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Mayan Calendar: Rainbird

Where we are: In year of 7 CUAC [July 25th]; week of ETZNAB started last Sunday, in Day 5

4th Thurs: 12 MULUC - a red moon, about setting Spirit's direction

5th Fri: 13 OC - completing wave of Etnab; 13 is transcendence; Oc is unconditional love of the dog

6th Sat: 1 CHUEN - new wave; a 1 tone: Chuen is the monkey which transmits monkey energy - playful & magical

7th Sun: 2 EB -enlightenment, a healer aspect; 2 is lunar, polarity aspect

8th Mon: 3 BEN - skywalker, a safe traveller; a warrior aspect

9th Tues: 4 IX - IX is magician, visionary aspect; staying in integrity & we do it with 4

10th Wed: 5 MEN - the eagle; 5 tone is the completion of form

11th Thurs: 6 CIB - warrior, 6 is a rhythmic tone

Guest: Annie Rose

- have already had Saturn move into Scorpio for 2.5 years; karmic lesson will be delivered with emotion
 - will call for lots of transformation of people and things
- Mercury goes into Scorpio at the same time: mental, social communications will be very intense - so we
 - have to be careful not to be too direct or biting when we approach people, subject matter
- It will be like days and weeks just fly by, even more than we have experienced - lots happening!
- Restful period now: lots of talk of education, people will be thinking of travelling: want to go somewhere
 - we'll need peace, harmony, serenity!
- Sagittarius is an active sign: Sag ones have a hard time sitting still! [Mars in Sagittarius hypes everyone up!] - from Sunday to next Thursday, the planets will so placed that we can make our dreams a reality
 - we'll have a fine harmonious time starting on Sunday, 7th
 - Our outlooks will be more positive
- This week: we haven't had time to think of what we're thinking of!
- From Sunday and following week: Sun trines Jupiter: it enlivens us, good time to communicate

Q: How does Saturn in Scorpio teach? The whole world and its new directive?

A: It's going to teach discipline! Especially the Taurus ones.

If it is opposing you -like Scorpio & Taurus - it will bring to the surface things that you might not be appreciative of, but you will learn to be appreciative of~

- America is a Cancerian country - we are going to see America in a different light
 - in about 2 - 2.5 years, will be a much stronger country:
 - America will show its muscle in a peaceful manner: looks for us to defend
- We get the opportunity to find our voice

A: we will have to think in a more in-dept level; we will see the young people with more direct purposes

- She did some research in 1991-2 when she was a Senator - went back to 1975 & found out that
- America had stopped being a manufacturing country; went to service jobs like sales, waitressing etc; this was a 40% reduction in manufacturing and turn over to service jobs
- today, GM has started up again and more emphasis on having jobs back in US again - America will not get selfish, it will get wise!
- We need to be leaders in manufacturing like before

T: we will manufacture green technologies and related items

AR: Germany has combined solar and wind in one technology/piece of equipment

T: a technology from Vancouver where sunlight can be brought into the centre of a structure without using electricity

AR: electric bill for \$167 - also has a gas bill! Further motivation to look into solar power

T: having mining jobs at this time in our development is cruel.

D'Yanna:

- her cousin had a quick exit from this reality last week; lots of people leaving
- visiting family, childhood cousins - lots of memories this week

Housekeeping: call has been going for 12 years! These are crucial times!

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Hard News:

Reading: pundits praising Romney for his debate performance
"Romney Tells 27 Lies in 38 Minutes"

[SEE BELOW]

R: Rama has no veil and remembers where he goes in the night work, had a disconcerting experience being taken to most intense places on the planet

