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bill.sloman@xxxxxxx wrote:

On Jul 17, 2:21 am, Joerg <notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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On Jul 16, 2:32 am, Joerg
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On Jul 15, 5:06 am, Joerg
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wrote:

It's
all
about
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to
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who
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the
Cuban
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get
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service
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the
American
poor
get.

Now
tell
us
how
you
personally
know
that.
First
hand
examples,
please,
not
some
article
from
a
leftist
news
source.

Conversations
with
friends
in
that
line
of
business.
I
made
friends
with
some
clever

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people
when
I
was
at
university,
and
some
of
them
have
done
very
well.

That does
not answer
the
question.

So what would answer your
question to your
satisfaction? Do I have to
do volunteer health work in
a sufficient number of
randomly selected
hospitals?

You need to have experience in this area to
make such statements.

Not true. Statistics exists to allow you to get an overview of
a large
number of cases.

Statistics? Such as?

No amount of anecdotal evidence of good health care for the
indigent
disproves the existence of pockets of poor health care, and
the US
public health statistics are bad enough – for an advanced
industrialised country – to make it clear that there a
significant
numbers of people in the US who get really poor health care.

We have a problem with uninsured people but we do not have a problem
with health care. Even the uninsured get proper health care except that
they'll have collection agencies knocking at their door afterwards.

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When have you been in the US for an extended period of time? Meaning having lived here.

Don't be silly. Useful opinions on health care aren't based on anecdotal evidence – no matter how extensive – but on properly constructed clinical trials and surveys. The guys who set them up need the hands-on-experience to be able to construct sensible questions and to make sense of the data, but once the surveys are done the conclusions can be interpreted without the kind of local knowledge you seem to be asking for.

Such surveys are what I asked for.

Check out the Cochran Collaboration

<http://www.cochrane.org/>

I've used their advanced search to find comparisons with other countries. Nada. Maybe I did it wrong since there is no consensus on search engine phrasing. Care to enlighten me here?

Right-wing web-sites don't tend to publish these statistics – they think that job-related health insurance is a necessary tool in the struggle to encourage people to take on under-paid and depressing jobs. This doesn't invalidate the statistics when they show up on less-than-right-wing websites.
<snipped more anecdotal non-evidence>

But with atypically good health care.

Not at all. We have to drive one hour to get medical care for big stuff such as chemo. I know, because I've given rides to cancer patients.

Which doesn't conflict with the statistical evidence which shows that quite a few poor people somewhere in the US aren't getting

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good health
care.

And where is that statistical evidence? Here I do not mean some local TB outbreaks but a more thorough _country-wide_ study that includes _all_ procedures.

Why should I bother? You've characterised stuff I did find as coming from "leftist websites" when they'd looked perfectly apolitical to me, and you reject the drug-resistant TB stuff – which is a pretty much perfect example of why the US less-than-comprehensive health care system is a bad idea – because it doesn't cover everything else.

Do you really think that there is a web-site out there that covers "all procedures" right across the whole of the USA? What you are actually saying is that you will reject any evidence that I can find because it isn't comprehensive enough, with the strong implication that if I did chance on a total web-site you'd reject it because the data wasn't collected during the right phases of the moon.

When did I do that? What I reject are stories from sources which I consider heavily biased, such as the German magazine Spiegel. Because I found them to be wrong. Unless there is an underlying _clinical_ study be a reputable medical group which _I can access_ without paying fees.

So, any links?

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Regards, Joerg

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