Answer(s):

• Are you kidding me?

• NO. At least, not until November, 2012

• And Then, ONLY if Obama wins re-election, Dems hold 45 Senate seats or regain the House, AND SCOTUS says mandate OK

• Assuming all this happens…
December 2012

- Serious negotiations will begin
  - MANY will then want reform to work
  - All but the most ideological governors
  - Most health plans you can name
  - Hospitals
  - Physician leaders
  - Smarter large employers
  - Moderate R people will want reform to work
What “making Reform work” looks like

• More State flexibility

• Acknowledge local R’s need to modify PPACA

• Acknowledge legitimate criticisms of PPACA

• Stick to overall goals of PPACA, which are laudable and defensible
What will be on table

• Budget failsafe, strengthened IPAB
• Transparency on steroids
• Malpractice reform
• More State flexibility on:
  ➢ Essential benefits package
  ➢ Putting folks above poverty into exchange
  ➢ Medicaid benefit packages and networks
  ➢ Trust but verify
IF Supreme says no federal mandate

- Cato will have a big party
- If Obama still wins:
  - Insurers will say no guaranteed issue without major league “plan B” to insure balanced risk pools
  - We’ll have an adult conversation about the kind of insurance markets we really want
  - We might get well funded high risk pools
- If Obama loses…
Republicans will reveal their plan
I’ll follow Stuart in his tri-corner hat…