In the middle of a pandemic, Chip Roy would eliminate protections for people with pre-existing conditions and allow big insurance companies to kick millions of Americans off of their health insurance. He’s so reckless when it comes to the pandemic that he refuses to listen to the experts and even says medical experts are wrong. He makes outlandish and false claims like the virus is not dangerous to kids.

Roy Said He Was In “Strong Support” Of A “Full, 100% Repeal” Of The ACA. “TPPF’s Center for Tenth Amendment Action Director Chip Roy stated: ‘As various healthcare reform proposals are being discussed, we would like to reiterate our strong support for full, 100-percent repeal of Obamacare and support for returning much of healthcare decision-making to the people and to the states. ‘In particular, we are aware of a number of ‘replace’ proposals that unfortunately would simply re-package Obamacare subsidies as tax credits and leave much of the onerous competition-killing regulations to the states. This will, through our research and analysis, lead to continued spikes in healthcare costs and decreasing delivery of quality healthcare. ‘We support efforts to ‘Repeal and Respect.’ Fully repeal—and then respect the people by empowering them to make healthcare decisions and buy truly affordable insurance and care. Respect the states by block-granting Medicaid so that states can innovate.’” [Texas Public Policy Foundation, Roy Press Release, 2/28/17]

Chip Roy Was The Director Of The Center For Tenth Amendment Action At The Texas Public Policy Foundation. “Chip Roy Director, Center for the Tenth Amendment Action […] Chip Roy is the vice president of strategy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.” [Texas Public Policy Foundation, accessed 8/26/20]

Roy Wanted To Fully Repeal The ACA And Permanently End The Federal Government’s Involvement In Health Care. “[Survey:] How would you promote healthcare coverage that is adequate, affordable and accessible for all? [Roy:] First, I would fully repeal each and every provision and regulation from the Affordable Care Act and permanently end the federal government’s involvement in health care. The best way to promote quality healthcare and health insurance is to repeal regulations that interfere with the success of the free market […].” [Chip Roy iVoterGuide, accessed 8/12/20]

Roy: “President Trump Called On Congress To Pass Legislation That Simply Repeals Obamacare, Leaving The Discussion Of Further Replacement Reforms To A Later Date... This Is The Exact Kind Of Leadership Needed.” “‘This morning, President Trump called on Congress to pass legislation that simply repeals Obamacare, leaving the discussion of further replacement reforms to a later date,’ said Roy. ‘This is the exact kind of leadership needed and shows that the President has a firm recognition that Obamacare is crushing the American people and must be fully repealed. Reforms to our health care system should be focused on increasing both the quality and affordability of care for all Americans. This cannot be accomplished on the back of Obamacare’s onerous federal insurance regulations, burdensome mandates on states, or hundreds of billions of dollars in subsidies to insurers and individuals.” [Texas Public Policy Foundation, Roy Press Release, 6/30/17]

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Roy Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prohibit DOJ Funds From Being Used To Argue In Any Litigation That The Provisions Of The ACA Were Unconstitutional Or Invalid. In July 2020, Roy voted against: “Underwood, D-Ill., amendment no. 148 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the Justice Department to argue in any litigation that the provisions of the 2010 health care law and certain related provisions are unconstitutional or invalid on any grounds.” [HR 7617, Vote #175, 7/30/20; CQ, 7/30/20]
The Trump Administration’s Lawsuit Against The Affordable Care Act Would Strike Down The Entire Law, Stripping 23.3 Million Americans Of Health Care Coverage During A Pandemic. “Tomorrow, the Trump administration and 18 Republican governors and attorneys general will file their opening briefs with the Supreme Court in California v. Texas—the health care repeal lawsuit. The lawsuit, criticized across the political spectrum as a ‘badly flawed’ case, threatens to upend the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and strip 23.3 million Americans of their health coverage, according to new CAP analysis—about 3 million (15 percent) more than was forecast before the coronavirus pandemic. […] After the tax bill became law, Texas and other states filed a federal lawsuit, claiming that because the mandate had no financial penalty, it made the rest of the law unconstitutional. U.S. District Court Judge Reed O’Connor accepted this reasoning and held that the entire law must be struck down in what one legal expert called a “partisan, activist ruling.” On appeal, a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel also ruled in December that, following the tax bill’s change to the law, the individual mandate is unconstitutional. The panel then remanded the case back to Judge O’Connor to determine which parts of the ACA, if any, can remain given their decision. Since that ruling, the Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case during its upcoming term, and, for now, the ACA remains the law of the land. ACA repeal would have disastrous consequences for the American people. In addition to the roughly 23 million people who would lose coverage, repeal would eliminate essential consumer protections, including those for people with preexisting conditions; requirements for insurers to spend premium dollars on patient care; and mandates that insurers cover prescription drugs, mental health care, and other essential health benefits.” [Center for American Progress, 6/24/20]

