

it touches every race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. Millions of domestic violence incidents are reported each year, and many more go unreported. Too often, domestic violence remains within the confines of the household, as many victims do not contact law enforcement or go public, often out of fear.

When it was first observed 26 years ago, Domestic Violence Awareness Month sought to shine a light on this tragic reality by educating the public, empowering the victims, and punishing the offenders. And in the 26 years since, we have made great progress, partly due to the Violence Against Women Act, which provides critical support to programs for victims and their families, as well as resources for law enforcement and community organizations.

With a 51 percent increase in reporting by women and a 37 percent increase in reporting by men, the results have been nothing short of incredible. Domestic violence is wrong, and no victim should be hesitant to report it. I encourage every American who feels threatened or who knows someone in a dangerous situation to contact law enforcement or a community organization. Together, we can strive to end domestic violence abuse in our communities.

I yield back to the gentleman.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I do thank you for your indulgence. You have been liberal with the time.

And I want to remind persons that while we do this on an annual basis in the month of October, we do want to make domestic violence awareness an everyday activity.

I yield back the balance of my time.

#### HEALTH CARE AND VOTER REGISTRATION ENROLLMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, this has been an interesting week for a number of reasons. I would like to call to attention a letter that was written by Chairman DARRELL ISSA, my friend from California, to Secretary Kathleen Sebelius at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services this week.

The first paragraph, after saying, "Dear Madam Secretary" says:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the insurance exchange application, online at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), established by the Department of Health and Human Services. As part of this investigation, we are writing to request information related to voter registration data collected during the application process.

On further down, the letter says:

While HHS and its contractors continue to struggle with the task of processing applications for health insurance coverage, the agency uses the Web site to collect voter registration information. Once an applicant

completes the online application for health care coverage, a dialogue box appears asking, "Would you like to register to vote?" In light of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, also known as the Motor Voter Act, which requires any agency that provides public assistance to provide individuals with an opportunity to register to vote, the Department decided to include the voter registration option on the health care application. The inclusion of this voter registration may give applicants the impression that registering to vote is somehow tied to receiving health care benefits, such as insurance subsidies.

Given the well-documented flaws with the health care application process, the public lacks confidence that HHS has the ability to safeguard applicants' voter information. Documents reviewed by the committee show that applicants may submit personal information over the Internet during the application process without encryption, potentially exposing personally identifiable information to interception and abuse.

Further down it says:

Further, it is unclear how HHS uses the voting information it collects once a user submits this data on the Web site. Applicants rightly expect that only State election officials will have access to their information. Voter registration contains important personal details that are valuable to various individuals and organizations.

Toward the end, Chairman ISSA says:

These facts raise questions as to what happens when the same individual expresses the desire to register to vote multiple times. HHS does not appear to have the capacity to differentiate between duplicates and first-time applicants.

In short, it is unclear what happens to voter registration information once HHS receives it. Applicants have an expectation that the Federal Government is not transmitting private information to third parties, knowingly or unknowingly.

But interesting questions were raised by my friend Chairman ISSA. It should also be noted that the chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, my friend from Utah, JASON CHAFFETZ, also signed that letter. So that has certainly caused some digging in my office to find out what this was about.

And then we find information about [www.demos.org](http://www.demos.org). They have a report by Lisa J. Danetz called "Building a Healthy Democracy: Registering 68 Million People To Vote Through Health Benefit Exchanges."

Well, that is interesting. It makes you wonder what they are up to. They are involved in this [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), apparently. And their own information from [demos.org](http://demos.org) says they are going to use the health benefit exchanges, apparently, to try to register 68 million people to vote.

So while people in America—and I have talked to many who are just scared because they have got someone sick in their family. They have lost their insurance that the President promised they could keep. They are scared about the superhigh deductibles they have gotten. They are scared that under ObamaCare they have been sentenced to go from full-time work to part-time work, which means, as I have heard from some, that, gee, that means we have now had to go on public assist-

ance because I never wanted welfare, didn't need welfare until the so-called Affordable Care Act forced us into it.

So people are concerned all over America. The majority want ObamaCare gone. The Web site is not working.

And then we find out that, actually, the Web site seems to be as concerned about getting people registered to vote and getting their invaluable voter information as they are about dealing with the crisis in American lives involving their health care and their health insurance.

You have got people with ulterior motives. They are apparently not just signing people up from the goodness of their hearts because Demos makes clear in their own information, We are going to use the health benefit exchanges to register voters.

