

# **\*\* FACT CHECK \*\***

## **Setting The Record Straight About U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's (Mo.) Amendment To Stop The Obama Administration's Violation Of Americans' Religious Freedom**

### ***THE MISINFORMATION...***

### ***THE FACTS...***

<p><i><u>THE CLAIM:</u> Senator Blunt's amendment would allow anyone to deny coverage of any health care for any reason. It would take us back to the medical dark ages.</i></p>	<p><b><u>THE FACTS:</u> This is unequivocally false. Senator Blunt's amendment simply restores conscience protections that existed <i>before</i> President Obama's flawed health care law – the same protections that have existed for more than 220 years since the First Amendment was ratified.</b></p>
<p><i><u>THE CLAIM:</u> Any employer can deny coverage of specific items under Senator Blunt's amendment – whether faith-based or secular.</i></p>	<p><b><u>THE FACTS:</u> Senator Blunt's amendment would do nothing to change or restrict the same rights that Americans have enjoyed for more than 220 years.</b></p> <p><b>If an employer has a religious or moral objection to a type of coverage, Senator Blunt's amendment affords them the same rights that they had before ObamaCare to <i>negotiate</i> a plan with a health insurance company that meets their needs.</b></p> <p><b>However, Senator Blunt's amendment does nothing to force the health insurance company to offer that plan – it simply ensures that Americans are guaranteed the same rights and freedoms that they enjoyed before President Obama's unconstitutional mandate.</b></p> <p><b>Senator Blunt's amendment also provides a private right of action for employers and individuals who believe their conscience rights have been violated by government mandates. Federal courts are well equipped to identify spurious claims.</b></p>
<p><i><u>THE CLAIM:</u> Senator Blunt's amendment would gut existing state mandates on contraception coverage.</i></p>	<p><b><u>THE FACTS:</u> Senator Blunt's amendment would not impact existing state laws, and it does not address any other law other than President Obama's flawed health care plan.</b></p>
<p><i><u>THE CLAIM:</u> There is no precedent for broad conscience protections like ones that the Blunt amendment would enact,</i></p>	<p><b><u>THE FACTS:</u> Many longstanding federal health care conscience laws protect conscientious objections to certain types of medical services.</b></p>