

# Obama's healthcare reform is disguised socialized medicine

## It will result in long waits for healthcare, bad healthcare, your doctor rendered powerless and denial of healthcare - especially for senior citizens

### The healthcare reform top 10 lies versus the truth

By the U.S. Citizens Association

Barack Obama and the Democrats have been spreading many lies to the public concerning their proposed healthcare reform, House bill HR 3200. It is disguised socialized medicine. Here are their top 10 lies, and the truth for each.

**LIE 1: U.S. healthcare is much more expensive than those countries with socialized medicine.**

**THE TRUTH:** You get what you pay for. U.S. healthcare is far superior to countries with socialized medicine. The U.S. healthcare industry makes nearly all of the advancements in healthcare in the world. Some of these advancements, if they are not too expensive, are then used by countries with socialized medicine without having to pay for the research. When you consider all of the extra taxes citizens have to pay in socialized medicine countries, their healthcare actually costs more than that in the U.S.

**LIE 2: Countries with socialized medicine have better healthcare and their citizens live longer lives.**

**THE TRUTH:** The U.S. healthcare system is far superior to countries with socialized medicine. The National Center for Policy Analysis found that in the United States cancer survival rates dwarf those in socialized medicine countries. American women have a 63 percent survival rate of at least five years after diagnosis, compared to 56 percent for European women. American men have a five year survival rate of 66 percent; European men only 47 percent. Great Britain, which has a 50-year-old government run, universal healthcare system, is even worse. British men have a five year survival rate of only 45 percent, women 53 percent.

Those in favor of universal healthcare for Americans often cite Canada as the model. They should look closer. In Canada, the survival rate for all cancers among women is only 58 percent, compared to 61 percent of American women. Canadian men have a 53 percent survival rate, compared to 57 percent of men in the United States.

In the United States, 85 percent of women age 25 to 64 have regular pap smears, compared to only 58 percent in Great Britain. The same is true for mammograms. In the United States, 84 percent of women age 50-64 get them regularly, which is a higher percentage than Australia, Canada or New Zealand and much higher than the 63 percent of British women.

Also, the figures cited by Barack Obama and others concerning length of life of socialized medicine countries versus the U.S. do not account for the fact that the U.S. has much higher auto accident rates and homicide rates than those other countries, which if excluded, would result in the U.S. having a much higher length of life average.

**LIE 3: You will get to keep your doctor.**

**THE TRUTH:** If you get to keep your doctor (likely you will not), he or she will be rendered powerless because bureaucrats in Washington will determine what type of treatment you can get. With socialized medicine, many doctors will change careers and many more will refuse to enter the profession, cre-

## The truth about socialized medicine from a British government official who has lived under socialized medicine for 38 years

Exclusive interview with Lance Davis, Executive Director of the U.S. Citizens Association

**Q: Barack Obama wants to provide nationalized healthcare for the United States. Now, you have had nationalized healthcare in Great Britain and nationalized healthcare in Canada. In your opinion, what is the benefit to the American people with nationalized healthcare?**

**HANNAN:** We've had nationalized healthcare in the U.K. since 1944 when it was brought in, and it was brought in, by the way, at a time of massive state control of everything because we were in the middle of the Second World War. I mean, it's incredible that you are seriously thinking of bringing it in now at a time when people have seen that the government isn't really the solution to these things.

What's the experience that we've had in Britain of state healthcare? Well, the most striking thing is that it involves a lot of rationing



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by queue. If you need a hip replacement, come back next November. You need a particular kind of drug, I'm sorry it's not available, it will be too expensive. You have no choice as a consumer, you have no ability as a patient to shop around.

**Q: Your healthcare system, the NHS, has basi-**

cally a group of government bureaucrats who decide which patients will get drugs and treatment. Is that a natural consequence, once nationalized healthcare is in play?

**HANNAN:** If you have a nationalized healthcare system, somebody has got to allocate resources. And if it is done by the government, then the only way of doing it is rationing by queue, or simply by withdrawing drugs or withdrawing medication that would be deemed too expensive. We have a body in the United Kingdom that's known as the National Institute for Clinical Excellence. It's not even elected, it's not even politicians, it's utterly unaccountable. And this committee, this bureaucracy, makes literally life or death decisions. It tells you whether you can get your breast cancer treated, or whether you can get the right kind of medication for your heart disease or stroke or whatever it is. And if you don't like it, there's nothing you can do about it.

**Q: President Obama wants a public option that he says will only compete with private insurers. Isn't that how Canada started, and do you think that would eventually lead to a single payer healthcare system in the United States?**

**HANNAN:** My understanding is that the Canadians began with something similar to what is being proposed in the U.S. In other words, that there would be just one government option next to all the others. But, of course, once you start down that road, you take on a momentum. And once it's been backed by the taxpayer and the other one isn't, that is not a fair and competitive market for the others. Eventually, the private providers get completely squeezed out. You end up effectively with a state monopoly. It is at that stage that the standards really start dropping, because at that stage there's no competition, there's nothing the patients can do about it.

**Q: Knowing what your**

country knows now about nationalized healthcare, would the citizens go down that road again?

**HANNAN:** It's almost unthinkable that we would begin with a National Health System again, knowing what we now know about it. Now you might say, then, why do we keep it? Why do we keep this extraordinary thing when we can see that it is failing, that it has waiting lists, that it has rationing, and thousands of people every year are dying in hospitals because they're picking up conditions that were unrelated to the ailment that they went in to have treated. Why would any rational, sane people cling to such a system? The answer is, once you get a system like this, it is almost impossible to get rid of it because so many people then have a vested interest in the status quo.

