Colo. Photos show a crowd of 200-300 in front of the store. The blog Mount Virtus reports that Perlmutter "immediately went into a roped-off area of the portico, announced he'd be there for two hours, and then retreated to an even more isolated alcove with a half-dozen (apparent) constituents and bodyguards. At which point he was taunted by the non-Democrats in the crowd for being a coward, and isolating himself in a controllable space so as to avoid having to interact with the crowd directly. . . ."

- Freshman Democrat Tom Perriello had 300 people pack into an elementary school cafeteria in Bedford,

Va., for what he called the "most heated and liveliest" of his town hall meetings. The *Roanoke Times* take: "Flustered and frustrated faces filled the crowded room, and while some thanked the congressman for coming . . . it didn't stop some from heckling and yelling at him and one another. Identifying themselves as veterans, retired nurses, and caregivers of elderly family members, a majority of the speakers were against the same thing: a health care system run by the Federal government. . . . Concerns included increased red tape, mandatory end-of-life plans with government counselors, and the government's access to personal bank accounts to ensure payment for services."

One sign said: "If Obamacare is so great, sign Congress up for it FIRST." Perriello said that as the bill

someone objected to the Obama-Hitler comparison, a counter-attack was made by people who supported the organizers, reminding the opposition of the Constitution.

'Don't Kill My Grandmother'

- Rep. Steve Cohen's (D) town hall in Memphis, Tenn. was set to discuss Social Security and Veterans' benefits, but people jammed it to discuss health care. Bloggers report that children held up signs saying "Don't kill my 'gigi' [grandmother]." Cohen tried to assure everyone that no one would be killed. The *Memphis Commercial Appeal* reports, "Most people in the crowd of close to 500 were in loud opposition. . . . Within



The LaRouche political movement is providing leadership to the burgeoning mass strike against the British-run policies of the Obama Administration, as evidenced by the adoption worldwide of the Obama-with-Hitler-mustache as the banner of the protests. Shown: a town hall meeting called by Rep. John Dingell (D), in Romulus, Mich., Aug. 6, as covered by ABC News.

stands now, he's leaning toward voting against it.

On Aug. 11, Perriello faced a crowd of 1,200 people who turned out for a town hall meeting on health care, in Charlottesville, Va. Three LaRouche PAC organizers were on hand, to talk with, and get out literature to, this 80% Obama-friendly crowd. Participants nevertheless evinced an underlying mood of doubt, worry, and rage.

Fifty people lined up at each of two microphones, for two hours of questions and answers. Many were personal health-care horror stories. One line of questioning that hit home, and one that Perriello ducked, was Obama's plan to limit tests and his Nazi health-care mafia's claims there is "overuse" of essential diagnostics.

When Perriello motivated his proposal for an "insurance exchange," where "consumers" could pick and choose among insurance vendors, a person rose to denounce him, saying, "We are not consumers, we are citizens. Health care is life and death."

- Rep. Diana DeGette (D) of Denver, Colo., who headed up negotiations with the Blue Dog Dems to get a mark-up of the health-care bill out of the Energy and Commerce Committee, held only one town meeting, on Aug. 6, by telephone, that was billed as covering "everything" of concern to the district. Facethestate.com reports that DeGette "is not scheduled to meet in person

with constituents during her month home.... Town halls conducted by telephone ... virtually eliminate the possibility of disruption from angry protesters and are often tightly scripted.... U.S. Representatives John Salazar and Betsey Markey, both Democrats, and Mike Coffman, a Republican, have not yet scheduled any town hall meetings for the August break."

- Rep. Scott Murphy (D) of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. has found a new way to hold meetings with constituents, according to next right.com. Murphy announced that he held a small business roundtable to discuss health-care reform—on the previous day. He was last seen fleeing from his senior-age constituents, when he tried a "Congress-on-your-

Corner" availability in Saratoga Springs.

- Democrat Joe Donnelly was mobbed by constituents at his town hall in Mishaw, Ind.

The 'Stache Seen 'Round the World

LPAC's Obama-with-Hitler-mustache poster is now nearly as famous as the Mona Lisa. Not only has it been seen at town hall meetings across the U.S., but, just in the last week, there has been coverage around the world, as media outlets from San Francisco to Stockholm, from London to Milan, from Norway to China, and beyond, have featured the poster in their coverage of the U.S. town meetings.

