

# Why Everybody has a Right to Health Care

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Claim: There is almost no area in which the government offers a good or service cheaper or abundantly than private markets

Support: despite what we often hear, health care is hardly a “free market”. The U.S. government spends more on healthcare per capita than all but three countries in the world. Indeed, nearly half of all our healthcare dollars are spent by the government. It’s no wonder costs have spiraled out of control.

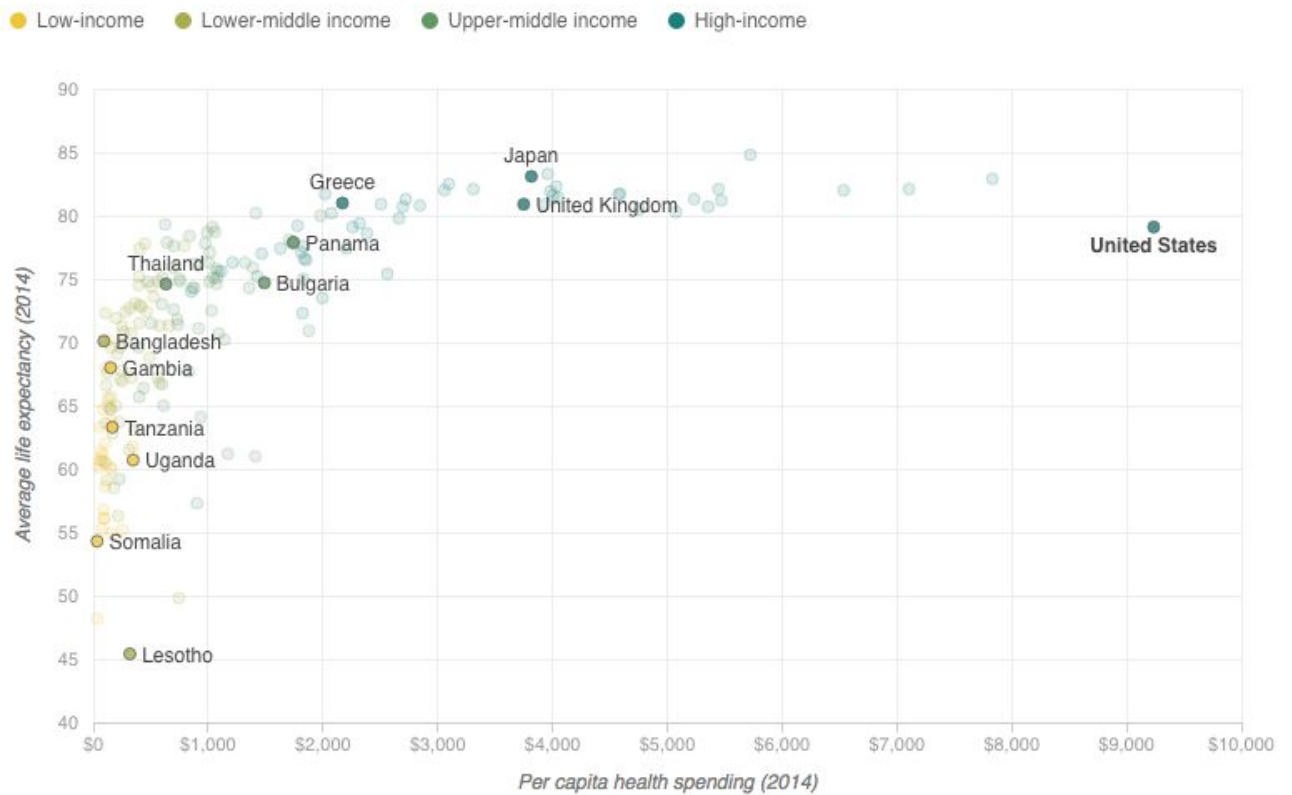
What I think:

We spend so much money on other things like the military in America where there is 700 billion dollar put towards the military each year. To keep Americans safe we have to spend a lot of money on services. The average American spends about \$10,000 on health care, whereas other countries with almost identical health care coverage companies only pay half of what we pay. Why is this? Well, in America we have a lot of private insurance companies with the sole purpose to make money. If we didn’t have private companies taking money from the government, then health care costs would be half of what they are today. This is where the writer is correct. Half of the government funds are being taken by private companies. We have to stop giving money to private companies. If we want to cut costs of health care we shouldn’t just get rid of health care. Instead, perhaps get rid of private insurance companies that are more costly to the government than government insurance.

