



Universal Healthcare

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Description: This conversation will begin by level setting and coming to an agreement regarding 'what is Universal Healthcare?' The discussion continues by exploring the morality of healthcare for all and the role that politics does or doesn't play in the health of their citizens.

Estimated time: 90 minutes

(1) Getting acquainted and comfortable

5 - 10 min.

Welcome

- Thank you for coming...
- We are a part of The Great Reset, which was born out of a shift we're seeing in our country. We have been in a place where we don't tend to speak 'beyond our bubbles' and across perspectives. The Great Reset has been opening up a grey space for such conversations since 2018. You are now part of keeping the conversation going and we thank you.

The Pillars of The Great Reset

- To share our own thoughts and perspectives with humility
- To learn from others and listen with respect

Ground Rules

- Every comment is valid and deserving of respect
- We show respect by speaking one at a time, putting our phones on silent and staying engaged, even when we are not speaking
- In the interest of time, I may cut in to ask you to 'top-line' something if we need to move on. This means simply offer up a synopsis of your thoughts and speak in bullets, not paragraphs

Confidentiality

I would like a verbal from everyone that you are here of your own volition and out of respect for one another I would ask you to keep what others say in this room unless they give you permission otherwise. (go around and get verbal agreement). Further, you agree to adhere to the principles outlined already: to deliver your perspectives bound to the principles of respect, to **listen with humility and offer grace to others who are sharing this space.**

Personal Introductions

Please share your name, where you live, and something about you we couldn't google, or your favorite food, a show you binge watch, etc.

*****Remember to ask to record and PRESS RECORD*****

(2) What is Universal Healthcare?

10 - 15 min.

As defined by the World Health Organization: Universal health coverage (UHC) means that all people and communities can use the promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardship.

- What is your reaction to this definition?

(3) Issues around healthcare

20 - 25 min.

- Healthcare is a right or a privilege? Why?
- Healthcare is or is not seen as a moral issue. Why?
- Healthcare is or is not seen as a political issue. Why?

A peak behind the curtain is that healthcare has been politicized since 1912 when Teddy Roosevelt's platform included some type of universal healthcare, then again in 1945 when Truman sent a bill to congress seeking a solution and implementation of National HC, finally it was Johnson who brought 'it' to fruition in 1965 with medicaid/medicare. And, of course, we saw the passage of the ACA in the early 2010's.

Part of Johnson's social reform movement, known as 'The Great Society,' was to eliminate poverty and racial injustice

- Do you believe Universal Healthcare gets us closer to this point? How?

(4) Pros and cons of Universal Healthcare

20 - 25 min.

- What is good / what works well regarding Universal Healthcare?
 - Is there an inherent benefit in removing the profitability component from the delivery of health care?
 - Do countries like Canada have a better quality of life because they don't have to worry about health care?
 - Is the quality of health care under a Universal system as good as it is in the USA?

- What is bad / what doesn't work regarding Universal Healthcare?
 - Does it affect a country's economic stability?
 - Would you be willing to pay a higher tax rate, assuming you could afford to do so, if it would allow everyone to have health care?
 - Does it affect a country's population's quality of life?

(5) Should the U.S. have Universal Healthcare?

5 - 10 min.

(6) Closing comments

5 - 10 min.

- Any additional comments or questions about this topic?

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