- In Houston, Tex., LPAC organizers set up a large poster with Obama's photo Aug. 10, and invited people at the 500-person event to "Pin the Mustache on the President" offering stick-on 'staches. Local Channel 13 showed the photo.

- On Aug. 11, Germany's first national TV channel ARD featured the health-care brawl in the U.S., on its late evening news program, featuring an interview with an LPAC organizer, who says, "This health-care plan is a euthanasia plan." The camera then closes in on the Obama'stache poster, with the caption, "I've Changed."

- At Rep. Sam Farr's town meeting in Monterrey, Calif., Aug. 11., people were grabbing pamphlets from the LPAC organizers, and taking photos of the Obama'stache poster.

- The worldwide media coverage includes (but is not limited to) the following: Reuters; China Daily English-language website; *Washington Post*, *Manchester Union Leader*, the Norwegian *Aftens Posten* and *Verduns Gang*; San Jose (Calif.) *Mercury News*; Hagerstown, Md. Channel 7-TV news; *San Francisco Examiner*; CNN; MSNBC; NBC; and Newbusters.org.

'I Get the Sense that People Don't Support This'

At a town meeting of 2,500 people, in Towson, Md., Aug. 10, in which only 500 could fit into the hall, while the other 2,000 listened over loudspeakers outside, Sen. Ben Cardin (D) was forced to entertain an hour of hostile questioning, from citizens enraged at the way their government is treating them. The final question, by LaRouche PAC organizer Jerry Belsky, put him directly on the spot:

"Senator Cardin, how can you say that you will increase Medicare benefits, when you know that the purpose of the bill is to cut Medicare by \$500 billion and medical care by \$2 trillion, and that the only way you can do this is by killing people and rationing care? Obama has called for a board of experts to ration care. How can you deny that this is what Lyndon LaRouche has called the Hitler policy? If you want to cut costs, why did you not cut the \$24 trillion bail-out of Wall Street?"

The audience immediately applauded the questioner.

Cardin tried to lamely answer, once again shamelessly lying, as he had throughout the evening. "I think there is some hysterical imagery here," he said, "but I tell you that I would never support a bill like that!"

People registered their disgust by just groaning at his answer. "He's a baloney salesman," said one woman.

"I get the sense that people don't support this," Cardin pathetically stated as he ended the meeting.

Indeed, the overflow crowd was overwhelmingly hostile to the Obama plan, and was engaged in lively discussion and debate with the LaRouche PAC organizers who set up outside, with their "Obama Mustache" poster and pamphlets exposing the Nazi roots of the health-care policy.

People rushed to the microphones, and virtually all the questions reflected fury at Obama's health plan.

Speaker after speaker expressed their anger and frustration with the President and Congress, summarized by the statement: "Your government has lost the faith and trust of the American people," answered by great cheers from most in the crowd.

An 11-year-old, speaking for the next generation, nailed Cardin on the "useless eater" issue, saying: "I have five grandparents, as well as my parents. If my grandfather and my father both came down with cancer, would my father get more care because he's younger with more years of work to contribute?"

But it was Sen. Arlen Specter (D), who, in commenting on the hostile reception he's gotten at town hall meetings in Pennsylvania Aug. 11-12, hit the nail on the head. According to Politico.com, Specter linked the source of the anger he has seen among his constituents with "the economy, the fact that millions of people have lost their jobs and millions of others are afraid of losing theirs."

Even the Liberals Are Jumping Ship

The force of the anti-Obama, anti-Congress uprising, evidenced by huge crowds at town hall meetings across the country, shocked elected officials, as the August recess put them in direct contact with constituents outraged by the economic and health-care policies of the Obama Administration. The upsurge also forced a number of pro-Obama liberal media pundits to examine their political axioms, in the face of the images of huge and raucous town meetings that broke into the Aug. 9 Sunday network TV talk shows, and they were compelled to acknowledge the legitimacy and rationality of the popular outrage.

Here are some of the more notable examples:

- *New York Times* columnist Frank Rich, a liberal media icon, in an op-ed titled, "Is Obama Punking Us?" wrote, "Mitch McConnell and John Boehner keep trying to scare voters by calling Obama a socialist. They've got it backwards. The larger fear is that Obama may be just another corporatist, punking voters much as

the Republicans do when they claim to be all for the common guy.”

