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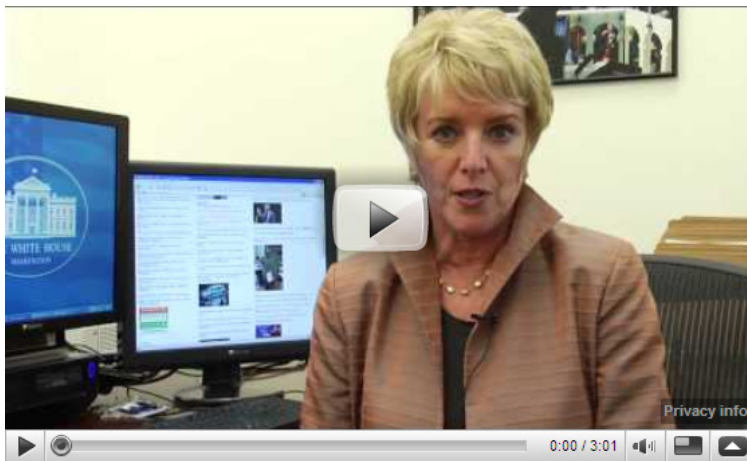
Facts Are Stubborn Things

Posted by Macon Phillips

Opponents of health insurance reform may find the truth a little inconvenient, but as [our second president](#) famously said, "facts are stubborn things."

Scary chain emails and videos are starting to percolate on the internet, breathlessly claiming, for example, to "uncover" the truth about the President's health insurance reform positions.

In this video, Linda Douglass, the communications director for the [White House's Health Reform Office](#), addresses one example that makes it look like the President intends to "eliminate" private coverage, when the reality couldn't be further from the truth.



For the record, the President has consistently said that if you like your insurance plan, your doctor, or both, you will be able to keep them. He has even proposed [eight consumer protections relating specifically to the health insurance industry](#).

There is a lot of disinformation about health insurance reform out there, spanning from control of personal finances to end of life care. These rumors often travel just below the surface via chain emails or through casual conversation. Since we can't keep track of all of them here at the White House, we're asking for your help. If you get an email or see something on the web about health insurance reform that seems fishy, send it to [flag@whitehouse.gov](mailto:flag@whitehouse.gov).

Here are the complete videos that Linda refers to. First from the AARP:



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