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Congress:

Show me where in the Constitution you are empowered to take over private retirement plans, never mind health insurance, health care, car manufacturing, banking, housing mortgages, and energy production. And, please, don't answer with some Yadda Yadda about the "general welfare" and "commerce" clauses. Those clauses meant something absolute to the Founders, and are not open to subjective interpretation. They meant the exact opposite of what you want to believe they mean. The Founders did not mean that their successors had the leave to create a welfare state and a minimum security prison of indentured servants. They did their best to ensure liberty and the preservation and protection of individual rights.

The wealth represented in retirement plans is not yours to seize, let alone "manage."

And even if I agreed that you should be empowered to seize and manage them (conceding I'm not bright enough to do it myself), I'd ask to see your own score card in the matter of managing government finances. It's a pretty sorry looking score card, isn't it? Debt over debt, higher or more taxes to service the debt, more debt, more debt, then a round of inflation, which only you benefit by, and which devalues the dollar and makes everything else more expensive.

My advice to you, my pseudo-Solons, is: Drop it. You're already in hot water with the electorate over ObamaCare and everything else.

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