



Key books and films on U.S. health care

BOOKS

The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care by T. R. Reid 2010

Bestselling author and former Washington Post foreign correspondent T. R. Reid visits industrialized democracies around the world including France, Britain, Germany, and Japan to provide a tour of successful, affordable universal health care systems. T. R. serves as Board Chair for the Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care.

American Sickness: How Healthcare Became Big Business and How You Can Take It Back by Elisabeth Rosenthal 2017

Dr. Elisabeth Rosenthal provides a shocking investigation into our dysfunctional healthcare system—and offers practical solutions to its myriad problems.

The ALL NEW Don't Think of an Elephant: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate by George Lakoff 2014

George Lakoff urges progressives to go beyond the typical list of facts, policies, and programs and present a clear moral vision to the country—one that is traditionally American and can become a guide for developing compassionate, effective policy that upholds citizens' wellbeing and freedom, including their right to health care.

The Little Blue Book: The Essential Guide to Thinking and Talking Democratic by George Lakoff /Elisabeth Wehling

Democrats too often failed to use language linking their moral values with their policies. The authors offer hands-on advice for discussing the most pressing issues of our time, including health care, altering the way we think about politics.

FILMS

Sick Around the World – a companion film to the book above **The Healing of America**

www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/ Frontline teams up with T. R. Reid to find out how five other capitalist democracies—the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan, and Switzerland—deliver health care and what the US might learn from their successes and failures.

Fix It Healthcare at The Tipping Point www.fixithealthcare.com A powerful documentary that reaches across the political and ideological divide. It makes the case for business leaders to support major health care reform.

BIG PHARMA: Market Failure www.fixithealthcare.com explores the problem of extreme drug prices in the US and how drug cost impacts the public, businesses, and the overall US economy. It proposes a solution that makes business sense and health sense.

Big Money Agenda: Democracy on the Brink: www.fixithealthcare.com looks at how deregulation, Citizens' United, unscrupulous practices by some corporate lobbyists and dark money undermine U.S. democracy and what we can do about it.

The Healthcare Movie www.thehealthcaremovie.net provides the real story of how the health care systems in Canada and the US evolved to be so completely different, when at one point they were essentially the same. The film reveals the impact on Canadians who now have access to universal health care because of the heroism of people who took a stand nearly 50 years ago.

Now is The Time: Healthcare for Everybody www.nowsthemovie.com While the Affordable Care Act has helped some people, many still feel the pinch of rising costs and narrowing networks. This film tells the story of the dramas, struggles, and successes of the movement towards health care equity.