

Current Issues in Politics and Economics –

Review #2 – The Healthcare Debate

Key Terms – Affordable Care Act (Obama Care), individual mandate, healthcare exchanges, pre-existing conditions, Medicare, Medicaid, PPO, HMO, single payer system, premium, copayment, deductible, socialism, special interest groups, political action committees (PACs), super PACs, lobbying, American Medical Association, “Sicko”

1. How does the United States Healthcare system differ from those in most other industrialized countries such as Canada, France, and Britain?
2. What are the different types of health insurance programs and providers in the United States? What role do employers play in this system?
3. How can the effectiveness of a healthcare system be measured? Explain four different goals of a nation’s healthcare system. How well does the American healthcare system achieve those goals?
4. What are the arguments for and against a single payer healthcare system?
5. What role have special interest groups played in the debate over government run health insurance? How have international and national events and issues impacted the debate over healthcare?

Test Format

- Multiple Choice section – 30 points
- Definitions section – 30 points
- Essay Section – 40 points