

Health Care

So much is made about whether health care should be a necessity and the costs and benefits of creating a national health care system. The debate can be centered upon ethical issues as well as economical feasibility. I would agree in someone saying that economically we are taking a huge step that can have a huge impact upon the rest of American society. A lot of costs are uncertain and numbers vague, which make me very weary.

But then I thought of the kids I grew up with who didn't have health care, how my neighbor would be out of school for a week or more because he couldn't afford to go to the doctors to get the right antibiotics. And if it wasn't him it was one of his brothers and sisters. I think about the amount of work I can miss while being sick for a couple days here and cringe. There are some students who cannot afford to miss weeks of school, as it sets them behind when they need all the help they can get to pass. We talked a lot about education the week before, but never considered the impact our health care system could have on it. It is the same case for a lot of issues. Being sick simply stops you from being a functional member of society for a little while. And while we as a nation try to close the gap and help those that need it most in many different ways, it seems like health care should be the biggest issue, because it certainly is for those who need it.

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