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Transcending Obamacare

A Bipartisan Model for Health Reform

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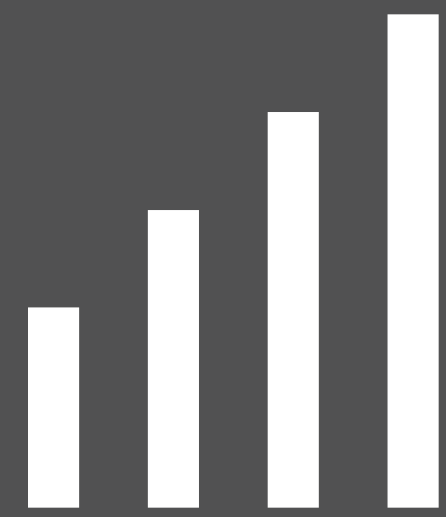
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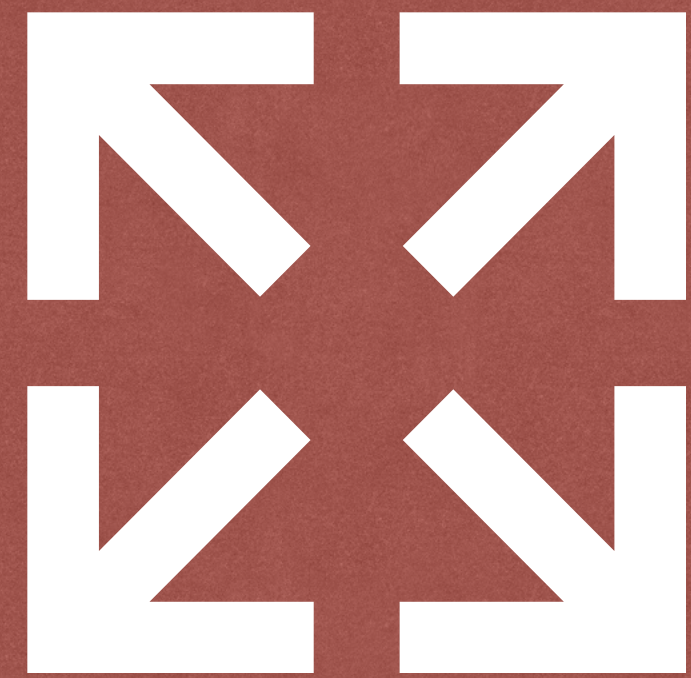
REAL HEALTH REFORM REQUIRES 60 VOTES IN THE SENATE

- Republicans' power to replace the ACA is constrained
 - Reconciliation can be used to defund the ACA's coverage provisions, but not all of the ACA's regulations
 - Hence, a robust GOP "replace" plan must overcome a filibuster to pass
 - Republicans currently control 52 Senate seats
- The solution: Address center-left priorities
 - Replace plan must be competitive with the ACA on coverage (ideally better)
 - Improve access and outcomes for the poor, by reforming Medicaid
- **Coverage expansion with less federal intervention and lower costs**

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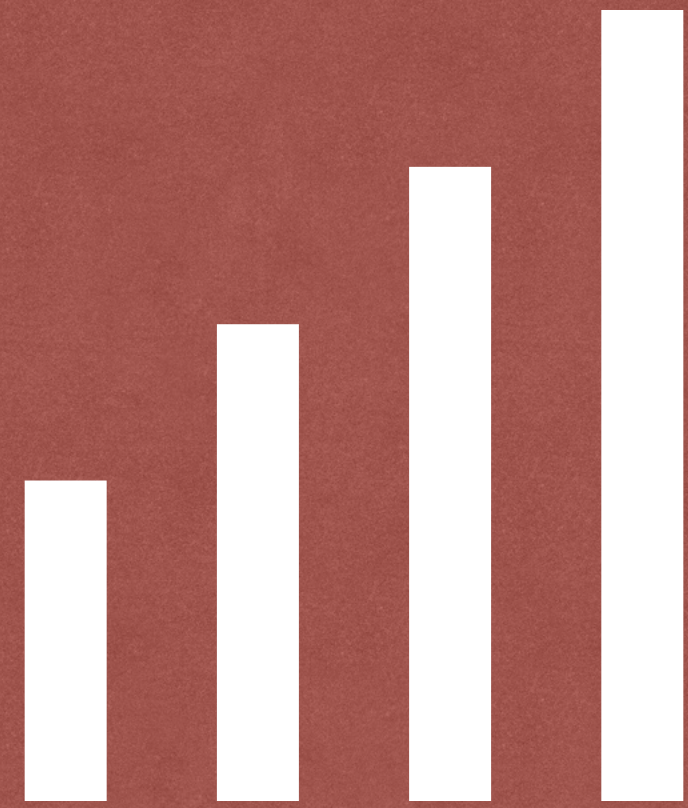
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- **Step 1:** Liberalize ACA exchanges
 - Lower costs, repeal taxes & mandates, expand consumer choice, protect the vulnerable



