

THE SINGLE-PAYER TORNADO

Government-run, "single-payer" healthcare would:



Hike Taxes

A single-payer system would require a new tax on income, on top of all the taxes Americans already pay.¹



Ration Prescription Drugs

To control costs, a single-payer system would restrict access to advanced medicines. The United Kingdom's National Health Service doesn't cover several specialty cancer drugs.⁴ Japan's government restricts access to life-saving immunotherapy drugs.⁵



Force Patients to Wait for Care

Millions of people would languish on wait lists for doctor visits, tests, surgeries, and more. In Canada, the average patient waits nearly four months for surgery after receiving a referral from her doctor.² Hundreds of thousands of patients wait over a year for hospital treatment in the United Kingdom.³



Restrict Research and Development

Single-payer's price controls would reduce incentives for scientists and companies to develop new medicines. Price controls implemented by foreign countries' single-payer systems prevent the creation of three to four new drugs each year, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.⁶

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