- In a *Washington Post* headlined, “Anxiety Attack,” Kathleen Parker wrote that she had received a number of calls from liberal Democratic friends, who are unemployed and panicked. One is quoted, yelling at Obama, “Guess what, dude, I’m not ready for any more ‘change’ right now!” Writes Parker, “I’m not sure these protests are insignificant.” She cites a participant in one large Florida town meeting, saying about those who are showing up, “Basically, it’s a total disconnect from government, and government cannot influence their decisions unless they give them money; yet every giveaway reinforces their lack of faith.”

- “The Sunday Take” political column in the *Washington Post* mused that Obama is in trouble this August, and quotes one perceptive pollster: “We’re not having a fight over healthcare. There is a broad and underlying unease about the state of the economy and the country.”

There are also outright meltdowns from liberals who have yet to get the message:

- Lisa Robinson of the über-liberal Center for American Progress fears an “imminent fascist takeover” of the the United States by the mobs forming up at the town meetings.

- A *New York Times* op-ed by Sheryl Gay Stolberg, “Where Have You Gone, Joe the Citizen?” wails about the banishing of the Norman Rockwell-style “traditional town meeting,” by unruly mobs, etc.

Obama’s Deal with ‘Big Pharma’

- William Greider, writing in the liberal political weekly *The Nation* Aug. 10, trashes President Obama’s concessions to the drug manufacturers: “People who believe in real health-care reform should not be nice about this. They must rise up and rebel against our popular new President’s outrageous concession.”

Greider calls this, Obama’s “Rancid Deal with Big PhARMA,” and opens saying, “So now we know why the President wants everyone to make nice in the health-care debate. His White House has cut a deal with Big Pharma that smells like the same old rotten politics that candidate Obama regularly denounced and promised to end. . . . The deal does not smell any better now that a Democratic president is embracing it. . . .

“Since PhARMA’s purchased Congressman Billy Tauzin (former R-LA) admitted to the deal in the Aug. 5 *New York Times*, the outrage among the Left (as op-

posed to the radicals) has been spreading. *Huffington Post* now sports a page, Healthcare Flashbacks, with no less than six video clips of candidate Obama condemning politicians’ bowing to drug companies, and that “This is the Change we have to make.”

Writer Hits Obama Euthanasia

- Author and critic Lee Siegel, noted as an eloquent liberal spokesman, penned an attack on the Obama health-care plan Aug. 11, in the blog, *The Daily Beast*. Titled, “Obama’s Euthanasia Mistake,” Siegel writes: “Make no mistake about it, determining which treatments are cost effective at the end of a person’s life and which are not is one of Obama’s priorities. It’s one of the principal ways he counts on saving money and making universal healthcare affordable.”

He quotes Obama fudging and evading an answer to an interviewer’s direct question on whether a government board would enforce life-or-death decisions about “end-of-life care.”

Siegel shows that it is precisely the poor and vulnerable—the very people who are supposed to be served by the Obama “reform”—who would be the mortal victims of withdrawal of care. They “would be the only people forbidden access to expensive life-extending technology. The rich will always be able to afford it. . . . Such technology is a drain on the system? Then save money elsewhere.”

Although Siegel claims that attacks on the “living will” section of the plan are inaccurate, he admits that they are “uncomfortably close” to the truth. “An elderly or sick person would be especially vulnerable to the sophisticated ‘nudging’ of an authority figure like a doctor.

“Bad enough for such people who are lucky enough to be supported by family and friends. But what about the dying person who is all alone in the world and who has only the consultant to turn to and rely on? The heartlessness of such a scene is chilling.”

Siegel ends with a warning that the President must come clean with the people: “Let him . . . leave the sterile precincts of utilitarian social and legal theory behind. He should immediately and publicly declare his commitment to not placing economic hurdles in the way of people who want to prolong their life, or the life of their loved ones. In that way, . . . he would calm the fears of people who, far from being right-wing fanatics, are in clear-eyed possession of perhaps the only universal truth there is. No one wants to die.”

Pelosi Campaigns as Marie Antoinette

Aug. 13—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has spoken out, apparently, with a straight face: She has charged Americans, who face job losses, home foreclosures, and now, an attempt by the Obama crew to impose a Nazi-style health-care scheme, with “un-American” activities, for protesting these policies.

