



## Comment on the Commentary of the Day

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Editor, Washington Post  
1150 15th St., NW  
Washington, DC 20071

Dear Editor:

George Will explains that Obamacare's enormous tax hike on producers of medical equipment will discourage the production of such equipment in America ("Taxing jobs out of existence," May 10). That members of the Obama administration and Congress apparently failed to see what should be obvious is evidence that

the atmosphere stirred up by politics - and fanned further by the power to spend other people's money - is blinding. Sadly, it's always been so. H.L. Mencken observed 76 years ago that "Everybody has been thought of by the young pedagogues save the poor fellow who, in the long run, will have to pay the bills. Every sort of misfit and lazybones has been taken care of, but not the man who takes care of himself." [H.L. Mencken, "The Combat Joins," (originally published on July 6, 1936), in Mencken, On Politics: A Carnival of

Buncombe (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996 [1956]), p. 318]

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Friends,

Recently I sat down with my good friends at Reason's Washington office to talk about my forthcoming book. The result is this 7-minute-long interview:

<http://reason.com/blog/2012/05/08/cafe-hayeks-don-boudreaux-brings-sanity>