Well, now, who would they be registering to vote? Because we are all in favor of people eligible to vote voting. Although we know that the Attorney General has sued States like Texas, even though the Supreme Court has made clear that Indiana's law requiring a photo ID, the Attorney General's rules that require a photo ID to get in to see him, the Democratic National Committee requiring photo IDs to get into their convention, having to have a photo ID to get alcohol or cigarettes or basically to get on a plane or get on most any conveyance in interstate commerce, you have got to have a photo ID. And States like Texas have said, If you can't afford it, then just fill out the oath, and we will take care of it for you.

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So, on the one hand, we have an Attorney General and Department of Justice doing everything they possibly can, even in the face of a Supreme Court decision saying photo ID requirements are okay. They still are going after States, which I would humbly submit, Mr. Speaker, disenfranchises legitimate voters when the Attorney General of the United States takes action to prevent States from preventing fraudulent votes.

I was shocked when people called out for international observers to come watch our own election process. This is America. We don't need international observers to watch our process, so I thought. And yet international observers watched our process of voting and were absolutely shocked that we were so cavalier about who got to vote.

No identification requirements. Clearly, people were in a position to vote more than once if they wanted to. People were in a position to vote who were not U.S. citizens, and people could vote multiple times.

I know in Iraq, I was over there right after their first election, and those people had to dip their fingers in permanent ink that they wore around for weeks until it finally wore off. But it made sure that, even in Iraq, they were protecting the integrity of their voting

system further than what we are doing here.

Well, this demos.org, they are going to register, they say, 68 million to vote through health benefit exchanges. So the thing to do, it seemed to me, was to get their annual report.

So, Mr. Speaker, that is what I got—Demos' annual 2012 report—to see who these people are that are going to register voters. I am sure they would be fair and register voters from all walks of life.

And then here we see the president is Miles Rapoport. Being the president, he has got a nice Letter from the President, the board chair.

So then you look up a little background. Well, who is this Miles Rapoport? An article from keywiki said Miles S. Rapoport is the leftist president and CEO of New York-based think tank Demos.

It goes on to say:

While studying at Harvard in the late 1960s, Miles Rapoport was active in the radical Students for Democratic Society, SDS.

Mr. Speaker, it seems like I have in the back of my mind SDS evolved into something called—some of them did—the Weather Underground that Bill Ayers would know a great deal about, being that he held the first fundraiser for the man who is now our President.

But the article goes on to say:

Harvard SDS campaigned against U.S. military involvement in Vietnam—

Obviously, a lot of people did.

—and the presence of Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or ROTC, on campus. In an April 7, 1969, letter to the Harvard Crimson opposing Harvard President Pusey's support for the ROTC, Miles Rapoport and fellow SDSers Naomi Schapiro, Carlin Meyer, Rick Brown wrote, "to conclude, President Pusey, they support the U.S. military and the policies it carries out. We feel that ROTC must go because we oppose the policies of the United States and we oppose the military that perpetuates them. The lines are clearly drawn. The time to take sides is now.

Well, that was Miles Rapoport, the president of Demos, that is going to register 68 million people through health benefit exchanges that most of us thought were actually just going to be trying to help people get health insurance. They are going to gather their most personal information and allegedly get them registered to vote. And you can't help but wonder what people like former SDS leader Miles Rapoport want to do with people's personal identification information.

So looking on further back in the Demos Annual 2012 Report, see what kind of fundraisers they have had. Well, they had a "2012 Transforming America Awards and Gala Celebration." So we look down and who were the honorary chairs?

There is Bertha Lewis. Some may remember she was head of something called ACORN. So the former head of ACORN is honorary chairman, helping Demos that is going to register 68 million people through the health benefits exchanges.

There is Richard Trumka, the president of the AFL-CIO. Oh, and here are

our friends at Service Employees International Union, SEIU, and, of course, the international union UAW.

So that gives us a little feel about what Demos is doing, but it caused a little further examination as to who is it that is gathering this very personal information that Demos wants to use to get 68 million people registered to vote through the health benefit exchanges.

There are a lot of issues and questions that need to be answered—not only about how are they using the personal information of people that just wanted to protect their families or themselves with insurance.

So who is it that is actually gathering this information to help Demos in their efforts?

There is an article here from PJ Media by David Steinberg, "Draining the Swamp: Top 40 Troubling Listings from the ObamaCare Navigator/Assister Security Nightmare: The article said:

Last week, we reported that the "honor system" is being used to confirm the identity and certification of navigators/assisters. The "find local help" feature on healthcare.gov refers consumers to potential predators.

We have since reviewed, State by State, every single navigator/assister that healthcare.gov currently displays to the public via "find local help."

This search revealed two additional dangers of the navigator/assister system.

It is not just a defunct or a problematic Web site. There is a problem with who is doing this, who is gathering information, who is this nightmare and train wreck of a Web site sending people to.

