

## *Astroturf Lament*

“Tea-baggers  
Evil Mongers  
Angry Mobs  
Astroturf...”

Ah, the names we are called  
Nothing personal, just politics

I've never spoken to a lobbyist  
Never been paid to attend a Tea Party  
Never threatened anyone

The tactics  
of which you accuse us  
are your own

This hypocrisy  
more than anything  
almost  
has caused millions of people to take to the streets  
Folks who've never protested anything  
We're as grass roots as it gets

Sorry you feel your people can't handle  
debate point by point  
Because if the proposed health reforms  
aren't good enough for Congress or the President  
then it's pretty obvious  
more discussion is needed

We're talking issues  
and citing real problems with policies  
that seek to dismantle  
the greatest experiment in self-governance  
yet contrived by mankind

We don't hate you  
despite all the hatred directed towards us  
That our Patriotic Concern  
is so contemptible to you  
could wring blood from a stone.