Census Change Keeps Obamacare Impact Hidden

How has Obamacare impacted the uninsured rate? The federal government has no idea. That’s because the U.S. Census Bureau has overcounted the uninsured for years and changed their methodology right before the first Obamacare enrollment period. As a result, there will only be one year of pre-Obamacare data to compare with the years to follow.

Because of when the change was made, the Census Bureau says it will be difficult to determine how much of the change can be attributed to Obamacare. As one perturbed reporter exclaimed last year, “Altering the questions right now so that we can’t measure what’s going on is terrible.” True. But for the Obama administration, it could be terribly convenient.
