



# Tea party guest blasts 'Obamacare'

Chicago insurance broker decries the health care law as 99% bad.

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Douglas Butzier (left), of Dubuque, talks to Steven Tucker before a tea party gathering at Dubuque's Best Western Hotel.

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About 45 people showed up Thursday night at the Symposium Room at Dubuque's Best Western Hotel to see and hear Chicago health and life insurance broker Steven Tucker give his take on the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or, as he and many others call it, Obamacare.

Part of a Dubuque Tea Party-sponsored series called No Citizen Left Behind, Tucker was introduced by local organizer Marcel Didier, an adjunct instructor at the University of Dubuque. But Didier's first order of business was to distance the tea party from the Occupy Wall Street Groups around the country.

"Occupy groups are of the radical left," he said. "And my definition of the bunch I've seen in New York is equivalent to 'community organizers gone wild'"

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A smiling, dapper Tucker took the stage and the mostly older attendees from Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois paid close attention as he gave example after example of instances wherein he feels the new health care legislation will, in fact, be detrimental to U.S. citizens, particularly the elderly who use Medicare.

He pulled no punches, saying that "99 percent of Obamacare is bad, but there are a few things that are good. And when they did those things they did them the wrong way."

Shortly before un-scrolling untold pages of federal regulations controlling health insurance, Tucker was clear in his message.

"President Obama has lied many times to the American people about our health care industry and especially about health insurance," he said.

Not laying the entire health care issue on the president's White House steps, Tucker referred to Massachusetts and the health care laws it passed under then-governor Mitt Romney as "Taxachusetts."

"Taxachusetts passed the worst piece of health care legislation the world has ever known," Tucker intoned, showing no fear of hyperbole. "And our seniors are under great duress under Obamacare."

One of the local organizers stood in the back, nodding in agreement as Tucker spoke, TEAPARTY tooled into the back of his brown leather belt. After an hour, Tucker finished, to light applause.

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