

The Affordable Care Act 2015: Where Have All the Failures Gone?



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Raft of the Medusa, T. Gericault, 1837

SHIPWRECK!



Trainwreck!

Gare Montparnasse, 1895



Colonial Era, Mexico



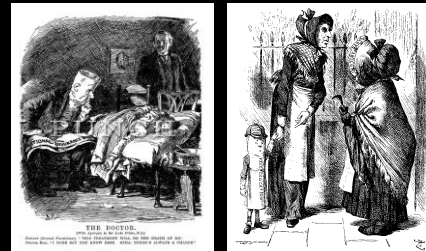
Hospital de Jesus
Mexico City
c. 1530

Colonial Era, Canada

Hospital of the Grey Nuns
Hotel Dieu
Montreal, Canada
c. 1690



Public Reaction, Health and Social Reform Great Britain 1860-1920

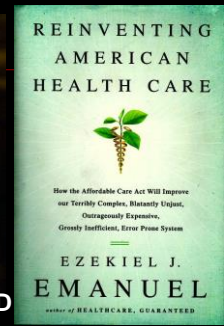


Luke Fildes, "The Doctor"

Tate Museum, London

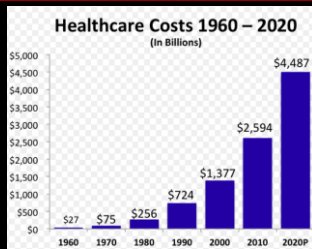


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USA Health Care Costs in My Professional Lifetime

"Omnia ad Stellae"



These Features Compel Consideration of Health Care Reform

- **Education**
 - The Substrate, The ACA
- **The Economy**
 - On the Way to 25% of GDP for Health ?
 - On the Way to 60 million with Inadequate Care?
- **Immigration**
 - We Live in a New USA
- **Wealth Distribution**
 - 1% have 20%, 20% have 80%

Distorted Wealth Distribution = Poor Health



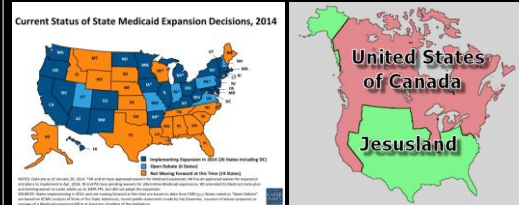
Immigration, USA: Then and Now



(I) Shipwreck? Trainwreck? Where Have All the Failures Gone?

- The Number of Uninsured Americans Has Declined from 20% to 15% since 2013
- The Greatest Increases Occurred in States With Medicaid Expansion
- 85% of Newly Covered Persons Received Insurance Premium Subsidies
- Over 7,000,000 Enrolled, 6,000,000 Applied
- Health Insurance Companies Are Profitable

Maps of Medicaid Expansion



(II) Shipwreck? Trainwreck? Where Have All the Failures Gone

- Personal Satisfaction with Obama Care Plans is Very High-75% of Exchange Plans
- By 2017, CBO Estimates 26million in Plans
- Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions plus Mental Health Services and Inclusion in Parental Plans to Age 26 years are pluses
- There is a >20% drop in uninsured 19-25 yr. old person since 2010

(III) Shipwreck? Trainwreck? Some Areas of Lingering Concern

- Does the ACA Control Health Care Costs? It may, or may not. Program Costs ????
- Is the ACA Inclusive Enough? States without Medicaid Expansion are Among the Poorest in the Nation and Have Large Vulnerable Groups
- Will the ACA Suffer Death By 1000 Cuts?

Transcendent Global Issues Affecting Health Care Reform

- **Lack of Recognition of the Rights of Man**
ref: The French National Assembly, Declaration of the Rights of Man, 1894
- **Growing Disparity in the Distribution of Wealth**
ref: Thomas Piketty, Capitalism in the 21st Century, 2103
- **Decay and Degeneration of Social, Political and Economic Institutions**
ref: Francis Fukuyama, Political Order and Political Decay, Farrar, Strauss & Giroux, 2014

The Problem of a National USA Health Care System has a History...



FDR

BO as FDR