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America was tired of George W. Bush. But the increasingly frequent missteps of the Obama administration start to indicate the problem may in fact be a vast and unwieldy federal bureaucracy over which no one man has substantial control.

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And paying for all this by levying crippling taxes on small businesses already afraid to make new hires?

This far-left agenda is not popular. Attempting to ram any more of it down the throats of America between now and November may or may not be the kind of electoral suicide pact most Democratic lawmakers welcome. We'll see.

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