

## WORRIED ABOUT HEALTH CARE REFORM? HOW ABOUT YOUR JOB?



Unemployment nationwide is up yet again since September, rising to 9.8 percent, from 9.7 percent in August. That's a 26-year high. Attention in the mainstream media has definitely switched, however, from the plummeting employment rate to a strong focus on President Obama's proposed health care initiatives, which have, throughout a series of town hall meetings set up across the nation, reinvigorated allegations of socialism to angry mob status. Senator Arlen Specter, who switched from the GOP to the Democratic party earlier in the year, has faced a barrage of hard hitting insults during the recent town hall meetings to discuss future plans for health care in America (My favorite of which: "socialist, fascist pig," it's concise hard hitting, and it's got a nice ring to it). Now, there is nothing wrong with Americans voicing their opinion about government initiatives, however, one seriously has to wonder where the *mojo* regarding job creation has gone. It is likely that, should the unemployment rate in America persist as it has been for the past 12 months, many of these enraged socialist haters will have no health care plan to either complain about or praise. One must wonder how the option of socialized health care sounds to a citizen faced with a mountain of debt after a single emergency room visit: A cherry topping to the ice cream sundae that is unemployment.

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