



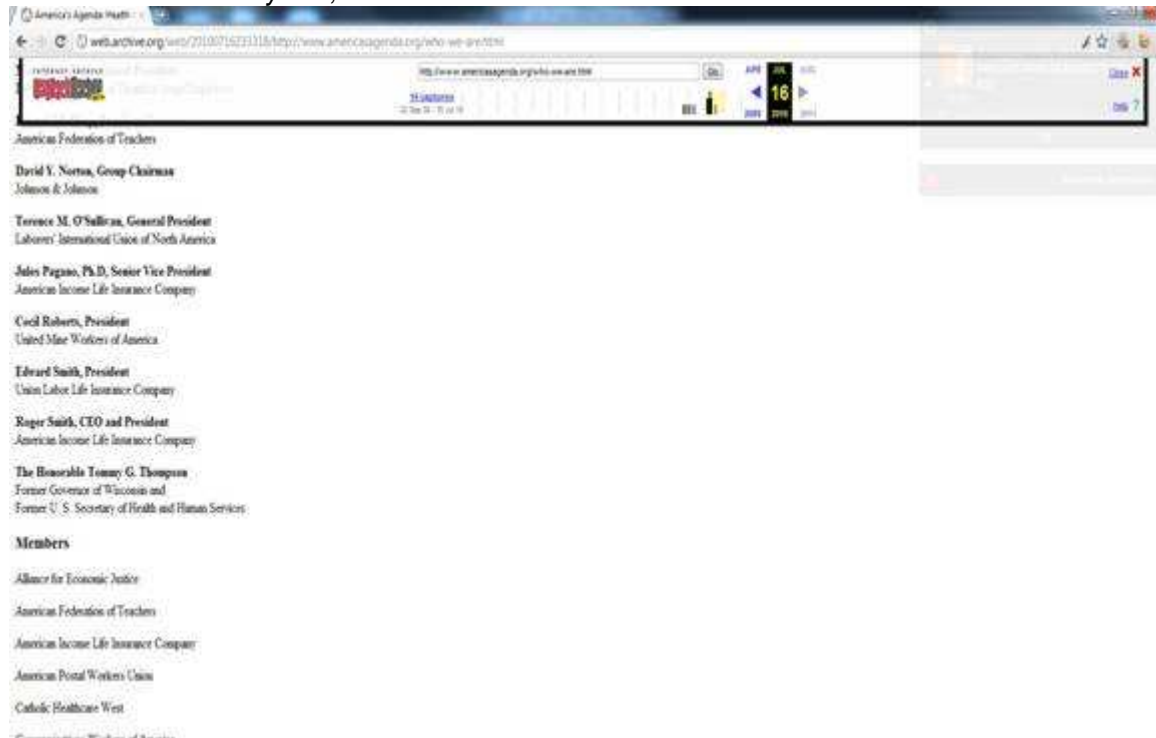
Tommy Thompson:

Working with Barack Obama and Tammy Baldwin to pass ObamaCare

Fact: Tommy Thompson was a board member of America's Agenda

Documentation: Thompson appears as a director on America's Agenda 2009 and 2010 IRS 990 Form. Thompson is also referred to as a "board member" of America's Agenda in a June 9th, 2009 press release and as a "board member" in a November 20th, 2009 press release. He also appears as a member of the board of directors in a July 16th, 2010 archived copy of the America's Agenda website.

Screenshot of archived copy of America's Agenda website showing Tommy Thompson as a board member as late as July 16th, 2010:



Sources: June Press Release: <http://www.americasagenda.org/News-Details.aspx?ContentID=73>

November Press Release: <http://www.americasagenda.org/News-Details.aspx?ContentID=62>

Archived snapshot of America's Agenda Website from 2010:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20100715074630/http://www.americasagenda.org/>

America's Agenda 2009 IRS 990: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/74266824/America-s-Agenda-2009-IRS-990> (Tommy Thompson's name appears as a member of the board of directors on Pg. 8)

America's Agenda 2010 IRS 990: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/74307723/America-s-Agenda-2010-IRS-990> (Tommy Thompson's name appears as a member of the board of directors on Pg. 7)

Fact: As of today, Tommy Thompson appears as an endorser of America's Agenda, along with Barack Obama and Tammy Baldwin

Documentation:



The screenshot shows the 'America's Agenda' website with a navigation bar containing 'BACKGROUND', 'CAMPAIGNS', and 'INITIATIVES'. The 'BACKGROUND' tab is selected, leading to a page titled 'BACKGROUND » ENDORSEMENTS'. A quote from House Majority Whip James Clyburn is displayed, followed by a grid of nine endorser portraits and their names and titles.

