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Health Care & Health Insurance

Health care is a set of services,
To maintain health for us is what the purpose is.
It does this through treatment and prevention
Of health problems, too many to mention:
Like injury after falling out a tree,
Or therapy for your anxiety.
Doctors, hospitals, all kinds of health
Insurance covers these things, so you can feel well.
To have insurance, you pay a monthly fee,
Called a premium, to an insurance company.
If you're a kid, your parents probably pay,
And when you need services, the company will say:
"We can pay part or all of the bill."
Which could save you money if you ever get ill.
Many believe the benefit is real,
And the premium is less than any potential medical bill.
They can be so expensive,
Three nights in a hospital could be what a mortgage or rent is.
But some go without insurance, and take the risk,
Like, "The premium is too high; it doesn't make sense."
Or, "It doesn't cover a lot of services."
Health care affects liberals to conservatives.
So research, and avoid the confusion,
Look at all sides, and find a solution.

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So what role should the government play?

When people need health care, who has to pay?

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Health care is a topic that can become political,

Some countries have health insurance for every individual.

It's called universal health care, you didn't know?

For example, Canada, Japan, Mexico.

When governments buy insurance for everyone,

The money to make it happen comes from taxation,

This is called single-payer health care.

In other health care systems, the cost is shared,

Like the US, we rely on a combination

Of public and private systems for the nation.

Public means the government pays, private means the individual pays.

Most people these days

Are responsible for their own insurance for health,

Get it through an employer or buy it yourself.

But we do have some public programs that pay for health care,

Like Medicaid and Medicare.

Medicaid is aid for those with a certain income,

For Medicare, 65 and older can get some.

Some think folks should get health insurance for themselves

And that the government shouldn't have to help.

But some think it's a human right

And the government's job to make sure we all have access.

What are your thoughts on the role of the government?

Should we choose to buy it? Should it come from our taxes?

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