- Mon or Tues, was in Syria, picking up body parts in the streets, put them on the beam, and they stepped off in the ship as a person
- Goes back to why this guy is standing up there and calling the President a liar and a boy
 - said I have 5 boys [youngest is 34!] & still calling them boys-
 - referred to BO as a boy, and that the "boys" were liars too
- What was pointed out to R today: Ed had on John Nichols, Ray McGovern, Laura Flanders
 - they were discussing last night, and how this whole fiasco was set up by the Repubs to make him look like a one term president
 - Ray McG - BO looked tired, troubled: just shortly before, Turkey had had a bomb and things
 - The mind-control games these guys are playing are failing
- As you watched the debate, could see the games being played between Light and Dark - this is what is not being seen - as you are aware of it, it makes your skin crawl
 - Mr Rove is going down - His Global p s super pac has millions: which are vanishing!
 - Watch the next 3 weeks and the billionaires: will hear a large sucking sound coming from the south; Adelson is on his knees begging for Romney to get in, so he wont get prosecuted
- Behind the scenes, there is a man who refused to meet Hillary last month - could very well be a Pleiadian and will be the new leader of China who will bring back the Galung Fu group of people
- Just talking about all of this: the little niche we watched last night: not that Obama was not on his game, but situations at such a serious level of brinkmanship: the lunatics know exactly what they are doing which has to do with nuclear brinkmanship - no nukes on Iran.
 - Ashtar on red alert: they can take out nukes and anything that transports nukes in any way
- BO did not miss a second: he was on the road in the morning that it was not Mitt Romney on the stage last night: he will be held accountable for all his crimes
- ED said he changed his tune over night

Thom: he was dignified and presidential and would not be goaded

- he knew the game plan was for the other than Mitt to come out and try to make Barack lose his dignity - Obama knows what is going on
- another distraction: Syria was bombing Turkey and killed a woman and her 4 children while the debate was going on; Turnkey fired back and killed some soldiers in Syria
- Got on the plane and went to Madison in front of 10s of thousand
- Ed said you have not seen anything yet: his right wingers are having cows about what Mitt said
- Last night Ed was upset and angry; he spoke of it this morning, and had to look at deeper story

Thom: Mitt R did not own what his record was in Mass; he was #46 of 50 states in terms of job-creation

- BO gave him an inch so he would take a yard and reveal the Luciferian he is
- If we go back to place and plans of R & R, we'll end up where we were before!
- Jim Laher should be fired, said Ed Schultz. Everyone though that relic should be gone!

Caller: likes assessment made by others

- Also, BO kept composure, grace, could see the strain on him - the wear and tear of his role was obvious
- this is not about him doing what people think he needs to do; it is about people standing up & taking

responsibility - he went to a higher level to bring all of these things to light

- In the Bay area, to be Fleet Week this weekend; there were 5 murders in 18 hours - pastors want the Gov Gerry Brown to declare an emergency: the military is poised to take over the police department as the first city in the entire country - the police department is understaffed and there is corruption
- things are coming down NOW, NOT TOMORROW! Don't wait: **do what you can to bring light and love the best way you know how!**

T: 100% on the money; so valuable that another individual has insights and shares them

R: Laura Flanders said that Mitt Romney would close down Sesame Street - you just don't fire Big Bird!

MR: amazed that he would cut funding to PBS - because it has unbiased programming??

T: 2008 - White House Correspondents Dinner - Obama said he could see PBS

It was **Bill Moyers who did a whole uncovering of ALEC last week - spot on!**

Caller: status of Neil Keenan lawsuits? How long to major arrests?

R: we are seeing the blatant exposure of ecocide, genocide -

T: it was intentional to do the attacks in Syria at the same time as the debate! Courtesy Hillary

- on **Al Jazeera**, Russia commented: don't do it again
- on **Journal News**: that is music to our ears! Russian is the only friend Syria has

R: the entire world's economies are based in phantom money; the real criminals are at the top - Jamie Dimon, Bear Stearns, etc etc - they have golden parachutes, and Mother has golden scissors

- Money is disappearing from Rove's GPS
- Shelly Adelson & others were told to give it all away; as you don't, you forfeit your life force

Ed Schultz Radio: Mike P stood in & had on Brad Freeman [Faction 3 white knight] of Brad's Blog

- **Mitt R is tied to a deal with the Vatican to steal the election and go on to create the NWO**
- there is **another plan called the 5th element which supersedes this one** - will leave the petro dollar and go to gold-backed currency

Cathy's experience: we can all recall moments when spirit has spoken to us

- She had such a moment: going to North Carolina, gone for a week with her friends
- The 4 women were enjoying their morning breakfast
- Cathy had taken out money from the bank: 2 x \$100 + 6 x 20 dollar bills - she could not find the money before she left; she asked for an angel of mercy to find the cash: "It will come to you" but it did not come to her before she left.
- She took more money out of the bank. Then \$320 manifested itself in the same denominations in the hotel room - beside her purse! That kind of manifestation has never happened before: 745 miles away from home! She feels awe every time she thinks about it!

