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The present healthcare system condemns around 30 thousand people each year to an early death because they are either uninsured or under insured. Lancet reports that 60,000 victims of Covid-19 could have been saved with Universal Healthcare.

I have suffered the loss of a 32 year old niece because of poverty and lack of insurance.

The benefits of Universal Health far outweigh the harm ( I don't know of any harm ) of Private coverage.

No one goes bankrupt due to medical expenses

All health is covered: Vision, Hearing, Dental, and Primary Healthcare for everyone regardless of wealth or income

Postponement of Medical service is a personal choice, not a systemic determination.

Medical costs are reduced due the reduction of expensive administrative costs and exorbitant CEO pay. Currently our medical costs are twice what residents in other OECD countries pay.

Administrative costs for private insurance is 12-18% vs. administrative costs for Social Security at 1%.

According to PBS, "the US spent \$8,233per person in 2010. Norway, the Netherlands and Switzerland are the next highest spenders but in the same year they all spent at least \$3,000 less per person". Do we want our medical decisions made by Medical Doctors trying to improve the health of the patient or by agents maximizing profits for share holders.

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