

The Healthcare Movie

A documentary film by Laurie Simons and Terry Sterrenberg
Narrated by Kiefer Sutherland

SHORT DESCRIPTION

The fight for national health care is an adventure story, fraught with heroes and villains. Who are we in the face of this American tragedy?

MEDIUM DESCRIPTION

This 65 minute documentary reveals the intensity of the political struggle that led to Canada's universal medical care system, and exposes public relations campaigns that have been prevalent in the U.S. since the early 1900's to dissuade the American public from supporting national health care. Every day people are dying or going bankrupt due to the ills of the United States system. Who are we in the face of this human tragedy? If you agree that people are more important than profits, then you must see this film.

LONG DESCRIPTION

Produced by Laurie Simons and Terry Sterrenberg, and narrated by Kiefer Sutherland, this documentary provides the real story of how the health care systems in Canada and the United States evolved to be so completely different, when at one point in history they were essentially the same. Most people under the age of 50 in both countries are not aware of the intensity of the political struggle that led to the universal medical care system in Canada. Nor are they aware of the public relations campaigns, still active today, that have been prevalent in the U.S. since the early 1900's to dissuade the American public from supporting national health care.

The Healthcare Movie reveals the personal and emotional impact on Canadians who now have access to universal health care because of the heroism of people who took a stand nearly 50 years ago. It also reveals the continuing struggle in the United States between the fear of government intervention and the right to quality health care for all people.

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Feature: 65 minutes

Addendum: The Second Stage of Medicare 10 minutes