Caller: speaking to what Romney said to Jim L / PBS last night

- Big Bird / Sesame Street: to target this is targeting the children
- A massive sighting in Gilbert, AZ: the street where this happened, is where he went to school
 - He took it as a signal that things were changing; he & family going through hard times

Caller: story of finding a kitty, taking it home and then deciding it had to go elsewhere, and finding a home for it within 2 hours

Annie Rose:

- Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune - all retrograde for the rest of the month
- Saturn goes into Scorpio on the 6th
- October 22, 23 - the sun will be 29 degrees on Libra on 22nd, and on the 23rd at zero degrees of Scorpio - have to be careful of actions, words; walking driving, running

Cathy: the background tech is an Aquarian - what goes with them?

AR: Saturn going in to Scorpio will be squaring him - will be forced into more logical thinking they are smart; they will make a lot of progress very soon - being happier in the positions they are in, in life

Caller: this past Monday, 1st and 2nd, he watched the strip on the bottom of the screen: both days, he saw Venezuela Hugo Chavez "If I were American, I would certainly vote for Obama." He saw it 3 times.

T: Mitt Romney in terms of Libya, plotted a black ops with Hillary, Netanyahu and John McCain to murder Chris the ambassador and 3 others

Caller: why would Chavez say that? Is he a dictator?

T: he is a good guy; friends with Cuba's Castro and 116 countries of the 3rd world that have formed an alliance to oust our criminals from the world stage.

- He gives huge amounts of gas to make sure his people don't go cold in the winter.

Caller: You talked of getting money on the first, the rainbow money will be in our bank accounts

T: rainbow bills have been in our banks since 2003. "Everyone get your money out of big banks" is what she said.

- The big banks will be shut down: Mitt will have not a dime, nor any of them who have committed economic high treason!
- First reason to not have your money there: they take your money and put it in a hedge fund and then roll it which is how they make money out of nothing: money is power; money is free speech
- North Dakota is the only state in the union which has its own bank - no problems. Time for everyone to do this!

Caller: a month ago, people in ND had an opportunity to abolish property tax due to the gas revenues

T: the people wanted the property tax to go to the bank and help the people and the state

- After N, there will be 14% tax on new items; getting things right will take a while - we need to mature, grow up - Saturn in Scorpio will force us to look deeper and to make choices at a higher vibration.
- Ascension is really increasing consciousness
- There are social ills coming from this tremendous imbalance - used to have a more sensible kind of capitalism; now having a robot doing the transactions it can do millions in a minute

Mother Sekhmet

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One! In the office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoked the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame.

T: we ask for the teaching of the Rosy Cross and the masonic teachings to wake us up now

- glad we are looking for ways for all to come together: fairies, menahunies, animals
- all come together for freedom, love, beauty, justice

Greetings, Children of Ra:

Indeed the Rainbow Bridge of which you speak, it is time we meet at the cross roads in spite of the best efforts of our wayward children - only power they have is that of enchantment which is quickly losing its power.

- We have already won this story; we are the ones we have been waiting for in the raising of the Sat Yuga in the ashes of the Kali Yuga which is going by the wayside. As these ones are trying to destroy the local universe - the 2 ancestors of man - it is time we learned that we are god/goddesses and that we are magnificent in this moment.
- This is the ending of the Mayan Long Count - this is not about Hollywood falling into the ocean: it is about a waking of consciousness; we can - with a single thought - change an entire group consciousness - we do this all the way up to the 12th and the 100th dimension; this is all NOW - time/space and those aspects of the linear reality disappear.
- The 4th dimension disappeared a while ago and what we see now is the ooglies and the shadows - love them as they leave. Entire groups of consciousness are changing, land masses & countries; the whole system is involved, meeting with a village of stars - earth already becoming 33rd member of the Intergalactic Confederation of Worlds. There are such beauties to behold
- We are watching the racing to the bottom where there is nothing; they are moving to the void - they wish to enter the Dark Rift on Dec 21 - we will allow and grant them their wish!
- Yes, Saturn is a great teacher: there is only NOW and the next second; and the NOW and we feel the ecstatic joy - just focus on this energy, here, NOW, THIS MOMENT.
- The animals are teaching us about being here in the NOW with whatever is going on; it affects all of us.
- There is a great awakening; the consciousness of which we speak - as we wish to travel to the 100th dimension; as we go through the various levels of energies, of consciousness, it affects entire groups of consciousness that awaken: we see each other, I see you, you see me; we have one mind, one heart inside that circle of light - it encompasses everything: 23 super universes - this is what we are meeting with - and 40 + zeros of life forces we have yet to meet.
- We have yet to discuss how we will interact with each other. And we are one with our neighbours - there is wisdom they have that we can get together and share that we have not discovered yet; we never stop learning - it is an on-going story.
- this is the Academy of Awakening to the Right and Left Mystery Schools of Horus - the best is yet to come. How long do these bodies go? 10,000 years and more! There is much to learn, and we are just cubs in the den!
- We have moved into the higher harmonics; we have become silica and we have become crystalline right before our own eyes! We are already in the mystery schools - we will need the siddhis, so learn the ways of the force, of the Jedi; it is here now, before us; we will need them as the matrix falls away and we see the real world. Those still sleeping and believing Romney will need a radical shift in consciousness changing help -
- Ascension is a radical idea , consciousness awakening at a global level, when it is about more than the individual level! It is a singularity that the scientists are talking about
 - As we hit the wave of energy called the Nexus, ecstatic orgasmic joy in December - all its wake is shattered and transformed with the wave of transfiguration