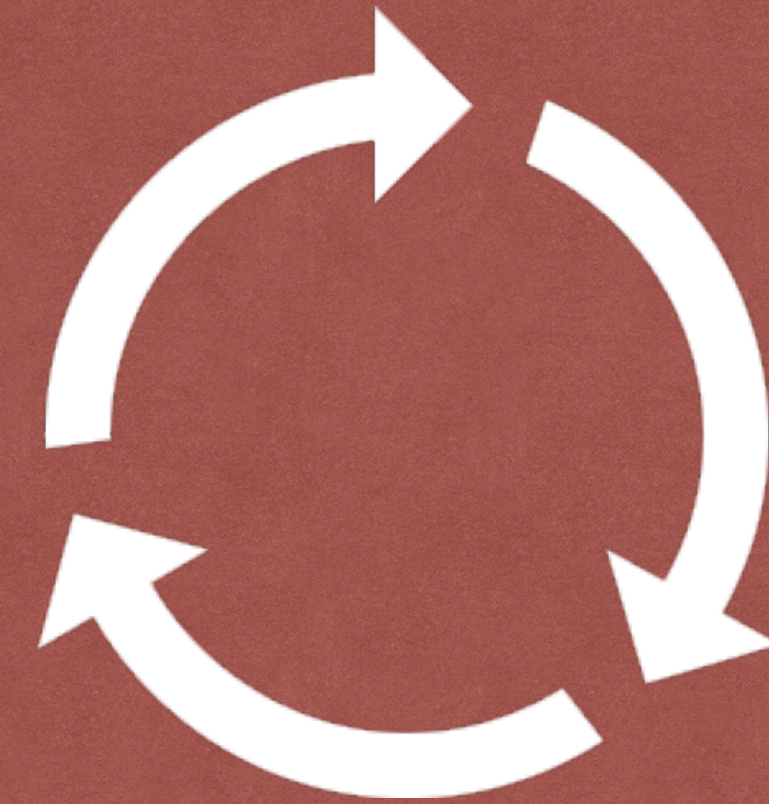
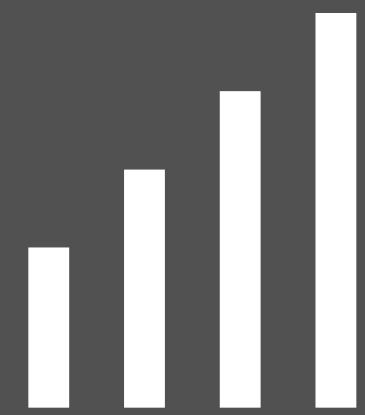
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- **Step 2:** Raise the eligibility age for Medicare
 - Gradual increase doesn't affect existing enrollees; in effect, means-tests health care for future retirees

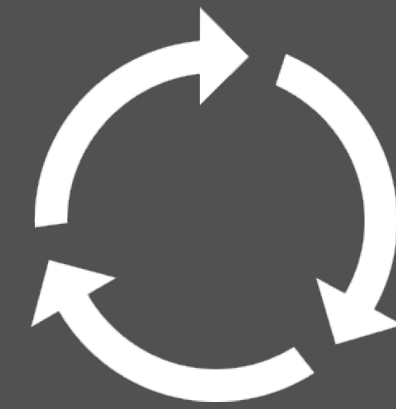
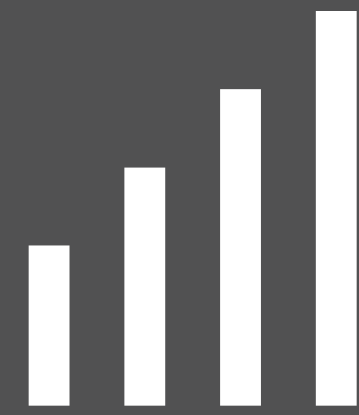


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- **Step 3:** Modernize & restructure Medicaid
 - Federalize acute care by migrating onto non-group tax credits; return LTC responsibility to the states

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- **Step 4:** Other reforms

- Medical malpractice
- Veterans' health care
- Hospital consolidation
- High drug prices

