\*\*\*this is a very rough version of my case, which will be fully edited and posted later tomorrow\*\*\*

I negate: **The United States ought to guarantee universal healthcare for its citizens."**

**My value is capitalism. Capitalism is defined as:** an economic system characterized by [private](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/private%5b1%5d) or corporate ownership of [capital](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/capital) goods, by investments that are determined by private decision, and by prices, production, and the distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a [free market](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/free%20market) (Mirriam Webster). Capitalism is what is threatened by Universal Healthcare and an over-bearing government and therefore should be the value of the debate.

**My value criterion: preserving a free market. A free market is defined as "** A system of [economics](http://financial-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Economics) that minimizes government intervention and maximizes the role of the [market](http://financial-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Market). According to the theory of the free market, rational [economic actors](http://financial-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Economic+Actors) acting in their own self interest deal with information and [price](http://financial-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Price) goods and [services](http://financial-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Serviced) the most efficiently. Government [regulations](http://financial-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Regulations), trade barriers, and labor laws are generally thought to distort the market. " (The Legal Dictionary). When the government intervenes in the lives of those living in the US to demand they buy public health insurance, they are intervening and destroying the free market. The free market is what capitalism comes from, so to preserve capitalism you must preserve the free market. Therefore preservation of the free market is the value criterion for this debate.

**My first contention is that the US should not guarantee UH because there is no actual "right to health care".**

Universal Health care is not a right. No where in our Constitution or Declaration does it say that the United State much provide free health care for its people. Campbell writes:

**Campbell**, in 20**09** (MBT, US Representative (R-CA), OC Register opinion article "John Campbell: A Right to Health Care) July 13, 2009

**“The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence says** in part: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.' Nowhere does it mention anything about free MRIs.** In school, we were taught that the first 10 amendments to the Constitution were ratified in 1791, and collectively they form our Bill of Rights... **Rights are not about giving you something for free; they are about protecting natural liberties** from those who would take them away from you. **For instance, the Second Amendment guarantees the right to bear arms. It does not** however, **say that you get guns for free if you don't have one. This is analogous to the issue of health care 'rights.' A 'right' to services without charge, that forces someone else to provide for you, does not** and should not ever **exist”**

The United States is not required to provide health care -rather the government must serve as the actor to protect the natural rights of every human being. Therefore the US should not provide Universal Health care because it is not actually a right and its mandate treads on the natural rights of others (like the pursuit of happiness).