Caller: As Mother is from our future which is our past, and you said all is morphing; talk in the ethers of a sudden shift, or a gradual shift - can you respond as we are in this NOW and what has morphed is where we are, and much depends on our free will. Please comment.

Mo: yes, we have morphed to a level of awareness that the least among is the story, and we are our brothers' keepers. This frequency - when we arrive fully, it is like what we have seen in the movie, "The Day the Earth Stood Still": when Gaia sent out the planetary distress call, gazillions of ships

responded, en masse: how many quintillions of ships, how many beings of living love, living life are responding in this instance in the exercise of transfiguration?

- The entire focus is on this sector of the western arm of the MW Galaxy - the entire universe of Nebadon plus the 23 super universes are focussing intensity on earth right now which is ascending with her people on her. The critical mass has already been reached, and now it has tipped over the edge: the reality of the failing empire is just that - empires go to die in Afghanistan. This is why it is time to reverse course and leave, now

T: this has been the empire controlling the US and the rest of world?

Mo: the empire is in major death throes - rigor mortis will set in any second; one minute we are in Mordor with a picnic, the next moment we are with Krishna - **it is that radical of a shift**. That is what is happening for everyone.

- The laser point of light is focussed on earth which is ascending with her people, and all in the neighbourhood know it - the small rebel band, the 1%, have no say so: they say "yes mother; we will get on the train, Mother." It is that reality which is occurring.
- As the planets start to line up, starting tomorrow, the 6th of October; as we watch the energies approaching 12/12 - Dec 3rd is another eclipse.
 - This is the final walk of the end of the Mayan Long Count; it is just the beginning of another in the great wheel we share with each other, and connecting
- Isn't it miraculous to behold? We are talking through this funny little black box [mike] - it is amazing that we can connect with each other - the next step is telepathy and there is no separation!

T: this segment of the calendar is called MULUC and the first word is "telepathy"

Mo: The Solex Mal language - yes, we are at the final moment, as we go through the final walk - the dates you asked about are the final conclusions, the higher harmonics of magnetic light - as we do this, it changes entire groups of consciousness to perfection and therefore the ancient empire holds no power, and they are helpless and they are being absorbed into the consciousness of love - they want it, they are asking for it but at the same time they are screaming don't do to me what I did to you!

T: refers to Cathy's story and manifesting 745 miles from home. Our thoughts are plasma light, and we are not bound by time and space any more

Mo: there is no space between the spaces any more!

T: when D'Yanna was talking of the cat, and how assertive it was: the livingness of the planet being alive is connecting all the different kingdoms; by 2020, all the kingdoms will be accessing immortality!

Mo: **That is so!** we are already experiencing that as our extra strands of DNA are awakening and merging into the 12 strands of DNA

T: today is a 12 - which means crystal clarity of understanding and over-standing; Mother is always spinning a crystal while she is speaking through Rama

MR: asks about the numerology

T: it's based on the Tzolkein calendar which is a different number system - which is fun as it is so animating - we are re-encoding ourselves back into our light body so we will live healthy, happy, 10,000 years, not forgetting anything [elephant consciousness!]

Cathy: what are the Masters doing right now?

Mo: focus on awakening humanity at such a deep level, that the abilities being performed by humanity awakening to Self is the greatest miracle happening; it is even in the 3D world where Joe the

plumber and Dave the carpenter are beginning to have compassion for one another, and understanding that we are all One

- A higher harmonic is happening - we must love one another, as one is awakened with compassion for one, it happens to the next - as you may meet the village idiot at the homeless centre, he or she may be the village saint.

