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New Survey Latest Rebuttal to Sebelius 'Speculation' Theory

Finds 41 percent of surveyed small businesses have frozen hiring because of ObamaCare

WASHINGTON, D.C. – “Speculation.” That’s how Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius [described](http://edworkforce.house.gov/Components/Redirect/r.aspx?ID=340882-45184922) (<http://edworkforce.house.gov/Components/Redirect/r.aspx?ID=340882-45184922>) concerns about ObamaCare’s impact on workers and employers. According to the secretary, the law is still being implemented and there is nothing to fear until next year. Unfortunately, the secretary’s flawed theory stands in sharp contrast to the harsh reality reported across the country. A new survey is the latest proof ObamaCare is already hurting small businesses and destroying jobs. As [CNBC reports](http://edworkforce.house.gov/Components/Redirect/r.aspx?ID=340883-45184922) (<http://edworkforce.house.gov/Components/Redirect/r.aspx?ID=340883-45184922>):

Small business owners' fear of the effect of the new health-care reform law on their bottom line is prompting many to hold off on hiring and even to shed jobs in some cases, a recent poll found...

Forty-one percent of the businesses surveyed have frozen hiring because of the health-care law known as Obamacare. And almost one-fifth—19 percent— answered "yes" when asked if they had "reduced the number of employees you have in your business as a specific result of the Affordable Care Act."

The poll was taken by 603 owners whose businesses have under \$20 million in annual sales. Another 38 percent of the small business owners said they "have pulled back on their plans to grow their business" because of Obamacare.

Those are "some pretty startling answers," [Attorney Steven] Friedman said.

"To think that [nearly] 20 percent of small businesses have already reduced the numbers they have in their business because they're concerned about the medical coverage is significant, and a bit troubling," Friedman said.

Troubling indeed, especially with nearly 12 million Americans searching for work. Job creators and workers are facing the realities of ObamaCare; isn't it time the Obama administration did the same?

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