



How Mitt Romney Feels About Investing in Healthcare and Critical Public Services

Romney has made the repeal of quality, affordable healthcare a priority and has promised to turn back the clock on day one of a Romney administration.

[*The New York Times*, 9/7/2011]

- Romney wants to take away the benefits of Affordable Care Act and allow insurance companies to drop coverage when you get sick and deny coverage because of pre-existing conditions. [mittromney.com, accessed 4/18/2012]
- Romney's vision for healthcare would incentivize employers to stop providing insurance coverage and shift more costs onto the more than 150 million middle class Americans who get their insurance through work. [*Los Angeles Times*, 4/23/2012]
- In a classic example of a political flip-flop, Romney insisted on an individual mandate as central to his healthcare reform law as Governor of Massachusetts, but is attacking the very same principle in the national healthcare law. [*The Hill*, 12/28/2011]
- Soon after President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law, Romney praised the "similarities" between President Obama's plan and the Massachusetts plan. [*The Emory Wheel*, 4/02/2010]
- Mitt Romney said he supported the extremist Tea Party budget by Rep. Paul Ryan that would essentially end Medicare as we know it. [ABC News, 6/22/2011; *Wall Street Journal*, 4/4/2011]
- To achieve his budget goals, Mitt Romney would have to cut investments in health research, NASA, transportation, homeland security, education, food inspection, housing and heating help for the poor, food aid for pregnant women, the FBI, grants to local governments and national parks by 20 percent. [Associates Press, 4/22/2012]

Romney: Government workers just look for "places they can interfere."

[Raw Story, 3/26/2012]