T: talks about when she first meets Rama and the miracle of help she received when her vehicle broke down.; Ranna Mu knew she needed help and called upon the Agarthan Network to get it for Tara.

Closing:

- What we understand as super science, and people call "magic" as we go through these moments, be aware we are walking through uncharted territory.
 - We have asked to be awakened to all realms - so non-ordinary reality is the order of the day. We might see a White Rabbit along the way and he will say "How about a cup of tea?" and we will be on the New Jerusalem!
- In the moment, anything can happen as the planets line up at the end of the great circle/cycle -
 - this is about the changing of the guard: the old patriarchy had its day, now it is time for the Goddess.
- Be aware that this moment is the most intense, most joyous - it may seem like agony but just embrace it. Like this one {Rama} who has to put a pile of arms [body parts] in the beam when he goes to Syria to do his night work: not the time to weep, but to do the work - people in little towns want their freedom and they want it now, so they give up their lives and end up in 5D and the body is all together and they are free, and the body is immortal!

Closing:

Cathy

<http://www.loscerritosnews.net/2012/10/04/romney-tells-27-lies-in-38-minutes/>

Courtesy Think Progress.org

Pundits from both sides of the aisle have lauded Mitt Romney's strong debate performance, praising his preparedness and ability to challenge President Obama's policies and accomplishments. But Romney only accomplished this goal by repeatedly misleading viewers. He spoke for [38 minutes](#) of the 90 minute debate and told at least 27 myths:

- 1) **"[G]et us energy independent, North American energy independent. That creates about 4 million jobs"**. Romney's plan for "energy independence" actually relies heavily on a study that assumes the U.S. continues with fuel efficiency standards set by the Obama administration. For instance, he uses Citigroup research based off the assumption that "the United States will continue with strict fuel economy standards that will lower its oil demand." Since he promises to undo the Obama administration's new [fuel efficiency standards](#), he would cut oil consumption savings of 2 million barrels per day by 2025.
- 2) **"I don't have a \$5 trillion tax cut. I don't have a tax cut of a scale that you're talking about."** A Tax Policy Center analysis of Romney's proposal for a 20 percent across-the-board tax cut in all federal income tax rates, eliminating the Alternative Minimum Tax, eliminating the estate tax and other tax reductions, would reduce federal revenue \$480 billion in 2015. This amount to \$5 trillion over the decade.
- 3) **"My view is that we ought to provide tax relief to people in the middle class. But I'm not going to reduce the share of taxes paid by high-income people."** If Romney hopes to provide tax relief to the middle class, then his \$5 trillion tax cut would add to the deficit. There are not enough deductions in the tax code that primarily benefit rich people to make his math work.
- 4) **"My — my number-one principal is, there will be no tax cut that adds to the deficit. I want to underline that: no tax cut that adds to the deficit."** As the Tax Policy Center [concluded](#), Romney's plan can't both exempt middle class families from tax cuts and remain revenue neutral. "He's promised all these things and he can't do them all. In order for him to cover the cost of his tax cut without adding to the deficit, he'd have to find a way to raise taxes on middle income people or people making less than \$200,000 a year," the Center [found](#).
- 5) **"I will not under any circumstances raise taxes on middle-income families. I will lower taxes on middle-income families. Now, you cite a study. There are six other studies that looked at the study you describe and say it's completely wrong."** The studies Romney cites actually [further prove](#) that Romney would, in fact, have to raise taxes on the middle class if he were to keep his promise not to lose revenue with his tax rate reduction.
- 6) **"I saw a study that came out today that said you're going to raise taxes by \$3,000 to \$4,000 on middle-income families."** Romney is pointing to [this study](#) from the American Enterprise Institute. It actually found that rather than raise taxes to pay down the debt, the Obama administration's policies — those contained directly in his budget — would [reduce the share of taxes](#) that go toward servicing the debt by \$1,289.89 per taxpayer in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 range.
- 7) **"And the reason is because small business pays that individual rate; 54 percent of America's workers work in businesses that are taxed not at the corporate tax rate, but at the individual tax rate....97 percent of the businesses are not — not taxed at the 35 percent tax rate, they're taxed at a lower rate. But those businesses that are in the last 3 percent of businesses happen to employ half — half of all the people who work in small business."** [Far less than half](#) of the people affected by the expiration of the upper income tax cuts get any of their income at all from a small businesses. And those people could very well be receiving speaking fees or book royalties, which qualify as "small business income" but don't have a direct impact on job creation. It's actually [hard to find a small business](#) who think that they will be hurt if the marginal tax rate on income earned above \$250,000 per year is increased.

