

# Re: Canadian and American Health Care Systems Compared

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"Larry Hoover" <larryhoover@sympatico.ca> wrote in message  
news:AJRXc.25676\$\_H5.919679@news20.bellglobal.com...

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[http://www.policyalmanac.org/health/wikipedia/Canadian and American health care systems compared.shtml](http://www.policyalmanac.org/health/wikipedia/Canadian_and_American_health_care_systems_compared.shtml)

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>> *excerpt:*

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>> *The comparison of the health care systems of Canada and the United  
>> States is of great import to both nations. The very different methods  
>> of delivering health care allows citizens and politicians to look to  
>> the other side of the border for alternatives. In Canada the United  
>> States is both used as a model and a cautionary warning with regards  
>> to increasing private sector involvement in health care. In the United  
>> States Canada's socialized health system is also seen both as model to  
>> be followed and a failure to be avoided by different sides of the  
>> ideological spectrum.*

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>> *Cost of health care*

>> *With it being one of the most expensive items of both nations'*

>> *budgets. In 2001 Canada about 16.2% of government money was spent on*

>> *health care while in the United States this number was 17.6%. When*

>> *exchange rates are included it can be seen that government in the*

>> *United States spends more per capita on health care than it does in*

>> *Canada. In 2001 government in Canada spent \$1533, in US dollars per*

>> *person on health care while in the United States it gave \$2168.*

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>> *Despite the American government paying more per capita, private*

>> *sources also pay far more for health care in the United States. In*

>> *Canada an average of \$630 dollars is spent annually by individuals or*

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> > *private insurance companies for health care, including dental, eye*  
> > *care, and drugs. In the United States this number is \$2719.*  
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> > *In 2001 the United States spent in total 13.6% of annual GDP on health*  
> > *care. In Canada only 9.5% of GDP was spent on health care.*  
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> *Robert seems unable to grasp the simplest of comparisons. The net*  
government  
> *and private expenditures (in US dollars), in the two countries, were \$2163*  
> *per person per year in Canada, compared to \$4887 per person per year in*  
the  
> *United States. Despite spending only 9.5% of the GDP on health care (the*  
sum  
> *of private and government expenditures), Canada provided health care to*  
all  
> *Canadians. The U.S. spends 13.6% of its GDP on health care, while tens of*  
> *millions of Americans are uninsured, and receive substandard care. (If not*  
> *having insurance led to quality health care, who would pay for insurance?)*  
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> *Not referenced here, but I've seen it reported that about 1.5% of the*  
> *Canadian health care budget goes to administrative costs, compared to over*  
> *30% in the U.S. system. Correcting that inefficiency alone would provide*  
> *full health care to all Americans.*  
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> *Lar*

Ok I see what you are saying then. The Canadians should run the American health care system. Who do you think will run the so called new system in the USA. You don't seem to get at all what I am saying. Canada is not the USA. You can not compare.

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