MONEY is the only way to get Healthcare in United States
Healthcare Only if You Can Afford to pay for it

No real healthcare system in the United States. There is only a for-profit insurance system
Health INSURANCE is NOT HealthCARE

Insurance is based on ability to

1. Pay Monthly premium to for profit company AND
2. Pay Co pay at point of service AND
3. Pay Annual Deductible of up to $10,000.00US
30 MILLION in US with no insurance

71 MILLION underinsured: People who HAVE paid for their health insurance premiums but cannot seek medical care because they cannot afford the deductibles and copays.
NO Cost Controls on Insurance Companies

- Insurance premiums go up EVERY year
- More than 65% of all Bankruptcies are due to Medical Costs
- Workers have less take-home pay - employer based rising insurance costs are passed on to employees
- People must choose between Healthcare and rent or food
- The most marginalized populations suffer the most
HEALTHCARE IS

Ability for all ethnicities and economic stratas to access:

1. Preventative Care
2. Care for any medical condition- including mental health
3. Long term care
4. Ability to get well and stay well while being able to buy food and pay rent
Populations who cannot freely access HealthCARE

1. African Americans
2. Indigenous peoples
3. Differently abled people
4. LGBTQ people
5. Women - particularly for reproductive rights
6. Immigrants
7. Economically disadvantaged workers and others
Pandemic has Illustrated Systemic Marginalization of Minorities in United States

1. Racial inequities are evident in those who are getting sick and dying in larger proportion than whites.
2. Economic inequities are evident as those who are high income or have higher paying jobs are not getting sick or dying at the same rate as those who are near poverty level.
3. Immigrants are suffering at higher rates than non-immigrants.
WHAT to DO ?? We NEED your Help!

1. Recommend US Healthcare be treated as an actual right- not dependent upon race or economic or citizenship status
2. Recommend US establish create national legislation to provide health CARE to all residents of the country through public funding
3. Ensure public funding of the system is progressive; taxation based upon economic status.
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