8) **“Mr. President, all of the increase in natural gas and oil has happened on private land, not on government land. On government land, your administration has cut the number of permits and licenses in half.”** Oil production from federal lands [is higher, not lower](#): Production from federal lands is up slightly in 2011 when compared to 2007. And the oil and gas industry is sitting on [7,000 approved permits](#) to drill, that it hasn't begun exploring or developing.

9) **“The president's put it in place as much public debt — almost as much debt held by the public as all prior presidents combined.”** This is not even close to being true. When Obama took office, the national debt stood at [\\$10.626 trillion](#). Now the national debt is over \$16 trillion. That \$5.374 trillion increase is nowhere near as much debt as all the other presidents combined.

10) **“That's why the National Federation of Independent Businesses said your plan will kill 700,000 jobs. I don't want to kill jobs in this environment.”** That study, produced by [a right-wing advocacy organization](#), [doesn't analyze](#) what Obama has actually proposed.

11) **“What we do have right now is a setting where I'd like to bring money from overseas back to this country.”** Romney's plan to shift the country to a territorial tax system would allow corporations to do business and make profits overseas without ever being taxed on it in the United States. This encourages American companies to invest abroad and could cost the country up to [800,000 jobs](#).

12) **“I would like to take the Medicaid dollars that go to states and say to a state, you're going to get what you got last year, plus inflation, plus 1 percent, and then you're going to manage your care for your poor in the way you think best.”** Sending federal Medicaid funding to the states in the form of a block grant would significantly reduce federal spending for Medicaid because the grant would not keep up with projected health care costs. A [CBO estimate](#) of a very similar proposal from Paul Ryan found that federal spending would be “35 percent lower in 2022 and 49 percent lower in 2030 than current projected federal spending” and as a result “states would face significant challenges in achieving sufficient cost savings through efficiencies to mitigate the loss of federal funding.” “To maintain current service levels in the Medicaid program, states would probably need to consider additional changes, such as reducing their spending on other programs or raising additional revenues,” the CBO found.

13) **“I want to take that \$716 billion you've cut and put it back into Medicare.... But the idea of cutting \$716 billion from Medicare to be able to balance the additional cost of Obamacare is, in my opinion, a mistake.** There's that number again. Romney is claiming that Obamacare siphons off \$716 billion from Medicare, to the detriment of beneficiaries. In actuality, that money is saved primarily through reducing overpayments to [insurance companies](#) under Medicare Advantage, not payments to beneficiaries. Paul Ryan's budget plan [keeps those same cuts](#), but directs them toward tax cuts for the rich and deficit reduction.

14) **“What I support is no change for current retirees and near-retirees to Medicare.”** Here is how Romney's Medicare plan [will affect current seniors](#): 1) by repealing Obamacare, the 16 million seniors receiving preventive benefits without deductibles or co-pays and are saving \$3.9 billion on prescription drugs will see a cost increase, 2) “premium support” will increase premiums for existing beneficiaries as private insurers lure healthier seniors out of the traditional Medicare program, 3) Romney/Ryan would also lower Medicaid spending significantly beginning next year, shifting federal spending to states and beneficiaries, and increasing costs for the 9 million Medicare recipients who are dependent on Medicaid.

15) **“Number two is for people coming along that are young, what I do to make sure that we can keep Medicare in place for them is to allow them either to choose the current Medicare program or a private plan. Their choice. They get to choose — and they'll have at least two plans that will be entirely at no cost to them.”** The Medicare program [changes for everyone](#), even people who choose to remain in the traditional fee-for-service. Rather than relying on a guaranteed benefit, all beneficiaries will receive a premium support credit of \$7,500 on average in 2023 to purchase coverage in traditional Medicare or private insurance. But that amount will only grow at a rate of GDP plus 1.5 percentage points and will not keep up with health care costs. So while the federal government will spend less on the program, seniors will pay more in premiums.

