

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Insurance profits make us **SICK.**

Healthcare is a national crisis.

- 50 million Americans have no insurance or access to medical care and, with the economic crisis, this number is skyrocketing.
- 20,000 (probably more) die each year due to lack of health care.
- Millions suffer disability and chronic conditions that would have been prevented by access to adequate health care.
- Millions who have health insurance are denied necessary care by their insurers.
- Health care bills (of people who HAVE health insurance) are the single highest reason for filing bankruptcy in the U.S.
- Untreated disease and injuries hurt those who do have access to healthcare and make us more vulnerable to pandemics.

Health Insurance Corporations contribute to the economic crisis and perpetuate war.

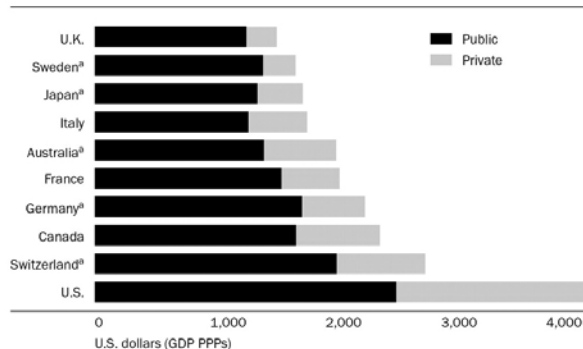
The health insurance industry is a powerful player in the corporate greed and gambling game that has led to America's economic collapse. Insurance companies collude with profiteers in investment schemes, secret deals and other shady wealth-building capital ventures.

Insurance companies realize a huge share of their profits from war manufacturers and contractors other others that promote military spending for corporate profits.

Americans pay for National health care, but don't get it.

Americans pay more per capita for health by far than any nation that has national health care for all. Most first-world, industrialized nations already have national health care, and they pay far less for health care than we do.

France, Italy, Canada, and Great Britain are among them. Except for a few elective procedures, they wait less time than we do for medical treatment.



The health industry cares about profits not about us.

Coverage by health insurers is based on profitability not on providing health care for those who need it. The industry makes its profits by only insuring those their research predicts will remain healthy and by increasingly denying coverage to those who do or might get sick.

- 20-40% of every health care dollar goes to profits and overhead and things other than anyone's healthcare.

- Precious health care dollars are wasted on symbols of wealth like private jets to skyscrapers to capital investments.



The Health Insurance Industry lies to us.

Lobbyists with outrageous salaries are paid to lie to you about national health care to keep protect their own interests. The truth is:

- Nations with national healthcare are as efficient as ours.
- National healthcare will ultimately create more jobs . They just won't be in the health insurance industry.
- No one will have less ability to choose a doctor or wait significantly longer for medical procedures with a single-payer healthcare plan.
- Mainstream media and members of congress are financially controlled by insurance lobbyists, campaign contributions, and advertising revenue.

We CAN do something about it.

Every American should get the same health care regardless of their ability to pay for it. If we can provide the same highways and same fire department for all, we can provide the same health care for all.

Single-payer healthcare is the viable way out of the crisis.

Single-payer healthcare (H.R. 676) cuts out the middle man (i.e. the health insurance industry) and earmarks all healthcare dollars in one public fund to be used for healthcare only. Experts (and even Presidents Clinton and Obama) have agreed it's our best option, but claim the public doesn't have the political will to make it happen. Let's prove them wrong and demand equal health care for all.

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