

The seeds of today determine the beauty of tomorrow's flowers

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Our greatest assets for the future are our today's youth. We, as adults, have the responsibility to nurture and train these youth in values, morals, integrity, responsibility, ethics and optimism.

There is a Chinese Proverb that goes like this; "All the flowers of all the tomorrows are the seeds of today."

I am a product of the sixties and the hippie movement. I saw first hand when the youth of the country starting rebelling against all authority and renouncing all they were ever taught.

If it feels good do it! That was the saying of the day and most of the sixties youth participated in it.

Probably some of the problems we are experiencing today are because of the training the youth of the sixties have given their own teenagers of today.

Times have changed. We as parents of today may have waited too late to realize that we don't have the answer to every problem and that just possibly our parents were smarter than we thought.

A lot of problems in society today are because of our low morals, unethical values, lack of discipline, and no desire for what the future holds. Maybe our parents didn't care enough to discipline us in the ways we needed it most.

Proverbs 13:24 tells us, "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him," has been just

a saying and something that we have not adhered to.

Now that we are the parents and the adults trying to maintain a trouble free environment for our children, we wish that our younger years could have been more of listening and learning instead of rebelling and doing

what felt good.

For me, I am an optimist. I don't feel it is too late to pave a good road for a bright future for the young people of America.

We need to bring our morals and ethics up to standard and then pass on to our children the idea of doing things right the first time. We need to act and talk positive. Let's be more energetic about the future and teach them the values of what

life should be about.

More optimism and good positive feedback are what our youth need. They need to feel good about themselves and the road they are traveling on. They need to have sense of direction and a destination that will provide them a safe comfort zone when they have achieved it. Let's teach them the difference between right and wrong!

Even though we can't correct

changes, the prospect of choosing the best health provider is even more difficult. More than half of the counties in our state have only one insurer offering Obamacare plans this year. These problems have only gotten worse with time.

Instead of continuing the government takeover of health care, a market-driven approach would recognize the power of competition to keep premiums down. Washington's overreach under Obamacare has left small businesses dealing with burdensome rules and uncertainty. The time and costs of complying with these rules squanders the resources that could instead be used to create new jobs.

We Found Out 'What's In It'
For the past eight years, I have said that this 2,700-page

the mistakes we have made in our past, we can help someone younger than we are from making the same mistakes.

It is up to us as to what the future holds for America. The seeds that we are planting today determine how pretty and bright the flowers of tomorrow are going to be.

Prayer: Father I pray for our youth of today. I pray that you will give me wisdom to lead

in the direction that you would have them to go. Amen.

Suggested daily Bible readings: Sunday - Galatians 5:16-26; Monday - Psalm 143:10-11; Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Wednesday - 2 Chronicles 9:23; Thursday - Jobe 32:4-9; Friday - Psalm 119:33-38; Saturday - Philippians 1:9.

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THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker: The Time Has Come to Repeal Obamacare Once and For All
Real Change Starts with Policies Aimed at Lowering Costs, Increasing Access

I voted against the President's health-care law when Democratic supermajorities in Congress passed it in 2010. I voted for the law's repeal in 2015, but that legislation was vetoed by President Obama. Now Congress is presented with another opportunity to end Obamacare and put us on a path forward to lower costs and expand choices for Americans. The Senate is currently considering a repeal resolution, which could pass in the coming days. Under the Trump Administration, this effort to repeal and replace the law is nearing reality.

Why Obamacare Doesn't Work
Mississippians have told me time and again why the health-care law does not work for them. For starters, the cost of health insurance has become unaffordable. How are families expected to remain financially secure with skyrocketing monthly premiums

and deductibles in the thousands of dollars? This is hardly the \$2,500 average decrease that President Obama promised the law would achieve.

Mississippians have not been able to keep their doctors, as was also promised. The law has forced insurers to cancel plans, leaving some people with no option other than to change or lose their coverage. Now, with the exit of major insurers from the federal insurance ex-

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health-care law is not a practical solution. Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi famously said the law should be passed so Americans "can find out what's in it." Americans have learned what's in it and the consensus is clear: Obamacare has not brought about constructive change, only more problems.

Eight out of 10 Americans, according to a recent Gallup poll, want major changes to the law or want it replaced al-

together. They know what does and does not work because they have lived with the consequences of this flawed law. Unfortunately, the damage inflicted by Obamacare will not be fixed overnight. Republicans are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for Americans who through no fault of their own are on Obamacare. Repealing Obamacare is just the first step toward enacting policies that put Mississippi families first.

SADDLE UP By Timothy E. Parker

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