

LEWIS IS AGAINST COMPROMISE AND WORKING TOGETHER

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Minnesotans need to know that Jason Lewis is so rigid and unyielding that he puts his own views before what's best for Minnesota, making him unable to work with others to get things done.

Here's the proof:

Lewis's my way or the highway approach includes his argument that women don't deserve the same protection and consideration as men. He has argued that sexual harassment laws to protect people infringe on his free speech. He also said that women who care about contraception are without a brain. And he opposed laws that provide health care protection for women, including coverage for preventive care and stopping insurers from charging women more than men.

And Lewis has been rigid and unyielding in his support for raising the retirement age for Social Security, while also speaking in support of undoing Medicare. Lewis voted to cut over half a trillion dollars from Medicare and opposed allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

LEWIS SAID HE LIKED GRIDLOCK AND THAT "COMPROMISE" MADE HIM "NERVOUS

Lewis Said He Liked Gridlock And That "Compromise" Made Him "Nervous." "LEWIS: About 80 percent of the government remained open, especially the welfare state, food stamps, local government, aid to local governments, bailing out big cities, most of the welfare apparatus, education. So you know, this whole talk about Armageddon and a government shutdown really doesn't amount to much, usually. Now, you know, I happen to like gridlock. I get real nervous when politicians start to compromise, and the compromise that came out of Minnesota really was a mixed bag." [Fox Business, [7/22/11](#)]

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Lewis: "Forget About Compromising With The Left You Must Defeat The Left. Forget About Reaching Out To The Left, You Must Obliterate The Left." LEWIS: "And as I've tried to tell you people, forget about compromising with the left you must defeat the left. Forget about reaching out to the left, you must obliterate the left. You must do to them what they are trying to do to Republicans and/or conservatives—delegitimize them. You can't go halfway, you can't meet them in the middle, you've got to win the debate. You've got to prove to the American people that these people are socially, ethically, economically, and I would argue, morally bankrupt." [Jason Lewis Show podcast, Minimum Wage, [2/13/13](#)]

LEWIS'S MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY APPROACH INCLUDED HIS ARGUMENT THAT WOMEN DON'T DESERVE THE SAME PROTECTION AND CONSIDERATION AS MEN

LEWIS ARGUED THAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAWS TO PROTECT PEOPLE INFRINGE ON HIS FREE SPEECH

Lewis Said He Viewed Sexual Harassment Law As An Assault On First Amendment Rights To Freedom Of Speech, Calling It "Unconstitutional." "Lewis is seeking re-election in Minnesota's second congressional district, which he narrowly won just two years ago. CNN rates his race a toss up, the most competitive designation. The comment is just one of many that Lewis made discussing his views on sexual harassment in 2011 in response to the allegations against Cain. He said he viewed sexual harassment law as an assault on First Amendment rights to freedom of speech, calling it 'unconstitutional.'" Lewis said he did not think off-color comments, jokes and offensive remarks about or to women rose to the level of needing government enforcement. While the First Amendment protects speech from government encroachment, the right is not without limits and sexual harassment is specifically prohibited by Title Seven of the Civil Rights Act of 1964." [CNN, [10/19/18](#)]

LEWIS SAID THAT WOMEN WHO CARE ABOUT CONTRACEPTION WERE "WITHOUT A BRAIN"

Lewis Argued That “Young Single Women” Who Voted Based On Coverage Of Birth Control Had Ceased To Be Human Beings, Were “Without A Brain,” And Had “No Cognitive Function Whatsoever.” “The next day, Lewis argued that ‘young single women’ who voted based on coverage of birth control pills had ceased to be human beings. ‘You can be bought off for that?’ he said. ‘I mean, boy, that’s the, all the other issues: the Hispanic problem, social issues, class warfare, you know, we can figure out a way to tackle those. This one, if you’re that far down the road and you say you’re a human being, I’ve got my suspicions. You’re not, you’re without a brain. You have no, you have no cognitive function whatsoever. If that’s all it takes to buy you off.’ [CNN, [7/18/18](#)]

LEWIS OPPOSED LAWS THAT PROVIDED HEALTH CARE PROTECTION FOR WOMEN, LIKE PREVENTIVE CARE AND STOPPING INSURERS FROM CHARGING WOMEN MORE THAN MEN

Lewis Voted For The American Health Care Act, Which Would Repeal The Affordable Care Act. On May 4, 2017, Lewis voted for H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act of 2017. From CQ: ‘Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. [...] It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual’s health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims.’ The bill passed 217 – 213. [CQ, [5/4/17](#); H.R. 1628, Roll Call 256, [5/4/17](#)]