**NOTICE: The above was a part of the interview. To see the entire interview on video, log on to [www.USCitizensAssociation.com](http://www.USCitizensAssociation.com).**

ating a shortage of doctors.

**LIE 4: High healthcare insurance rates are caused by greedy insurance companies.**

**THE TRUTH:** Most insurance companies make very little profit on healthcare. They provide it so that people will buy their other more profitable types of insurance.

The biggest factors contributing to the cost of healthcare are trial lawyers and the fact that government will not let individuals purchase their own healthcare and deduct it from their taxes. They will also not let healthcare insurance be portable. Obama and the Democrats will not engage in tort reform to reduce the cost of these lawyers because trial lawyers are one of their major contributors. Healthcare costs could immediately be lowered through tort reform, tax deductible individual purchases of health insurance, and portability of health insurance. This would create free market competition and costs would tumble.

**LIE 5: Healthcare will be free and everyone will get it.**

**THE TRUTH:** Healthcare will not be free and many people will not get healthcare. Socialized medicine, because of inefficiencies of government, will create huge tax increases for everyone far beyond the cost they are paying now with their insurance premiums. Every country with socialized medicine has experienced this fact. If you do get healthcare, it will be poor. And you will be denied the best drugs and treatments if they are too expensive.

When healthcare is free, the system is overwhelmed with unnecessary healthcare requests. Healthcare must then be rationed and there are long waits. Many people are denied healthcare, especially senior citizens and those with the worst diseases. The government will determine what value your life is to the nation and give health-

care to those who are younger or healthier, and the rest will be left to die.

**LIE 6: This healthcare reform will include a public option only to create competition.**

**THE TRUTH:** The public option is government run healthcare insurance. The government can tax, print money, make laws, regulate and does not have to make a profit. That's like having the referees be part of one of the football teams in a game. Private healthcare insurance will soon be run out of business. This will leave only the government to provide healthcare insurance which will result in socialized medicine. Also, the healthcare bill provides that, if you change your healthcare in the future, you must take the government healthcare insurance. And when the bill is enacted, no one can sign up for private healthcare insurance after that.

**LIE 7: Obama and the Democrats healthcare reform will reduce healthcare costs and not contribute to the deficit.**

**THE TRUTH:** The Congressional Budget Office estimated that this healthcare reform will increase the deficit by over \$500 billion. Other well-respected experts say the actual amount that will be added to the deficit is over \$1.5 trillion. History shows that the government never reduces the cost of anything. The costs are always many times what was predicted, and inefficiencies and corruption always increase costs.

**LIE 8: Illegal aliens will not be covered under Obama's and the Democrat's healthcare reform.**

**THE TRUTH:** Yes, they will. The Democratically-controlled committee voted 28 - 18 to defeat the measure introduced by representative Dean Heller (R-NV) which would have required the use of existing income and eligibility verification system and systematic alien verifi-

cation for entitlement system before any care is given. There are an estimated 12 to 20 million illegal aliens in the U.S. Some notable experts say that there are actually 60 million illegal aliens in the U.S. This alone will dramatically increase the cost of healthcare for all legitimate U.S. citizens.

**LIE 9: Obama and the Democrats healthcare reform will not pay for abortions.**

**THE TRUTH:** Technically, there is nothing in the bill that would specify paying for abortions. This is a trick. Because, by law, if there is nothing in the bill that prohibits paying for abortions, it is considered a medical procedure and it will be funded. Republican efforts to put in an amendment of specific wording that healthcare reform will not pay for abortions was denied by the Democrats many times.

**LIE 10: Over 47 million people do not have healthcare in the U.S.**

**THE TRUTH:** Everyone gets healthcare in the U.S. These 47 million people they are referring to do not have healthcare insurance. Of this 47 million people: 12 to 20 million are illegal aliens, about 16 million are young people who choose not to buy healthcare insurance, about 8 million are people in transition from one job to another who temporarily do not have healthcare insurance and another approximate 8 million are people who are too poor to afford healthcare insurance but for some reason have not signed up for Medicaid. Therefore, there is no crisis of people being without healthcare.

#### Summary:

Prove it to yourself that all of the above is true. Log on to [www.uscitizensassociation.com](http://www.uscitizensassociation.com) and see the entire truth about socialized medicine, House of Representatives bill HR 3200, with all bad parts detailed for you.

Socialized medicine does not benefit the citizens of a nation. It only benefits the socialist government rulers and their friends. It will rob you of your freedom and money while giving Obama and top Democrats more control over you and provide hundreds of thousands of jobs to government employees' unions, which are big campaign contributors.

The way to truly reduce the cost of healthcare and maintain the high quality is this: 1) put a cap on frivolous lawsuits by trial lawyers and penalize filing of frivolous lawsuits by making the loser of the lawsuit pay; 2) allow individuals to optionally pur-

chase their own healthcare insurance and deduct it from their taxes; and 3) allow healthcare insurance to be provided and purchased across state lines.

**You can now do something to counter this effort to impose socialized medicine and change the United States from capitalism to socialism. You can join the U.S. Citizens Association. Your contributions will go to educating the public with truthful information such as that presented above. You will also get information that will make you an Empowered Citizen. See the sign-up form on this page.**

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