

## Re: The Bullshit Parade

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Robert wrote:

> *"Bob (this one)" <Bob@nospam.com> wrote in message*  
> *news:10hhdktlghi32d6@corp.supernews.com...*  
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>> *Happy Dog wrote:*  
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>>  
>>> *"Bob (this one)" <Bob@nospam.com> wrote in*  
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>>>  
>>>> *And yet, the infant mortality rate in Canada is lower than in*  
>>>> *the US. Life expectancy in Canada is higher than the US.*  
>>>>  
>>> *Are you stating that this is due to the state of the medical*  
>>> *care systems in each country? Go ahead. Try it.*  
>>  
>> *Stick your belligerence, asshole. I said what I said; it's not my*  
>> *job to teach you how to read.*  
>>  
>> *Kurt attributes it to differing social issues like drive-by*  
>> *shootings, illegal immigration, urban difficulties, and the like.*  
>> *I say with a population 10 times that of Canada, these things do*  
>> *contribute, but likely not enough to shift it radically.*  
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>>  
>>>> *There's a difference between waits for things like elective*  
>>>> *surgery and life-threatening conditions. It's one thing to*  
>>>> *say it takes longer in Canada and leave it there. It's quite*  
>>>> *another to say that it's on the non-serious, non-painful*  
>>>> *conditions that the delays are longer.*  
>>>>  
>>>> *Yeah. Like heart surgery and dialysis. You haven't done your*  
>>>> *homework.*  
>>  
>> *Right. My Canadian medical writer wife does all the medical*  
>> *homework*  
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- > *Show me one critical news article of the system in Canada by*
- > *Canadians.*

Puhleeze. This extremist 100% or nothing viewpoint forestalls any real exploration of any issue.

- > *All you get is flag waving reports in order to help the government*
- > *with calming unrest by telling people how they are doing good by*
- > *waiting for medical services. Repeat after me, "Need not greed".*
- > *Tell me about the politicians in Canada going to the US for*
- > *treatment.*

You know, Robert, you just want to make points. If you had the remotest sincerity about actually pushing the ideas around, I'd put up with your demeanor. I would normally continue the discourse, but your frenzy to both disagree and be disagreeable get in the way. You talk crap as though it were valid. You bring in everything including the kitchen sink and you wander far, far away from the actual topic.

I think we're done now.

Bob

- >> *here. As do her other medical colleagues including physicians,*
- >> *nurses, lab people, etc., with whom we're friendly. As did her*
- >> *father in his hospital years. Your sources...?*
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- >
- > *Thanks to Canada a lot of those doctors are coming to the US as I*
- > *have met a few. Just continue to ignore the problem and it will go*
- > *away. Do news articles about how happy doctors, nurses and others*
- > *are. You want sources do a Google search and type in Canada and*
- > *health system.*
- >
- >> *Dialysis can't very well be postponed. I learned that from my*
- >> *mother who had it every third day to stay alive. Same sorts of*
- >> *questions precede heart surgery. Triage separates the urgent from*
- >> *the less so. Just like everywhere. Your homework gets a failing*
- >> *grade.*
- >
- > *If they need the surgery then it makes no sense to delay surgery*
- > *and make the person wait for 6 months to a year. Tell your doctor*
- > *friends they are assholes who lack compassion in treating the sick.*
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- >>>> *And how much longer? It's generally an issue of convenience,*
- >>>> *not medical necessity that most of the hubbub is about.*
- >>>
- >>> *And what's wrong with that? Medicine is supposed to make*
- >>> *people feel better. Who determines the difference between a*
- >>> *"convenience" and a "necessity"? If you think it's ER staff,*

>>> you're an idiot.  
>>  
>> *Fuck you. Now that that's out of the way, how about something*  
>> *substantive from you instead? Look up triage and see how it*  
>> *works.*  
>  
> *Asshole, triage is for the field. It takes place when medical staff*  
> *are overwhelmed with people and they must decide who comes first.*  
> *That happens when you are not prepared with adequate services in*  
> *the first place so you have to triage. It applies to mass*  
> *casualties which is the Canadian health care system. You are*  
> *equating the Canadian health care system with small mass unit in*  
> *the field. See the MASH TV program?*  
>  
>> *"Medicine is supposed to make people feel better," you say. Built*  
>> *into that the arch way you deliver it is the implication that*  
>> *it's supposed to happen at your chosen velocity, any other*  
>> *consideration be damned. The medical people determine what's*  
>> *urgent and what's not and your whining is merely whining.*  
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>  
> *That's exactly why you don't want to have a system like that in the*  
> *first place. Once you have it then people in that system like the*  
> *post office tell you to like it or lump it. Under any other*  
> *situations where choice is allowed then that hospital would close.*  
> *People will leave that system as they have no recourse and people*  
> *just give up and go to another country for surgery. They response*  
> *you get is like Bobs. The only problem is it comes from the very*  
> *doctors who are supposed to be treating you.*  
>  
>> *Your infantile demand for immediate gratification points out one*  
>> *of the major reasons for the high prices of American medical*  
>> *care. For a certain group, it has to happen NOW, no technology*  
>> *spared, all medications available, all care available 24/7, and*  
>> *the food had better be good, too, fluff up my pillow while you're*  
>> *at it. Send the bill to my insurance company. It's that*  
>> *solipsistic selfishness that marks all children who can't grasp*  
>> *the notion that there are others in the building, in the town, in*  
>> *the society, as well.*  
>  
> *Democracy is childish and how selfish to think of yourself and we*  
> *will decide for you to protect you from your own selfishness. How*  
> *much is a human life worth? Canada puts a price on it and won't*  
> *exceed it for the common good. Canada won't use all technology,*  
> *medications as they are too expensive.*  
>  
>> *Here's how the real world works everywhere: If you want it \*your\**  
>> *way, get ready to pay for it \*their\* way. Extra service \*always\**  
>> *costs more. In my restaurants and other businesses, we added a*  
>> *PITA factor*  
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> *When you and your doctor friends go to a restaurant, one person*  
> *orders for everybody and decides for all and you wait for 8 hours*  
> *to get your food. How selfish to want to get anything you want in a*  
> *timely manner.*  
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>  
>> *for twits like you who wanted everything exactly how they wanted*  
>> *it no matter the conventions of the particular operation. It*  
>> *ranged from a low of about 15% on up to 300% for the full-fledged*  
>> *jackasses like you. And, wonderful country that it is, they*  
>> *didn't have to patronize me. They could take it elsewhere if they*  
>> *didn't like it. Just like in the medbiz. Just like in the US and*  
>> *Canada.*  
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> *You like cuban cigars?*  
>  
>  
>>>> *I'm not asserting superiority of one system over another*  
>>>>  
>>>> *< whatever >*  
>>>>  
>>>> *le moo*  
>>  
>> *Yes. Isn't it, though.*  
>>  
>> *Bob*  
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