

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM – UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE IS A MORAL ISSUE!

“Of all forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.”

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- The U.S. and South Africa are the ONLY two developed countries in the world that do not provide health care for all their citizens.
- Of all countries, the World Health Organization ranks the U.S. 37th in the world in “overall health care” and 54th in “fairness of health care”.
- Of all industrialized nations, the U.S. ranks 41st in infant mortality and 45th in life expectancy.
- The average annual health care cost in the U.S. is \$6280 PER PERSON and 47 million Americans are not insured. The average health care cost in all other industrialized countries is \$2307 per person and ALL are insured.
- From 2001-2006 U.S. earnings increased 12% while health premiums increased by 59%.
- 50% of low-paid employees (under \$20,000) at Wal-mart and McDonalds have no health insurance.

Sources: World Health Org., U.S. Dept. of Health, CIA World Factbook

THE HUMAN COST OF OUR MILITARY SPENDING – A REALITY CHECK!

- The U.S. has the highest income inequality among all developed nations.
- The U.S. poverty rate is #1 among developed nations. 37 million Americans (12.7%) now live in poverty. Among the poor, 43% are living in DEEP POVERTY (\$7800 for a family of three).
- U.S. childhood poverty rate is the second-highest of all industrialized nations (Mexico is first).
- The U.S. ranks #1 in the imprisonment of its citizens (700 per 100,000). Russia is second.
- The U.S. ranks 49th in the world in literacy and 28th of 40 countries in mathematical literacy.
- The U.S. is 13th in the world in bachelor degree enrollments, tied with Italy.
- The U.S. rates of childhood homicides, suicides and firearm-related deaths exceed those of the 25 wealthiest countries of the world.

“A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”

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