

Trump's Pay or Die Healthcare Agenda. Impoverishes American Households, Extends to "Unwanted Aliens"

malicious toward aliens of the wrong color from the wrong countries.

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Trump is an imperial/corporate tool — hostile to ordinary people everywhere, notably

When it comes to healthcare, a fundamental human right, he's for Americans having the best treatment money can buy — based on the ability to pay.

Spiraling healthcare costs in the US are double the annual per capita amount in other developed countries because Washington, under both right wings of the one-party state, is beholden to Big Pharma, insurers, and large hospital chains.

Obamacare made the dysfunctional US system worse, tens of millions of Americans left uninsured, most others underinsured.

Nearly half of US households are hard-pressed to pay for an unexpected \$500 medical expense unless able to get loan help, either repaying it over time or not at all, according to a 2017 study.

Most insured Americans use all or most of their savings to pay medical expenses. A common way to cut costs is by skipping medications, an option jeopardizing health.

Others at times have to choose between paying rent or servicing mortgages or paying medical expenses, an untenable situation.

People of color and unwanted aliens from the wrong countries are the most mistreated and exploited US citizens and residents.

On October 4 by presidential proclamation, Trump suspended entry of unwanted aliens unable to pay for their own healthcare — part of his racist war on people of the wrong color from the wrong countries.

Because of exorbitant/spiraling insurance rates, high co-pays and deductibles, most US households can't afford healthcare the way it should be for everyone — especially if dealing with expensive illnesses.

Doctors increasingly complain about costly and onerous bureaucratic red tape, taking valuable time away from treating patients, what practicing medicine is all about.

Days earlier, **Dr. Michael Walls** addressed the issue, saying the following:

"When I signed my letter of intent to medical school, I signed up to work with patients, not insurance companies."

"I wanted to be part of a team of nurses, doctors, pharmacists, and respiratory therapists — working together to make sick people feel better."

"I soon learned that medicine and health care are two different things."

"Medicine is diagnosing and treating people. Health care is the bureaucracy that prevents physicians, nurses, and all other providers from practicing medicine to the best of their abilities."

"(D)octors everywhere (complain about) being overwhelmed by paperwork and dealing with insurance companies."

"I shouldn't have to deal with it. And neither should anyone else trying to heal people."

"I should be able to work with my patients to decide what's best for them, not argue with the insurance company about why my patient needs a heart procedure."

"I should be able to give my patients life-saving drugs without having to worry about whether they can afford them."

"I should be able to practice...medicine," free from being hamstrung by "a broken system."

"This is why we need Medicare for All" — including for aliens from what Trump and other US dark forces consider the wrong countries.

According to Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP), universal healthcare in America would save over \$500 billion annually – by eliminating insurer middlemen and the bureaucratic nightmare created for physicians and hospitals.

Doctors and hospitals must maintain costly administrative staffs to deal with the bureaucracy, amounting to nearly one-third of annual healthcare costs.

No one ever visited an insurer to receive treatment for what ails them. Eliminating them would be a major cost savings.

Universal healthcare, excluding these middlemen, could provide everyone in America with all vital services – including medical and dental; prescription drugs and medical supplies; mental health and reproductive care, vision and optical services, hospitalization and preventive care, along with longterm care for the elderly, infirm and disabled.

Tired and poor "huddled masses yearning to breathe free, (t)he wretched refuse...homeless, tempest-tost' from faraway shores are unwelcome in Trump's America.

Visas henceforth will be granted to privileged aliens from favored countries — the "lamp beside the (US) golden door" lifted to them alone.

Trump's hostile proclamation is effective November 3, extending internal class warfare to foreign shores.

Privileged aliens from favored countries are welcome in Trump's America, working class ones shunned.

"We the People of the United States" referred to in the Constitution's preamble excludes them — along with ordinary Americans, ill-served so privileged ones can benefit.

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