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TC wrote:

- >> A system that has cut back to the bare bone any medical research in which
- >> Canadian researchers are leaving Canada for the US.
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- > They stay to do useful but not ridiculously lucrative real research and
- > they go to do lucrative but useless industry marketing research. You
- > can have them.

COMMENT:

That's complete B.S. A lot of smart researchers come out of Canada, and the smarter they are, the faster they come out. Yes, do keep sending you best minds. Immigration really is the sincerest form of flattery.

COMMENT:

- >> A system that has closed many specialists medical training in which the
- >> doctors are forced to go to the US for that training.
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- > Specialists that are not needed. You can have them. We, and you, need
- > family doctors, GP's. Specialists are a dime a dozen.

COMMENT:

The reason we both need GPs in Canada AND the US is that we refuse to pay them well in either place. This is related to the basic problem of how to document and bill for thinking, which is what GPs do, as opposed to procedures, which is what specialists do. A problem which has not been solved North or South.

- >> The list is endless.
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- > In your fertile imagination, it probably is. When you come back to
- > reality, feel free to visit us and see what is happening in the real
- > world in Canada, where the average life span is longer than in the US
- > and where everyone gets access to a pretty darned good health care
- > system. It's really neat to leave the hospital with a limb in a cast or

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> a newborn child without having had to mortgage the house.

COMMENT:

With the notable exception of Hawaii, life span in the US, FYI, is a pretty direct function of latitude, and I don't think it has to do with vitamin D. Most Canadians live pretty close to the 49th parallel, with their antennas pointed South. And if you take the average life expectancy of the 12 US states that border Canada, and add them up, you get numbers very close to Canada's— somewhere in the vicinity of 77 years at birth (averaging male and female figures).

So what is wrong with the Southern US? A lot of things, including a large and resistant underclass, and a very porous border with Mexico. Both of which are killers for any medical system.

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> a newborn child without having had to mortgage the house.

COMMENT:

Yes, and if we could somehow connect Canada's southern border with Mexico's via the 4th dimension, you'd find that a large fraction of those people leaving the hospital with casts and newborns, are speaking Spanish! And no, they won't have to mortgage their houses; but after a time of paying for this, you the Canadian taxpayer will need to mortgage YOURS.

Hawaii, BTW, escapes this, since these undocumented folks cannot swim that far. Hawaii's average life expectancy is the US's highest: about 82. Its medicaid system is in fine shape. Do try to stick that data point into your argument right where it belongs.

For a look at how ethnicity plays into this, you can take a look at a state I'm familiar with: Utah. Mean life expectancy there at birth is 79 which is about what it is for Caucasians there (who after all, make up most of that state). Non-smoking Mormons do rather well, US healthcare or not. Compare with Canada. But life expectancy at birth in Utah ranges from 74 for African Americans and Native Americans, to 85 for Asians and Pacific Islanders. So there's a 9 year gap there, even when these groups move right to the middle of the US. No medical system can entirely cope with the residual effects of smoking, drinking, and socioeconomic class. But at least Utah doesn't have to cope with a Mexican border.

I'd be curious if you can come up with comparable figures for life expectancy of ethnic groups in Canada. Do your "natives" make it to 74, on average? I'll bet not.

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