16) **“And, by the way the idea came not even from Paul Ryan or — or Senator Wyden, who’s the co-author of the bill with — with Paul Ryan in the Senate, but also it came from Bill — Bill Clinton’s chief of staff.”** Romney has [rejected](#) the Ryan/Wyden approach — which does not cap the growth of the “premium support” subsidy. Bill Clinton and his commission also voted down these changes to the Medicare program.

17) **“Well, I would repeal and replace it. We’re not going to get rid of all regulation. You have to have regulation. And there are some parts of Dodd-Frank that make all the sense in the world.”** Romney has previously called for [full repeal](#) of Dodd-Frank, a law whose specific purpose is to regulate banks. MF Global’s [use of customer funds](#) to pay for its own trading losses is just one bit of proof that the financial industry isn’t responsible enough to protect consumers without regulation.

18) **“But I wouldn’t designate five banks as too big to fail and give them a blank check. That’s one of the unintended consequences of Dodd-Frank... We need to get rid of that provision because it’s killing regional and small banks. They’re getting hurt.”** The law merely says that the biggest, systemically risky banks need to [abide by more stringent regulations](#). If those banks fail, they will be unwound by a new process in the Dodd-Frank law that [protects taxpayers](#) from having to pony up for a bailout.

19) **“And, unfortunately, when — when — when you look at Obamacare, the Congressional Budget Office has said it will cost \$2,500 a year more than traditional insurance. So it’s adding to cost.”** Obamacare will actually provide millions of families [with tax credits](#) to make health care more affordable.

20) **“[I]t puts in place an unelected board that’s going to tell people ultimately what kind of treatments they can have. I don’t like that idea.”** The Board, or IPAB is tasked with making binding recommendations to Congress for lowering health care spending, should Medicare costs exceed a target growth rate. Congress can accept the savings proposal or implement its own ideas through a super majority. The panel’s plan will modify payments to providers but it cannot “include any recommendation to ration health care, raise revenues or Medicare beneficiary premiums...increase Medicare beneficiary cost-sharing (including deductibles, coinsurance, and co- payments), or otherwise restrict benefits or modify eligibility criteria” ([Section 3403 of the ACA](#)). Relying on health care experts rather than politicians to control health care costs has previously attracted bipartisan support and even Ryan himself [proposed two IPAB-like structures](#) in a 2009 health plan.

21) **“Right now, the CBO says up to 20 million people will lose their insurance as Obamacare goes into effect next year. And likewise, a study by McKinsey and Company of American businesses said 30 percent of them are anticipating dropping people from coverage.”** The Affordable Care Act would actually expand health care coverage to 30 million Americans, despite Romney fear mongering. According to CBO director Douglas Elmendorf, [3 million](#) or less people would leave employer-sponsored health insurance coverage as a result of the law.

22) **“I like the way we did it [health care] in Massachusetts...What were some differences? We didn’t raise taxes.”** Romney raised fees, but he can claim that he didn’t increase taxes because the federal government funded [almost half of his reforms](#).

23) **“It’s why Republicans said, do not do this, and the Republicans had — had the plan. They put a plan out. They put out a plan, a bipartisan plan. It was swept aside.”** The Affordable Care Act incorporates many Republican ideas including the individual mandate, state-based health care exchanges, high-risk insurance pools, and modified provisions that allow insurers to sell policies in multiple states. Republicans never offered a united bipartisan alternative.

24) **“Preexisting conditions are covered under my plan.”** Only people who are [continuously insured](#) would not be discriminated against because they suffer from pre-existing conditions. This protection would not be extended to people who are currently uninsured.

25) **“In one year, you provided \$90 billion in breaks to the green energy world. Now, I like green energy as well, but that’s about 50 years’ worth of what oil and gas receives.”** The \$90 billion was given out over several years and included loans, loan guarantees and grants through the American Recovery Act. [\\$23 billion](#) of the \$90 billion “went toward “clean coal,” energy-efficiency upgrades, updating the electricity grid and

environmental clean-up, largely for old nuclear weapons sites.”

26) “I think about half of [the green firms Obama invested in], of the ones have been invested in have gone out of business. A number of them happened to be owned by people who were contributors to your campaigns.” As of late last year, only “[three out of the 26 recipients](#) of 1705 loan guarantees have filed for bankruptcy, with losses estimated at just over \$600 million.”

27) “If the president’s reelected you’ll see dramatic cuts to our military.” Romney is referring to the sequester, which his running mate Paul Ryan supported. Obama opposes the military cuts and has asked Congress to formulate a balanced approach that would avoid the trigger.