America's Agenda
Health Care for All

Winning Health System
Reform Americans Want



BACKGROUND CAMPAIGNS INITIATIVES

BACKGROUND » ENDORSEMENTS

ENDORSEMENTS

"Thank you, especially for the significant work America's Agenda undertook over the past year with members of our Caucus for whom health reform was a tough vote. Your continuing support is going to remain important..."

House Majority Whip James Clyburn,
South Carolina, 6th Congressional District
April 22, 2010

 <p>John Butler Executive VP & Chief Human Resources Officer Textron Inc.</p>	 <p>Richard "Dick" Gephardt Former Majority Leader US House of Representatives</p>	 <p>Roger Smith President & CEO American Income Life Insurance Company</p>
 <p>Terry O'Sullivan General President Laborers International Union of North America</p>	 <p>Sen. Barack Obama (IL) Addressing America's Agenda state strategic partner, The Campaign for Better Health Care</p>	 <p>Rep. Tammy Baldwin (WI)</p>
 <p>Ned McCann Former Secretary-Treasurer Maine AFL-CIO</p>	 <p>Tommy Thompson Former Secretary of Health and Human Services</p>	 <p>Gov. John Baldacci State of Maine</p>

Source: <http://www.americasagenda.org/Background/Endorsements.aspx>

Note: [Click here](http://youtu.be/H0D79LWdSho) to watch video of Tommy Thompson endorsing America's Agenda or go to <http://youtu.be/H0D79LWdSho>

Fact: America's Agenda touts its work passing ObamaCare as a "breakthrough" and says that it "had the privilege of making substantial contributions to shaping and winning passage of this historic health insurance reform law."

Documentation: From the America's Agenda website:

Enactment of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA) was a breakthrough against a wall of resistance that has prevented progress in reforming health care for decades. As a result, tens of millions of Americans who had no health insurance, at all, will gain coverage under this law. Millions will have better coverage than before.

The America's Agenda federal health reform campaign had the privilege of making substantial contributions to shaping and winning passage of this historic health insurance reform law.



The screenshot shows the America's Agenda website. At the top left is the logo for "America's Agenda Health Care for All" featuring a blue star and a red and blue swoosh. To the right of the logo is the text "Winning Health System Reform Americans Want". Below the logo is a blue navigation bar with three tabs: "BACKGROUND", "CAMPAIGNS", and "INITIATIVES". Under the "CAMPAIGNS" tab, there is a breadcrumb trail "CAMPAIGNS > FEDERAL CAMPAIGNS". The main heading is "THE FEDERAL HEALTH REFORM CAMPAIGN" in red. Below this is a paragraph: "In our ongoing work with members of Congress and the Administration, America's Agenda maintains an unwavering focus on reducing the runaway growth in health costs, while improving quality of care. Our pragmatic approach to merging sound policy with successful politics leads America's Agenda to effective policy solutions that can command the broad support of a bipartisan spectrum of Americans." Below this is a sub-heading "Phase I: Health Insurance Reform" in blue. Underneath is a paragraph: "Enactment of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA) was a breakthrough against a wall of resistance that has prevented progress in reforming health care for decades. As a result, tens of millions of Americans who had no health insurance, at all, will gain coverage under this law. Millions will have better coverage than before." Below that is another paragraph: "The America's Agenda federal health reform campaign had the privilege of making substantial contributions to shaping and winning passage of this historic health insurance reform law. [See campaign history: 2008-10]" and finally a paragraph: "Health insurance reform was an historic first phase of reform. But it was only the beginning of the comprehensive health reform America needs."

