

Congressman Pence [appeared](#) on CNN's "State of the Union" with John King yesterday to discuss the situation in Iran, healthcare reform and runaway federal spending:

**On Iran:**

"First and foremost, we need to take a half step back from this administration's olive branch-and-apology approach to enemies and countries that have been hostile to the United States of America and our allies."

**On Public Option for Health Insurance:**

"The government competes in the private sector the way an alligator competes with a duck...If you introduce a government-funded option into the private health insurance industry, millions and millions of Americans will lose their current health insurance because their employers will simply either choose to discontinue coverage or you'll see health insurance companies out across the country say, 'We can't compete with Uncle Sam.'"

**On Runaway Federal Spending:**

"The answer to following an administration that doubled the national debt is not tripling the national debt in the next ten years."