

Have Democrats exploited Zika for political purposes?

The Zika virus is only beginning to hit the U.S. mainland, but its political exploitation is already an epidemic.

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About 6,400 cases of Zika have been confirmed in the U.S. and its territories...The White House that is responsible for public health is trying to blame Congress while ducking its own failures. "The keys here are sitting with Congress, and they have to turn them to unleash more federal funding," White House press secretary Eric Schultz said.

He should talk to [Harry Reid](#) and Chuck Schumer because Senate Democrats blocked Zika funding. The Administration in February requested \$1.9 billion for Zika research, education and prevention.

But Senate Democrats blocked the conference report, inventing the excuse that the bill banned funding for Planned Parenthood, restricted access to birth control and gutted the Clean Water Act. None of this is true.

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Democrats are calling Republicans obstructionists in hopes that frustration with government and an anti-Trump wave will deliver them the Senate...But the root cause of Washington's Zika pathology is Democrats who are exploiting the virus to score political points.

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