This says:

Number 1. The consumer is vulnerable, but so is the taxpayer. The program is rife with organizations that have advocated for "open borders," have helped illegal immigrants dodge apprehension, and have attempted to give illegal immigrants access to additional taxpayer-funded resources.

Such organizations are obvious risks to fraudulently register illegal immigrants for subsidized health insurance and, as such, have no business being included in the government-funded navigator/assister program.

Number 2. Regulations require navigator/assisters to be "unbiased." However, many organizations that were founded partly or entirely to advocate for politically left-leaning policies—including causes such as "universal health care," "single-payer," and ObamaCare itself—are nonetheless part of the program.

Many of these groups already receive government funding, which further raises the obvious conflict of interest issues. As many will be paid according to the number of consumers successfully registered for an ObamaCare plan, such groups have several incentives to steer consumers away from free-market plans that may be superior options.

Outside of the below list, only a handful of suspicious "open borders" or politically biased organizations have yet been exposed nationally. Below, a list of 40 to spur the much-needed discussion.

This list is divided into three categories. Some listings may fit more than one category, but all are listed only according to the primary concern regarding each.

Number 1. Open Borders Groups. These groups exist in part or in whole to secure greater Federal benefits for illegal immigrants. As such, all are obvious risks to fraudulently register illegals for subsidized insurance.

Number 2. Politically Biased Organizations. ObamaCare regulations require all registered help to be "unbiased." Yet these groups include leftist political advocacy as a primary part of their mission, presenting conflict of interest problems. Additionally, they have financial incentives to steer consumers away from free-market plans.

Number 3. Suspicion Regarding Legitimacy. Of great concern, considering healthcare.gov does not guarantee the legitimacy of any listings. While some of these listings may be legitimate, healthcare.gov saw fit to expose these suspicious listings to consumers with no further information to assist with their choice.

A final note: These listings are certainly incomplete. Community health centers have generally been excluded from it, though the sector has generally been supportive of the push for ObamaCare. If included, this list would be several times longer.

Also, a part 2 of this article is forthcoming.

Open Borders Group.

Number 1. Campesinos Sin Fronteras: "Farmworkers Without Borders." This open-borders organization has participated in countless rallies and activity advocating for the decriminalization of illegal immigration. For just one example, read of Director Emma Torres' organization of a March in 2006:

The 5-mile walk was marked by chanting, the waving of American and Mexican flags, and showing placards of opposing Senator Sensenbrenner's proposal to criminalize undocumented immigrants and those who help them.

Emma Torres, adviser at the Institute of Mexicans Living Abroad and director of Farm Workers Without Borders, stated that a committee had recently been formed to plan the May 1 event. Around 30 people formed a committee in order to invoke a boycott of commercial goods and services and a walkout of jobs and schools.

The purpose of the committee, said Torres, is for the United States to feel the weight of the contribution of immigrants because "a lot of people deny the contribution that we make as legal or illegal immigrants and they don't want to see that we have so much power in the economy."

Number 2. Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas. This group's Web site boasts of being an affiliate of leading radical open-borders organization La Raza.

The success of HWOA and events also lies in its affiliations with local, State, and national organizations. In 2001, HWOA was selected to participate in the Emerging Latino Communities Initiative of the National Council of La Raza. Since October 1, 2004, HWOA has been an affiliate of NCLR, whose mission is to reduce poverty and discrimination, and improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans.

It sounds nice, but they certainly are not unbiased.

Again, Mr. Speaker, these are organizations that are listed at healthcare.gov, apparently, to be navigators or assisters to help people with their health care choices. But, obviously, these organizations seem to have other motivations.

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Number 3 is the Center for Pan Asian Community Services: This organization has expressed its support of just about every attempt to legalize the U.S. illegal population

and has additionally expressed displeasure with the Voter ID law. They rallied against the Supreme Court decision in *Shelby v. Holder*, inviting members to participate in a “voter suppression update teleconference.” They approved of the Associated Press’ decision to remove “illegal immigrant” from their style guide. They frequently and enthusiastically expressed their support for the passage of ObamaCare.

In 2007, when the idea of a \$10,000 fine instead of deportation for illegal immigrants was floated in Washington, D.C., CPACS Executive Director Chaiwon Kim gave the following statement:

People who are in the country illegally tend to be among the poorest clients at the Center for Pan Asian Community Services, said Chaiwon Kim, executive director of the Doraville nonprofit. So she doubts many could pay a fine beyond a couple thousand dollars.

“Most of the undocumented, they are really underpaid,” she said. “In a way, they’ve already paid society.”