Lewis: “I’m Vehemently Opposed” To Mandating That Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance Cover Contraception. During a March 2016 Second Congressional debate the following interaction occurred, MODERATOR: “Jason, you’ve been quoted as basically saying single women are ignorant about the important things in life. (Lewis laughs) Please explain.” [1:40:50] LEWIS: ‘Well, people that listen to that show, and this is one of the dynamics of this race, there’s a reason I’m being attacked – by bloggers, by the media, by some of my opponents even, because they don’t want me to get the endorsement. The easiest way to get rid of me is not to get the endorsement because I’ve agreed to abide by it. And so folks that don’t want me to be in the primary, to win that and be in the general, are naturally taking my words out of context and attacking me. We knew that was going to happen. But what that comment was about: was taxpayer-funded abortions and the Hobby Lobby decision, whether the federal government should mandate that business fund contraception. I’m not backin’ off, folks. I’m vehemently opposed to that, I think people ought to have free will, and if that traumatizes somebody, it traumatizes them. But I’m stickin to my guns.’ [The Uptake, MN-02 GOP Primary Debate, [4/8/16](#)]

The ACA Banned Gender Rating Of Premiums. “Signed into law on March 23, 2010, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act included multiple provisions to achieve an efficient, effective, and equitable health care system for both women and men. [...] Another victory of the ACA is its inclusion of a ‘Patient’s Bill of Rights’ which eliminates the gender rating of premiums. Insurance companies are now prohibited from charging women higher rates than men for similar coverage.” [HuffPost, [6/2/17](#)]

LEWIS’ RIGID AND UNYIELDING VIEWS PUT THE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND HEALTH CARE OF SENIORS AT RISK

LEWIS SUPPORTED RAISING THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

Lewis Said The Answer For Fixing Social Security Was Chained CPI & Raising The Retirement Age For Younger Workers. During a November 19, 2015 Second Congressional GOP primary debate the following interaction occurred, [55:12] LEWIS: The Democrats would say, ‘now let’s just lift the tax cap so the wealthy can bail us out.’ If you lifted the tax cap, the FICA tax on the first hundred and eighteen thousand you earn, if you lifted that to no limit at all, you only bail out forty-five percent of the problem, so you can’t just solve it by taxes. If you don’t do anything then your benefits in 2034 will be 75% of what they are today, so somethings gotta be done. But means testing, or lifting the cap on taxes is not the answer. The answer is turning COLA benefits into a chained CPI, and raising the retirement age for younger workers. It’s not a difficult problem if you do that, nobody’s talking about people currently on the system, or people close to it. We’re talking about younger people working longer as they live longer, and we’re talking about a different CPI. You do those two things you preserve the system without turning it into a welfare system.’ [The Uptake, MN-02 GOP Primary Debate, [4/8/16](#)]

LEWIS SPOKE FAVORABLY OF MOVING CLOSER TO UNDOING MEDICARE, VOTED TO CUT OVER HALF A TRILLION DOLLARS FROM MEDICARE, AND OPPOSED ALLOWING THE PROGRAM TO NEGOTIATE LOWER DRUG PRICES

Lewis Praised Potential Of Moving Closer To Undoing Medicare. LEWIS: “We didn’t get to this era of collectivism and corporatism and outright socialism overnight either. It took Teddy Roosevelt and his distant cousin Franklin Roosevelt. It took LBJ. It took a President Obama to get us here. So I don’t think you’re gonna say ‘Oh, I think we’re gonna undo Medicare tomorrow.’ That’s probably political suicide at this point, but I do think a Paul or a Cruz or a Mike Lee would probably get us closer to that. I don’t think the establishment candidates, and you’ve named a few already, would even bother. So that’s the decision the party’s gonna have to make, but here’s the key: rhetoric in campaigns matter. If you’re not willing to say that in a campaign where these candidates ought to be pressed, you’re not gonna do it once you’re elected.” [Wake Up! With Corporon, Jason Lewis interview, [4/4/14](#)]

Lewis Voted For A Budget That Would Have Cut \$537 Billion Out Of Medicare Over The Next Decade By Privatizing The Program. On Jun. 21, 2018, Lewis voted to pass H. Con. Res. 128, the House Republicans’ FY 2019 “Budget for a Brighter American Future,” out of the House Committee on the Budget. The resolution was passed out of committee 21-13. From Washington Post: “The House Republican budget, titled ‘A Brighter American Future,’ would remake Medicare by giving seniors the option of enrolling in private plans that compete with traditional Medicare, a system of competition designed to keep costs down but dismissed by critics as an effort to privatize the program. Along with other changes, the budget proposes to squeeze \$537 billion out of Medicare over the next decade.” [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#); H. Con. Res. 128, Vote 29, [6/21/18](#)]

Lewis Opposed Allowing Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices. “When Craig said she would push to authorize the federal government to negotiate with prescription-drug companies to reduce drug costs and overall health care costs, Lewis said he was skeptical that price controls would work. ‘You’re not going to get innovation,’ he said.” [Star Tribune, 10/15/16]