Now The GOP Insists That 'Obamacare' Mandate Be Delayed For One Year. The Calendar Reveals Why.

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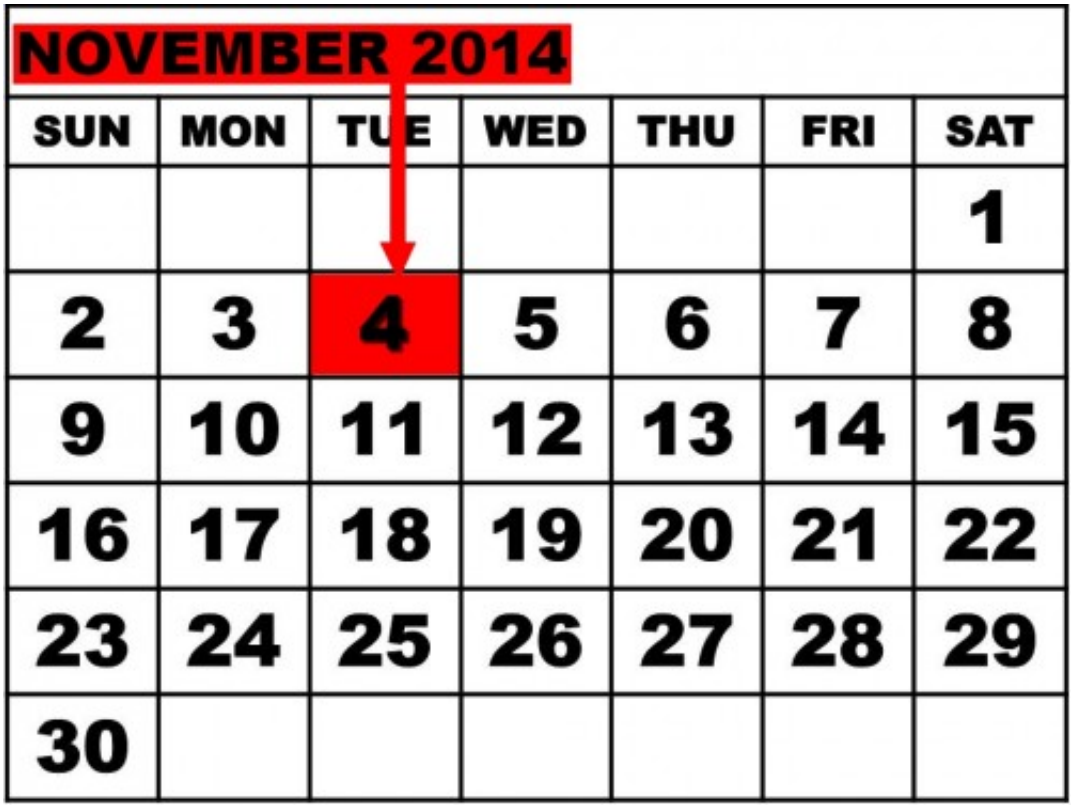
What if you gave a government and no one showed up? Welcome to Fiscal Year 2014!

Last night's shiny new GOP "noprosal" for funding the government included some new provisions, notably the scheme to delay the 'Obamacare' individual mandate for one year. This, of course, would allow GOP candidates to continue their hammering on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) until election day 2014. They'd go stumping, citing the ACA's failures which, since it would lack the mandate their current proposal, if enacted, would cause, would prove to be a self-fulfilling prophesy whose circular reasoning might remain invisible to many voters, theirs

anyway.

The Republican't party cannot afford to allow what they really do *know*, that once the ACA is up and running it will prove itself to have successfully addressed many problems that rankle most of us: preexisting conditions, affordability, and underserved populations. It's no silver bullet for all that ails the health care system, but it's a great start.

Many believe the Republican'ts do not understand that the ACA will succeed, if, as I say, only fitfully and over time measured in years. Desperate Republican'ts must appear to succeed among their constituencies and, perhaps most of all, among their donors. They need and want a "mulligan" on the issue, one that lasts until election day 2014.