Sicko

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Viewing Guide**:**

A. In the U.S. for-profit health care system, how does the cost-benefit analysis lens determine who can get health care and who is denied health care? How does the health care industry manage to deny people care even when they have health coverage?

(key terms: pre-existing conditions, “prudent person preexisting condition,” experimental procedure).

B. How does the health care industry control the political system? How has lobbying affected health care legislation?

(key terms: campaign financing, lobbying, revolving door, Medicare Prescription Drug Bill, Health Maintenance Organizations).

C. How/when are doctors/medical directors rewarded in England? What are the consequences of these different systems of rewards?

E. How does the U.S. health care system compare to the systems of other industrial nations? How do U.S. health indicators compare to other nations? (Life expectancy, infant mortality rate, mortality rate, communicable diseases, etc.) How does the current healthcare system in the U.S. affect these indicators?