

Single-payer, pure reform

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The longer the health-care debate goes on, the more I am convinced that a single-payer system is the only real option. I drank the public option Kool-Aid temporarily, and now see that it opens debate to further stall tactics.

It convolves the process with inanities by conflicted pro-reformers who take health-care lobbyists' money, the Republican Party of "no" and Democrats who fear using strong-arm tactics to do the right thing.

A strong, single-payer plan eliminates all the ridiculous jockeying and so-called compromise. It is the purest method of reform. It requires that all Americans are covered and we all pay our share. It allows for a preventive and wellness emphasis that reduces health-care costs in the long run. It is the one system that puts a ceiling on health-care costs and it protects citizens from insurance industry methods that punish customers.

I'm happy to put them out of business or make them part of a single-payer system. They've had their chance to change since the health-care debate began escalating over the past 15 years.

They did not look for benevolent solutions. They increased their tactics that ruin families and abandon the poor and the ill. Single-payer is the only way.

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