***NEGATIVE CASE – WEEK 3***

I negate the resolution: “Resolved: The United States ought to guarantee universal health care for its citizens.”

My value for this debate will be morality.

My criterion for this debate will be upholding human rights. By implementing universal health care, the Affirmative is actually disregarding rights because the Affirmative is using the money of people (the fruit of their labors), and using it for the benefit of others. Take this example: a poor man earns about 5 dollars a day. If universal health care is implemented, the government will take the poor man’s money and use it to pay for a rich man’s health insurance. Therefore, the negative has the ability to uphold human rights better.

I will now present my contentions.

Contention 1: Health care does not take the rights of US citizens (wealthy and disadvantaged) into consideration.

Subpoint: Universal health care actually takes away from the people because money and labor is being taken away.

**Nozick,** in 1997 (Professor of Philosophy at Harvard, The Libertarian Reader, pg. 195):

“**Whether it is done through taxation** on wages or on wages over a certain amount, **or through seizure of profits**, or through being a big social pot so that it's not clear what's coming from where and what's going where, **patterned principles of distributive justice involve appropriating the actions of other persons.** Seizing the results of someone's labor is equivalent to seizing hours from him and directing him to carry on various activities. If people force you to certain work**,** or unrewarded work, for a certain period of time, they decide what you are to do and what purposes your work is to serve apart form your decisions. This process whereby they take this decision from you makes them a part-owner of you; it gives them a property right in you.”

As Nozick proves, using the people’s money actually is, to a certain degree, making them the government’s puppets. Their money is being used for the benefits of others, and they are not receiving any benefits in return. This proves that implementing universal health care will take many things away from the people and commit many immoral actions against them.

It is for these reasons that I negate the resolution.