Number 4, another group, is the Puerto Rican Cultural Center: The first thing that appears on the Web site (as of last week) is a statement from the organization Centro Sin Fronteras.

Centro Sin Fronteras is involved in the struggle to stop deportations and having a moratorium. We march and fight for the rights of immigrants. We march to stop the deportations and separations of our families. We are asking Obama to stop the deportations now, but instead, while the Senate is debating to pass an immigration reform, they are deporting and separating even more families than before.

In 2010, PRCC Executive Director Jose E. Lopez “was awarded the prestigious 2010 Health Award from the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group. The Health and Medicine Policy Research Group is an independent policy center promoting social justice and health care equality for the past 29 years”—and I just feel like there ought to be a drum roll—“in Chicago.”

Now, it is important to understand that we welcome immigration, and we need immigration in this country—it is freshwater flowing into this country—but it has got to be pursuant to the rule of law, and it has got to be legal. Even 60-plus percent of Hispanic adults agree that we need to secure the border before we do anything else in the way of reform.

It is also worth noting that, if a group like this had its way, we would never be able to deport terrorists. We had some who overstayed their visas and should have been deported. This group would be against that, which means they would be allowed to stay in the country and carry out the 9/11 attacks, which they did. Some of us have been pushing that the law be followed and that, if people overstay their visas, then legal action will be taken, and people will be deported, and it would be properly followed up.

This administration has not and even the prior administration had not been doing that or the Clinton administration, but it is something that needs to be done if we are going to be a Nation of laws. Yet these are the very people who are out there assisting people with their healthcare.org filings and getting their personal voter information.

Gee, after the IRS was weaponized and began targeting, wouldn’t it be

nice if conservative groups were allowed to register people for healthcare.org and to gather all of this personal information. I am being facetious, Mr. Speaker, because, under the law, to be a navigator or assister, you are supposed to be unbiased, and there is nothing but bias that we are seeing so far.

Number 5, Hispanic Liaison of Chatham County: This group operates a Victim’s Assistance program—that is great—which helps crime victims concerned about pursuing justice due to their illegal status.

Oh, we are back to that.

Our bilingual Victim’s Assistance program began in 1997 with funding from the North Carolina Governor’s Crime Commission. This program has been successful due to the trust we have developed with the Latino population and our collaborative relationship with community agencies. Several factors limit Latinos’ access to law enforcement and emergency services, including fear of the unknown, fear of documentation checks, and a lack of awareness that victims do not have to pay for an attorney.

Number 6, World Relief Chicago: This organization’s position on illegal immigration appears clear: they are currently assisting “children of illegal immigrants in delaying their deportation through the DACA program.” Their Twitter account links to an article, titled, “Undocumented Migrants in U.S. Gaining Improved Access to Higher Education.”

Number 7, Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment: From their site’s Civic Reflection page:

A recently formed Chicago advocacy group for immigrant rights, the Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment, supports comprehensive immigration reform and more just treatment of undocumented immigrants. Since late last year, AFIRE has been using conversation about readings by Pablo Neruda, Franz Kafka, Toni Cade Bambara, and others to develop its organizational structure and mission.

So it is interesting. We have got so many groups, and they are trying to help people who are illegally in the country. They are helping people illegally in the country, and Demos is a part of this, and their stated goal is to get 68 million new voters registered. This goes on and on, Mr. Speaker.

We have got 40 organizations like Planned Parenthood. They are in here and are registering voters as, apparently, part of the navigators or assisters. I guess they were helping with Demos. We need to know about these things.

A lot of these are politically active: the Arab American Action Network, the Arab American Family Services, the Campaign for Better Health Care, the CFL Workers Assistance Committee, Southern United Neighborhoods. It just goes on and on: In-Affordable Housing, Inc., Chatman, Inc., Chatman, LLC, the Family Health Care Foundation, Canaide, Inc., 2Hurt2Cry, Cutting Edge Health Options, Homebound Services, New Beginnings Medical Services, Village Communicator, Metro-east Area Communities for Empowerment.

We have got a bunch of folks who are supposed to be assisting in navigating for people who aren’t able to get

through the healthcare.org. They have political motivation. Their goal is to register 68 million new voters. No wonder this Web site is failing. If that is the case that it was being used for political purposes, what a disaster. People are scared about their health care, and these people just want to further their own political interests.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we worried about Americans and were against fraudulent voting and got America back on track to survive for years to come and flourish.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

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COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, THE HONORABLE CANDICE S. MILLER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Karen Czernel, District Director, the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for testimony in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

KAREN CZERNEL,  
District Director.

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CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 113-70)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within the 90-day period prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the Sudan emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2013.

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of