THE RESULT: MORE COVERAGE, HIGHER QUALITY, LOWER COST


- Permanent stability and solvency of health care entitlements
 - Deficit reduction of **>\$8 trillion** over three decades
 - Reduction in net federal & state tax revenues
 - Medicare trust fund **permanently solvent**
 - Medicaid reform = improved state fiscal stability
- Expanded coverage above ACA levels
 - **12 million additional insured** due to exchange reforms
 - Reduces single commercial premiums by **>25%**
 - Improved health outcomes for the poor
 - A key part of the bipartisan opportunity

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A Patient-Centered Plan *for* Near-Universal
Coverage *and* Permanent Fiscal Solvency

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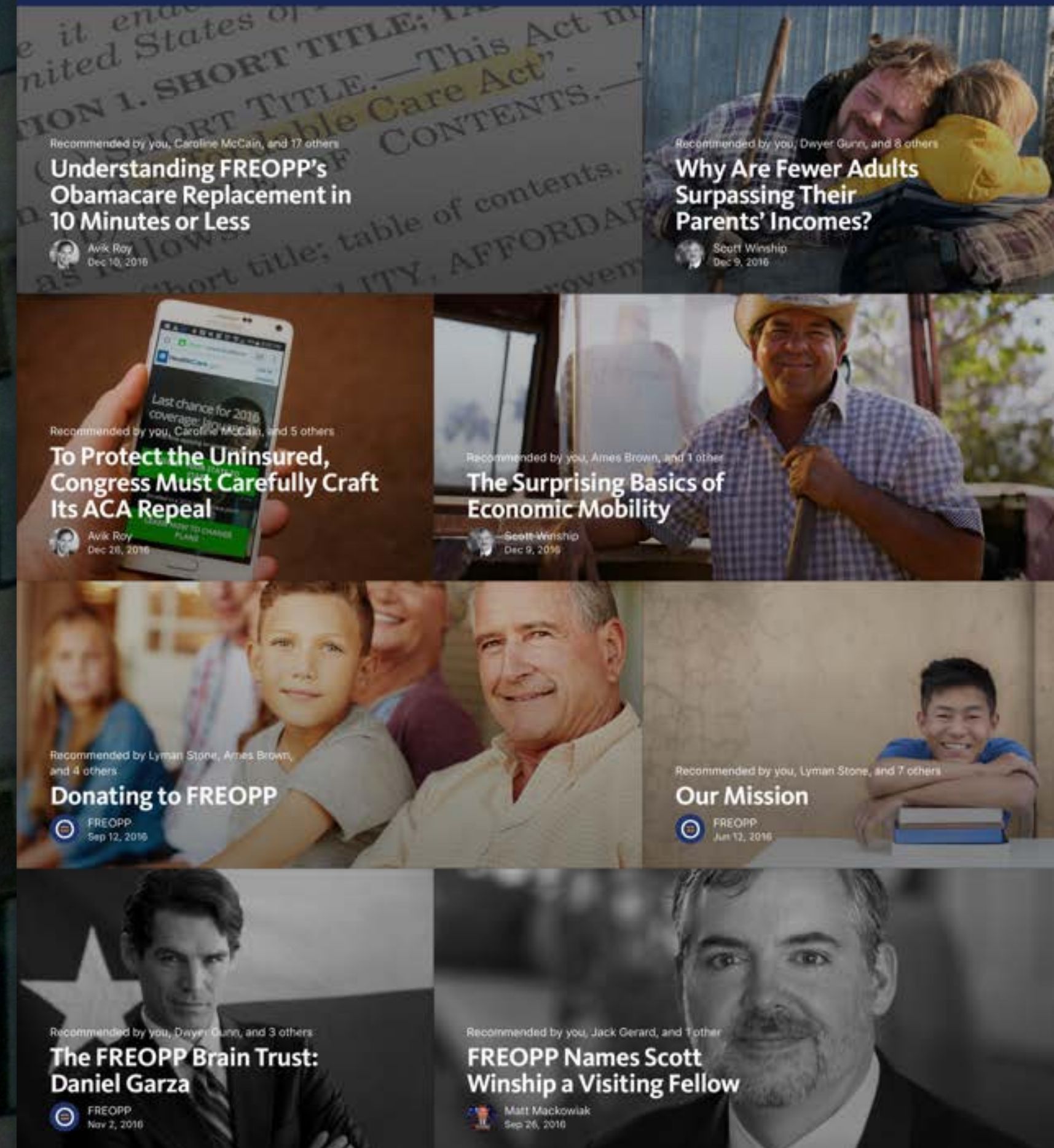
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