Even though we spend a lot of money for the health of American people, we are still the most profitable country in the world. Clearly this system is working. If we stopped providing health care it would destabilize the country, which would cause huge problems to the wealth of the country as well as the health of the people inside the country.

I decided to look a into the writer of the text, David Weinberger, who has had multiple treatments for back pain which are estimated to cost the government a lot more than the \$10,000 that the average American uses of health care. So, if there was no healthcare in America, then David Weinberger would have had to spend a lot of money out of his pocket to pay for his medical expense. So, he has no grounds to say that we shouldn’t have to pay so much for health care when he has spent more money on his treatment than he has paid in health care funds to the government.

## Per Capita, U.S. Spends Far More Than Other Countries With Similar Life Expectancy



This is a diagram on how much america spends per person for health care, this is because of private insurance companies taking money from the government

Claim: Government's first purpose is to secure these natural rights, but just because our rights are secured by the government, it doesn't follow that they must provided by the government.

Support: The Declaration of Independence announced that all men are created equal. And every individual has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". This means that while it is correct to suggest that people have the a right to food, it is incorrect to say that the state must provide it.

The writer needs to understand that the Declaration of Independence was written a long time ago and a lot of the things that were in the Declaration have be changed or have even become illegal. When the Declaration was first made in 1776, it allowed people to own slaves. Most of the founding fathers had slaves, and we are saying these people are role models that we follow. It is now completely illegal to own slaves. Just to think the writer believes we should follow whatever the Declaration says.

The writer even included this statement from the Declaration of Independence “all men are created equal. And every individual has the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness”. This famous statement is sexist saying “all men” because at that time women were not equal and barely had any rights. Whereas today, we treat everyone equally. We can’t just live by those literal words of the founding fathers or our world would be chaos. We have to change the way things are to make a better society. Today, we have to do what is right for the country, providing people with these basic human rights is what people want and need in our current society, so relying on something someone said 300 years ago will lead us to nowhere. As well, to have pursuit of happiness we still have to be alive and cared for. If you say these are human rights, but then you do not provide them to people, then what good does having human rights do?

Claim: Our rights to liberty and life we have the right to keep what we make, which brings us to the heart of what is wrong with declaring health care out of nowhere and with no justification in natural law or natural rights a human right.

Support: While in a sense we have a right to medical care (which is rightly no one in the U.S. is refused in an emergency), we process it only as a mean to an end (the right to life), not as an end itself. Making it an end a “human right” signifies that the government must provide health care. The result is a betrayal of both natural law and sound public policy.

The writer believes that it is not human nature to provide care to someone. He says “human right signifies that the government must provide health care. This result is a betrayal of both natural law and sound public policy” Natural law means human nature, everyone's human nature is to help people no matter how many people think other. Why else do you think we are here on the world, just to live (not care about anyone) then die? No matter what religion you believe in, we all know we should care for others, and help others. The fact that he says providing people with health care would betray our human nature is absolutely crazy.

In general providing people with health care is something that would save lives and it could increase taxes, but to compare saving lives to money, we all know what is more important. Could you imagine if you had cancer and you went to the hospital and they made you pay \$100,000 dollars for treatment? I just can’t wrap my head around how the writer can care more about a percentage of tax than millions of lives. We all know what's best for America and how we need health care in order to keep America a safe and healthy place.