Source: <http://www.americasagenda.org/Campaigns/Federal-Campaigns.aspx>

Fact: Members of America's Agenda include major labor unions, many of which are currently attempting to recall Republican Governor Scott Walker

Documentation: The list of member organizations of America's Agenda include:

- American Federation of Teachers
- American Postal Workers Union
- Communications Workers of America
- International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
- International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers
- International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers
- International Alliance of Theatrical, Stage Employees and Moving Picture Technicians
- Laborers' International Union of North America
- Office and Professional Employees International Union
- Service Employees International Union
- Sheet Metal Workers International Association
- United Mine Workers of America
- United Food and Commercial Workers
- United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers
- United Auto Workers

Source: <http://www.americasagenda.org/Background/Members.aspx>

Fact: While Thompson was on the Board of America's Agenda, the President was Doug Dority, the former President of the United Food & Commercial Workers

Documentation: From the America's Agenda website:

Doug Dority took the helm of America's Agenda in 2004 to concentrate his attention on solving what he terms "one of the most serious domestic issues confronting our country." Under Doug's leadership, America's Agenda has evolved from an idea into an organization earning national respect for its contributions toward building bipartisan alliances between business and labor that are needed to solve America's health care crisis.

Before becoming President of America's Agenda, Doug was International President of the United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW), a union whose members have been in the forefront of the battle to protect health benefits on the job.

Source: <http://www.americasagenda.org/Background/Our-Team/Douglas-H--Dority.aspx>

Fact: Tommy Thompson has a long history of supporting ObamaCare, in line with the goals of his labor allies and fellow America's Agenda endorsees Tammy Baldwin and Barack Obama

Documentation:

The following picture is from the official White House Blog, June 30th, 2010, months AFTER ObamaCare was passed into law:



(L-R: Dr. Mark McClellan, former CMS Administrator and former FDA Commissioner, Nancy Ann DeParle, Director of the White House Office of Health Reform, Secretary Tommy Thompson, and Senator Tom Daschle.)

Obama Health and Human Services Secretary wrote on the White House blog how “pleased” she was to have Thompson’s advice “to make sure that the Affordable Care Act is successful.”: “I was pleased to join my colleague Nancy-Ann DeParle, who is overseeing health care implementation on behalf of the President, in hosting former Senate majority Leader Tom Daschle, former HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson, and Dr. Mark McClellan, former CMS Administrator and former FDA Commissioner, at the Department today. They offered some great ideas about implementation and outreach, suggestions about strategies to make sure that the Affordable Care Act is successful, and I will continue to draw on their experience in the months ahead.” – Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, White House Blog, 6/30/10, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/06/30/turning-affordable-care-act-a-reality>)

After ObamaCare was passed by the Senate Finance committee, Tommy Thompson co-signed a statement with former Democratic House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt praising the bill. (New York Times, 10/5/09)

Thompson on ObamaCare: “The bill that the Senate Finance Committee will vote out for consideration by the full Senate this week is another important step toward achieving the goal of health care reform this year. It moves us down the path of providing affordable high-quality health care for all and expanding coverage for millions.” (New York Times, 10/5/09)

Obama Administration used support from Thompson as part of PR battle to pass

ObamaCare: Administration officials say the White House is making a concerted effort to court high-visibility Republican support of the health care legislation away from Capitol Hill, in what appears to be a strategy similar to one used during debate of the economic stimulus plan earlier this year. (New York Times, 10/5/09)

President Obama noted support from Tommy Thompson in his weekly address (Source: White House YouTube Channel, 10/9/09, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS5T-Nkti7o>)

Thompson opposes repealing ObamaCare, and supports the individual mandate in

ObamaCare: Last year on CNBC, Thompson urged Republicans to drop a move to repeal the bill “because President Obama is not going to sign it.” Two years earlier, he came out in support of an individual mandate — the heart of the Obama plan that conservatives are trying to strike down in court. (Politico, 5/18/11)

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