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Pre-Existing Condition. “In the old days, insurance companies had ways to avoid selling policies to people who were likely to cost more than insurers wanted to spend. They might deny them coverage outright, or exclude coverage for a known condition, or charge so much that insurance became unaffordable. The Affordable Care Act boxes out the old insurance practices with a package of legal moves. First, it says point-blank that carriers ‘may not impose any preexisting condition exclusion.’ It backs that up with another section that says they ‘may not establish rules for eligibility’ based on health status, medical condition, claims experience or medical history.” [Politifact, 10/17/18]

Roy Argued For Reopening Society, Saying We Needed “Herd Immunity.” “The goal here is for the least amount of human harm, right?” the Austin conservative said in a Wednesday interview with The Texas Tribune’s Evan Smith. ‘And so the virus is one piece of a much larger puzzle. So should we reopen our society? I believe yes. ‘I think it is important for us to engage as human beings together, to worship together, to work together. Can we do it in a way that protects the most vulnerable? … It’s important that we do that, and we can do that.’ Roy argued that the American economy cannot freeze for the months or years it will take for scientists to develop a vaccine. ‘We need immune systems that are strong. We need immunity systems that can fight this,’ he said. ‘We need herd immunity. So we have to work through this together to get reengaged so we can build that up.’ When pressed over whether the herd immunity concept will lead to unnecessary deaths, Roy countered that the nationwide lockdown and its subsequent delays in cancer screenings and addiction treatment, as well as mental health ramifications from unemployment, have added to indirect death and suffering.” [Texas Tribune, 5/6/20]

HEADLINE: “We need herd immunity”: U.S. Rep. Chip Roy of Texas says Americans can't wait for a vaccine to return to normalcy. [Texas Tribune, 5/6/20]

Roy Criticized “Free People Wait[ing] Around For One Unelected Doctor To Tell Us When We Are ‘Safe.’” “Why do free people wait around for one unelected doctor to tell us when we are “safe?” Especially when many experts have differing opinions, data show half of deaths are nursing homes, kids largely spared, & lockdown has arguably made worse. Cc: @realDonaldTrump @LetAmericaOpen” [Chip Roy via Twitter, 5/12/20]

Roy’s Criticism Occurred During A Senate Hearing With Dr. Fauci. [C-SPAN, 5/12/20]

Roy Tweeted Coverage Of The Hearing, Posting A Daily Caller Tweet Quoting Sen. Rand Paul Saying, “As Much As I Respect You, Dr. Fauci, I Don’t Think You’re The End All.”
Roy Cast Doubt On Data From The NIH And CDC. “Some really smart Oxford epidemiologists offer some clarity on the virus - there are a lot of very clear-headed, smart folks out there (in USA & out) with varying views well beyond what Americans have been fed from NIH & CDC. @realdonaldtrump & Congress should present these.” [Chip Roy via Twitter, 7/20/20]

Roy Called For Giving Americans “The Truth” And Data About The Virus. “#UnleashAmerica: 1) Give Americans truth/data about the virus & we’ll beat it, 2) Restore Jobs: stand-alone vote on extension of PPP, & end job-killing federal UI increase, 3) Open schools or direct those dollars to parents, 4) cut taxes, & 5) make regulation freezes permanent.” [Chip Roy via Twitter, 7/20/20]

