



Health & Justice For ALL

As the 2020 presidential election slowly approaching, the people have some issues that they want the candidates to address. The main issue people wanted addressed was healthcare.

The United States relies largely on a direct-fee system, in which patients under 65 (those 65 and older are covered by Medicare) are expected to pay for medical costs themselves, aided by private health insurance, usually through one's employer. 54 percent of Americans have private insurance, either through their employers or from their own resources, 29 percent have some form of public insurance (Medicaid, Medicare, other public), and 16 percent are uninsured. This final percentage amounts to almost 50 million Americans, including 8 million children, who lack health insurance. Their lack of health insurance has deadly consequences because they are less likely to receive preventive health care and care for various conditions and illnesses. For example, because uninsured Americans are less likely than those with private

insurance to receive cancer screenings, they are more likely to be diagnosed with more advanced cancer rather than an earlier stage of cancer.

Source: Problems of Health Care in the United States.

The new widespread epidemic known as the coronavirus has now entered the borders of the U.S. The citizens have some concerns concerning the virus and how it's going to affect us in the long run.

Advocates for Universal Healthcare



Bernie Sanders



Elizabeth Warren

Healthcare and the Economy

Healthcare can cause tremendous problems within our economy when not properly handled. Outbreaks are one key source of our economy declining when healthcare isn't truly watched. Ebola caused major health declines, as well as economic declines. Trade and transportation decreased, tourism declined, the unemployment rate decreased and there was a high fiscal impact for the year. Coronavirus has shown the same major declines within our economy, like demand and supply drop, transportation, and tourism.



> The People Have Spoken

*Differing opinions on healthcare can cause tensions in the US. Here's how locals feel about healthcare and its power in politics.

- Healthcare seems more like it's either life or death, like people have to choose between paying bills or being able to afford medication for their illnesses. It's not really accessible to people barely above the poverty line, since they aren't poor enough to receive government assistance but they live off such little wages, they can't afford healthcare. It's a struggle, a struggle to access the things you need for your health. Healthcare should be expanded, and you shouldn't have to be dirt poor to receive government needed health assistance. The topic was partially addressed when Obama was in office, but with a Republican controlled house and senate, they prevented Obamacare and the expansion of medicare and medicaid to people who needed it. - Ms. Brittany Benjamin
- Healthcare can cause many changes within the US, including how the economy functions and the safety of Americans. Since we are so unprepared for virus outbreaks and deadly illnesses, demands in global industries and the global supply chain are decreasing rapidly. Since more markets and factories in China are closing, less items are getting produced or are being delayed and they then cause pain to our economy. We need to have a better medical infrastructure, that would help hospitals and urgent care facilities run smoothly. We should also do trainings or be precautionary when coming to things like this. The government should be more transparent and honest about diseases and potential outbreaks. - Mr. Steve Rogers
- Within healthcare, people seem to say that there are things that shouldn't be accessed, like abortions. We believe that life begins at conception, so there shouldn't be access to abortions. Abortions should be treated just like murder, it's the same concept. The people who get abortions or perform them should be treated the same as people who kill. Healthcare isn't able to be accessed but abortions are. We should be able to have access to healthcare instead of murdering babes in the womb. - Ms. Allison and Ms. Chelsea