

# HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH POLICY

Commemorating the Influenza Pandemic 1918-1919

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## Possible Topics

- Health care (and health care insurance)
- Opioid crisis
- Trump's "such great health care, at a tiny fraction of the cost" vs. Obama's Affordable Care Act
- Tax cuts for the wealthy vs. reducing the escalating deficit by cutting Medicare and Medicaid
- Expanding Medicaid
- Rural health (is telemedicine sufficient?)
- Suicide cause and prevention
- Taxing sanitary products and food
- Native American health care
- Genetic counseling
- Increase in sexually transmitted diseases (STD)
- Surface water contamination from agri-pollution
- Mental health diagnosis and treatment
- Immigration policy and care for the elderly
- Income inequality and well-being
- Poverty and health
- "Sick society"
- Cults — social and political mind control
- Status anxiety leading to depression, narcissism, and schizophrenia
- Gun violence
- Mental health
- Sexual abuse
- Post-traumatic stress (PTS)
- Government reliance on gaming industry for revenue
- Gambling addiction
- Diabetes prevention, treatment, and research
- Women's health and choice (free birth control)
- Omaha vs. Wichita: health-care visions of Warren Buffet vs. Charles and David Koch
- Escalating drug costs and pharmaceutical benefit managers (PBMs)
- Physical health and financial health

- “The doctor is in: the physician assistant, nurse, or intern will see you now” (physician shortage)
- “Your privilege to ride without a motorcycle helmet vs. my rising insurance premiums” (the price of freedom?)
- “Sin” taxes on alcohol and cigarettes, but what about sugary drinks, junk food, and other highly processed foods? (obesity epidemic)
- Mandatory auto insurance but not mandatory health insurance — why the disconnect?
- Insuring for pre-existing conditions
- Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses
- “The next pandemic is already here”
- Assisted suicide (death with dignity?)
- Medicare-for-All vs. corporate welfare/socialism