Roy Suggested COVID-19 Fatality Data Was Being Inflated.
Chip Roy via Twitter, 7/24/20

Roy Touted The Effectiveness Of Hydroxychloroquine.
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“I’m not a doctor - but this is a Yale professor of epidemiology & it cites legitimization studies of benefits of EARLY use of HCQ. Why is this political? Why do some choose to decide life/death issues because @realDonaldTrump said positive things about a potential treatment?” [Chip Roy via Twitter, 7/22/20]
The FDA Revoked The Emergency Use Authorization That Allowed Hydroxychloroquine To Be Used To Treat COVID-19, Saying It Was “Unlikely To Be Effective In Treating COVID-19” And Cited “Ongoing Serious Cardiac Adverse Events And Other Potential Serious Side Effects.” “Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revoked the emergency use authorization (EUA) that allowed for chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate donated to the Strategic National Stockpile to be used to treat certain hospitalized patients with COVID-19 when a clinical trial was unavailable, or participation in a clinical trial was not feasible. The agency determined that the legal criteria for issuing an EUA are no longer met. Based on its ongoing analysis of the EUA and emerging scientific data, the FDA determined that chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are unlikely to be effective in treating COVID-19 for the authorized uses in the EUA. Additionally, in light of ongoing serious cardiac adverse events and other potential serious side effects, the known and potential benefits of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine no longer outweigh the known and potential risks for the authorized use.”

Roy Supported Doctors Speaking Out Against Social Distancing.
Roy Said He Didn’t Need To Wear A Mask But Those At Risk Should Wear Masks. [00:17:57] Q: “So now the point is, you don't feel like today that you necessarily have to wear a mask all the time because you’re a cancer survivor and you don't think that that's necessarily required by either public policy or public health? ROY: “No. But what I would say is, for example, one of my staff's mothers just just finished treatment and got through cancer several. So she's staying removed. And I would wear a mask were I her. My dad is 77 and a polio survivor. I encourage them. He might in my moms wear masks and they've been largely removed. I do. I tend to believe that it's a mix. You know, we've seen some downsides. Guy got in a wreck because he was wearing a ninety five mask and deprive himself of some oxygen while driving his car. We ought to just use common sense judgment here. But for the most part, that's what people do. And by the way, different restaurants and different businesses can change their rules. So I went into one place, Graceland barbecue going out to 90. If you go out there, they require a mask.” [Texas Tribune via YouTube, 5/6/20]

Roy Said COVID-19 Was “All About Reclaiming Power In November” And “I Think On November 4, There’ll Be A Magic Awakening On How We Suddenly Beat The Virus.” [41:39] ROY: “I think we need this desperately to shine a light on the absolute fraud that is being perpetrated on the American people of fear. We are literally, purposefully allowing the government...we are purposely causing fear among the American people in by virtue of the actions or inactions of our government leaders and allowing the media to spin up that fear. That is unfortunate, and it is costing lives. And it is costing economic activity. It is costing jobs. It is costing mental health. And it’s frankly undermining our national security and health of our nation. And frankly, I don’t think that’s [inaudible]. I think that is by design. It is all about November and all about reclaiming power in November, and I think on November 4, there’ll be a magic awakening on how we suddenly beat the virus.” [Steve Deace Show via YouTube, 7/28/20]

HEADLINE: San Antonio Congressman Chip Roy Says the COVID Pandemic Is a Hoax Meant to Hurt the GOP. [San Antonio Current, 7/30/20]
Roy Said Kids Are “Not In Danger” From COVID-19. “Our kids’ school in Texas will be expanding outdoor classes as it opens. Of course we can adapt, but regardless, the current data is clear - according to reputable studies & epidemiologists - kids are not in danger, 0/little evidence kids transmit to adults, & schools can open.” [Chip Roy via Twitter, 7/22/20]