In an Aug. 10 *USA Today* op-ed, co-signed by her sidekick, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, titled “‘Un-American’ Attacks Can’t Derail Health Care Debate,” Pelosi lashed out at what she calls “an ugly campaign [that] is underway not merely to misrepresent [the issue] ... but to disrupt public meetings.... The tactics have included hanging in effigy one Dem member of Congress in Maryland and protesters holding a sign displaying a tombstone with the name of another congress-

man in Texas, where protesters also shouted.... “Drowning out opposing views is just plain un-American.”

Although she stops short of calling for a revival of the House Un-American Activities Committee of the 1940s and '50s, it's clear from the intensity of her passion, that she would be willing to entertain the idea.

Pelosi's rant has already triggered a furious backlash, with editorials and denunciations from all over the country. Washington, D.C.'s all-news radio station, WTOP, had to post a plea on its website, where it reported on Pelosi's *USA Today* column, asking readers: “Please note that WTOP strives to be a family-friendly website, so please keep the language clean when you add your comments....”

Pelosi's Ultimate Facelift

Just before her op-ed attacking Americans who are attempting to defend their fast-eroding living standards, Nancy Pelosi and her millionaire financier husband, Paul, hosted two private soirées for high-rollers, one at their San Francisco mansion Aug. 7, and another, the following day, at their posh Napa Wine Country estate. While millions of Americans are unemployed and desperate, the Pelosis wine and dined 170 A-List guests

and Democratic political types, at a “donor maintenance” party, at their seven-acre vineyard in St. Helena, the ritzy Napa Valley town.

References to Pelosi-as-Marie Antoinette immediately began to pop up. For example, “‘Let Them Eat Cake’ Democrats,” is the headline of an opinion column by Monica Crowley, in the Aug. 12 *Washington Times*. Crowley recalls Marie Antoinette's (alleged) dismissal of the starving French with her remark, “Let them eat cake,” then writes, “Today's equivalent would be House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.... [Such] soulless leaders carry on self-indulgently until they are finally swept away. Marie Antoinette's neck met the business



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The image of Nancy Pelosi as Marie Antoinette (“Let them eat cake”) is making the rounds, following the Speaker’s tirade against protestors as “un-American,” and her big-bucks-bashes in California, for A-List donors.

end of a guillotine. Mrs. Pelosi and her band of profligate spenders may well meet the business end of voters' anger next year. It's something she should worry her pretty little head about now, before she loses it."

Another reference is found in a posting on Salon.com Aug. 12, in "Obama's Healthcare Horror—Heads Should Roll—Beginning with Nancy Pelosi," by Camille Paglia. Paglia denounces Pelosi charge that American citizens who object to Obama's "reforms" are an un-American mob, asking: "And what do Democrats stand for, if they are so ready to defame concerned citizens as the 'mob,'—a word betraying a Marie Antoinette delusion of superiority to ordinary mortals."

Lyndon LaRouche suggests that Pelosi is actually pleased by the comparisons to Marie Antoinette. "It has the feel of a real face uplift—an historical, sociological face uplift!" What she should do is resign, and get that burden off her shoulders, he said.

Obama/Orszag Board: Hitler's T4 Program

The centerpiece of the "health-care reform" being pushed by President Barack Obama and his Budget chief Peter Orszag is nothing but a replay of Adolf Hitler's T4 (Tiergarten 4) euthanasia board. The Obama Administration's undisguised orientation toward "cost-cutting," "cost-effectiveness," "bending the cost curve," and health-care rationing, leaves no doubt that it is planning to rid itself of the "burden" of those "lives unworthy of life."

The Nuremberg Tribunals following World War II condemned and executed the Nazi doctors for the wholesale killing of what Hitler's men termed the "non-rehabilitable sick." Today, the Obama Administration has also concluded that there are lives "not worthy to be lived." Obama's cold-eyed health-care bureaucrats have come up with the same approach that Hitler did in 1939: a board of soulless "experts" to determine who shall live, and who shall die. Hitler's program was T4; Obama's is IMAC, or MEDPac.

