

Unaffordable American Healthcare: A Historical Examination from Johnson to Trump

The American healthcare system is in a state of crisis. Costs are rising at an unsustainable rate, and millions of Americans are uninsured or underinsured. This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the American healthcare system, examining its historical evolution and the factors that have contributed to its current state of unaffordability.



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The book covers the period from Lyndon B. Johnson's presidency to Donald Trump's presidency, and explores the various policies and initiatives that have shaped the system. It also discusses the impact of the Affordable Care Act and the Trump administration's efforts to repeal and replace the law.

This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the American healthcare system and the challenges it faces. It is a valuable resource for policymakers, healthcare professionals, and anyone who is concerned about the future of healthcare in America.

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Chapter 1: The Rise of the American Healthcare System

The American healthcare system has its roots in the 19th century, when hospitals were founded to provide care for the poor and indigent. In the early 20th century, health insurance began to emerge as a way to help people pay for 医疗保健. However, it was not until the passage of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965 that the American healthcare system 真正地 took shape.

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people aged 65 and older, as well as for people with certain disabilities. Medicaid is a federal-state health insurance program for low-income Americans. These two

programs have had a profound impact on the American healthcare system, and they have helped to provide health insurance to millions of Americans.

Chapter 2: The Great Society and Medicare

Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society program was a sweeping set of social welfare programs that were enacted in the 1960s. Medicare was one of the most important programs in the Great Society, and it has had a lasting impact on the American healthcare system.

Medicare has helped to provide health insurance to millions of elderly and disabled Americans. It has also helped to improve the quality of care for these populations. However, Medicare has also been criticized for its high costs. In recent years, there have been several attempts to reform Medicare, but these efforts have been largely unsuccessful.

Chapter 3: The Nixon Years and the HMO

Richard Nixon's presidency was a time of significant change for the American healthcare system. In 1971, Nixon signed into law the Health Maintenance Organization Act. This law allowed for the creation of HMOs, which are a type of managed care organization. HMOs provide comprehensive health care to their members for a fixed monthly fee.

HMOs were initially seen as a way to reduce healthcare costs. However, they have been criticized for their restrictive rules and regulations. HMOs have also been accused of providing lower quality care than traditional health insurance plans.

Chapter 4: The Reagan Revolution and the Rise of Managed Care

Ronald Reagan's presidency was a time of great change for the American economy and 社会. Reagan's policies, which were known as the Reagan Revolution, had a significant impact on the healthcare system. Reagan's policies promoted deregulation and privatization, and these changes led to the rise of managed care.

Managed care is a type of healthcare delivery system that emphasizes cost control. Managed care plans use a variety of techniques to control costs, such as utilization review, pre-authorization, and co-payments. Managed care plans have been criticized for their restrictive rules and regulations. They have also been accused of providing lower quality care than traditional health insurance plans.

Chapter 5: The Clinton Era and the Managed Care Backlash

Bill Clinton's presidency was a time of great debate about the future of the American healthcare system. Clinton attempted to pass a comprehensive health reform plan in 1993, but his plan was defeated in Congress. However, Clinton did sign into law several important pieces of healthcare legislation, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

HIPAA is a landmark law that protects the privacy of health information. HIPAA has had a significant impact on the healthcare industry, and it has helped to improve the quality of care for patients.

Chapter 6: The Bush Years and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit

George W. Bush's presidency was a time of significant change for the American healthcare system. In 2003, Bush signed into law the Medicare

Prescription Drug Benefit. This benefit provides prescription drug coverage to Medicare beneficiaries.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit has been controversial. Critics argue that the benefit is too expensive and that it does not provide enough coverage. However, the benefit has also been praised for providing much-needed coverage to Medicare beneficiaries.

Chapter 7: The Affordable Care Act

Barack Obama's presidency was a time of great change for the American healthcare system. In 2010, Obama signed into law the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA is a comprehensive health reform law that has made significant changes to the American healthcare system.

The ACA has helped to expand health insurance coverage to millions of Americans. The law has also helped to improve the quality of care for patients. However, the ACA has also been controversial. Critics argue that the law is too expensive and that it has led to higher health insurance premiums.



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