Hitler's Program

The Nazi program was officially put into effect in October 1939, when Hitler issued his secret authorization, under the title, "The Destruction of Lives Unworthy of Life":

"Reichsleiter Bouhler and Dr. Brandt are charged with the responsibility for expanding the authority of physicians, to be designated by name, to the end that patients considered incurable according to the best available human judgment of their state of health, can be accorded a mercy death."

In July of 1939, a conference of medical professionals was held in Berlin, where the professors and chairmen of the departments of psychiatry of the leading universities and medical schools of Germany, gathered, to collaborate on determining the criteria for deciding what patients would be considered to have "lives unworthy to be lived," and what was the most "practical and cheap" manner of removing these burdens on the health-care system, i.e., killing them. (Initially, T4 targetted the entire German population; ultimately, millions of Jews and non-Germans met the same fate in Hitler's death camps.)

The T4 program took its name from its Berlin office address, Tiergarten 4, where the coordinating organization for the program, code-named the Reich Work Group on Sanatoriums and Nursing Homes, was housed. In charge were Philip Bouhler, chief of the Chancellery, and Dr. Karl Brandt, Hitler's personal physician and chief medical officer of the land.

Their first task was to devise the questionnaires which would be used to categorize the targetted institutionalized populations. Four categories were specified:

1. Patients suffering from specified diseases who are not employable, or are employable only in simple mechanical work. These included schizophrenia, epilepsy, senile diseases, therapy-resistant paralysis, feeble-mindedness, and the like.
2. Patients who have been continually institutionalized for at least five years.
3. Patients who are criminally insane.
4. Non-German patients.

Once the questionnaires were completed by physicians at the institutions that housed the mental patients, epileptics, the mentally retarded, and other handicapped persons, they were sent to panels of psychiatric experts, who would decide, based on the answers, who was to live or die. The questionnaires were then sent to a chief expert, who passed the final judgment. Those patients determined to be "useless eaters" were then sent to "killing centers."

Orszag's Medical Advisory Council

The leading role in promoting the Obama version of T4 is "behavioral economist" Peter Orszag, who heads



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President Obama's chief number cruncher Peter Orszag is pushing a Hitler T4-style medical board, IMAC, that would make decisions about who gets care and who dies. Obama has endorsed this as "MedPAC on steroids." The two are shown here in the Oval Office.

the Office of Management and Budget. His draft legislation, sent to Congressional leaders, is called the "Independent Medicare Advisory Council Act of 2009," a law which he repeatedly has characterized as "the most significant aspect" of the pending legislation. Its transparent intent is to cut care for those on Medicare.

Orszag's bill would set up a council, the Independent Medical Advisory Council (IMAC) of five physicians, who, like the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPac), established in the 1997 Balanced Budget Act, would issue two rulings a year on reimbursement rates for various medical procedures. But that's not all.

First, the bill specifies, under the title "No Increase in Aggregate Medicare Expenditures," that the rulings could only freeze or lower total Medicare/Medicaid spending, not increase it.

Second, once the rates are approved by the President, they could only be voted up or down *in toto* within 30 days, by the Congress. Should this not happen, they would go directly into effect.

The proposed legislation says that "the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)" would exercise the final review of each of the commission's detailed regulations, after the President and Congress have signed off. If unsatisfactory to the Chief Bean-Counter, he or she could simply "declare them null and void," and tell the "commission of doc-

tors" to start over, and cut deeper.

But, does Obama agree with his murderous budget chief? There seems to be no doubt: Following the release of Orszag's proposed bill, Obama himself became its number one cheerleader: In his Saturday radio addresses, public appearances and meetings, he endorsed the call for an "independent" commission to cut costs.

In an interview with the *Washington Post* published on July 23, the President elaborated on the policy under the heading of "delivery system reforms." He wrote:

"At this point, I am confident that both the House and the Senate bills will contain what we've been calling 'MedPAC on steroids,' the idea that you continually present new ideas to change incentives, change the delivery system, understanding that, because this is such a complex system, we're not always going to get it exactly right the first time, and that there have to be a series of modifications over the course of a series of years, and we have to take that out of politics and make sure that an independent board of medical experts and health economists are providing packages that are continually improving the system. So I think there's general consensus that that is one of two very powerful levers to bend the cost curve...."

Obama repeated this concept July 23 at his town hall meeting in Shaker Heights, Ohio, saying that an empowered MedPAC would "eliminate waste and save money."