

The Evolution of U.S. Health Care Reform

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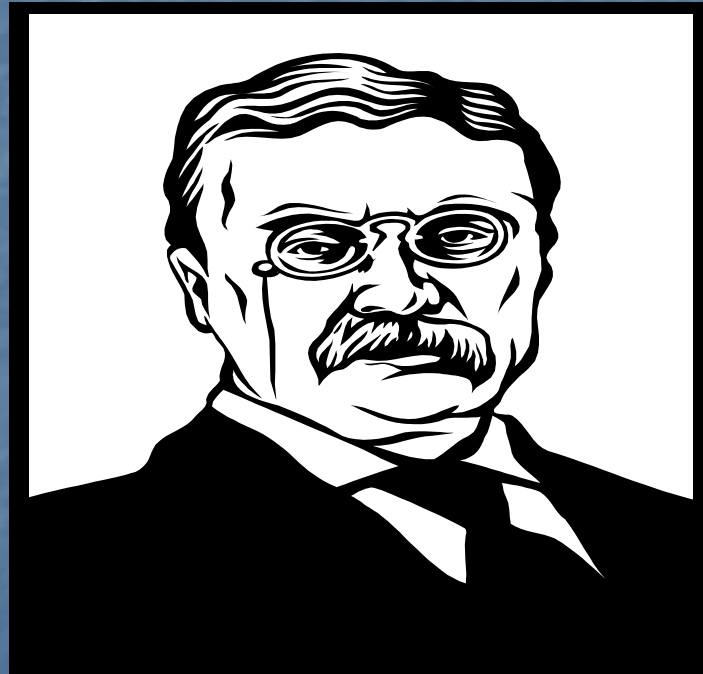
Is National Health Care In America's Future?



Debate over National Health Care Began in the Late 1800's

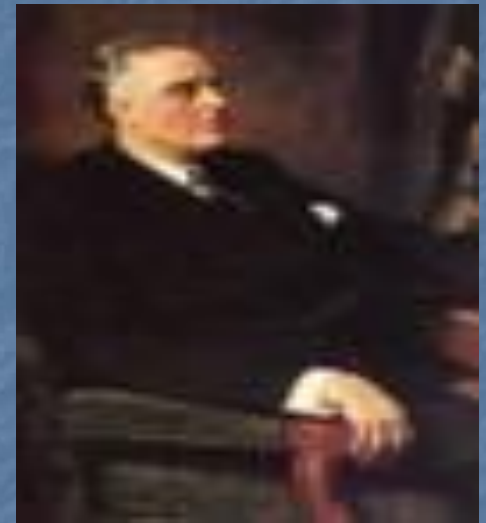


President T. Roosevelt was the 1st
President to have National Health
Part of His Political Platform



FDR Administration

- The Depression and the American Medical Association Stopped National Health Care During the FDR Administration



The Truman Administration

■ Universal Health Care

- Truman called for Universal Health Care Insurance, but was defeated by the Southern Democrats.



The Great Society

- Medicare and Medicaid Became Part of the Social Security Act



1970 1979

- From the Kennedy to the Carter Administration National Health Insurance was Discussed but Other Pressing Needs Always Were More Important



The Start of the health care reforms in the 1990's

When Bill Clinton was running for President in 1992 he decided to run on a platform promoting health care reform. He did this because in 1991 Harris Wofford won in a surprise victory for a Senate race. Harris Wofford won as a result of running on a platform supporting health care reforms.



Harris Wofford

Using the Health Care reforms to his advantage.



- Bill Clinton was able to use his platform to help him get elected as the 42nd President of the United States.

Moving quickly!

- President Clinton moved quickly, and in early 1993 he assembled a task force of experts to review the subject of health care reform.
- He wanted to get information that he could propose before Congress on the issue.
- He also announced in early 1993 that his wife, Hillary Clinton, would lead the task force.

Bill Clinton's address on September 22, 1993.



- “for most people, coverage would come from employers, financed by payroll taxes and delivered through carefully regulated competition among large non-profit health maintenance organizations, such as the Kaiser Plan and Blue Cross, or for-profit prepaid plans of the kind that were springing up across the country. For those who were not employed, the government would pay the cost of membership in a health maintenance organization. To negotiate with the health care providers on behalf of consumers, monitor their performance, and ensure their suitability, the Clinton Plan proposed the creation of new public organizations called health care alliances.” (Bill Clinton).

Mrs. Clinton's role

- After President Clinton gave his speech on health care, his wife went before many different committees in Congress to answer questions on the subject.



Problems started arising

- Shortly into the debate on health care reforms in early 90's many problems arose that lead to the reforms not being passed into law.

What were some of the problems:

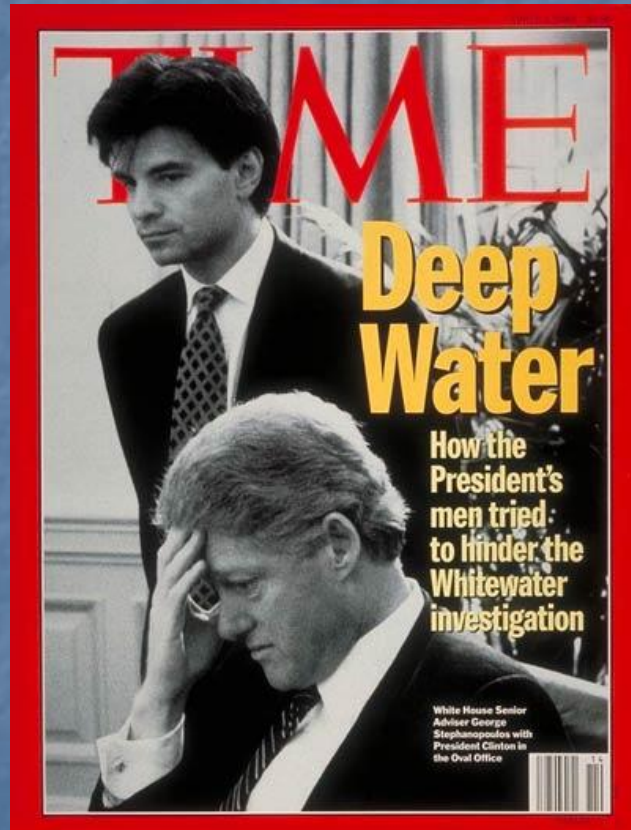
- Many different versions were being debated.
- Interest groups running negative ads on the health care reforms.
- The Whitewater scandal being brought into the public spotlight.

Harry and Louise



Interest groups that were against the health care reforms in 1993 created commercials about the negative affects of the health care reforms. The above actors were used to help spread the message, and the ads were very successful at the getting the messages out.

The Whitewater Scandal



- Another major problem of the 1993 health care reforms was Bill Clinton's whitewater scandal.
- Many Americans thought that President Clinton was using the health care reforms to take steam off of him from the scandal.

Losing popularity



- As a result of the problems that arose out of the health care reforms in 1993 the American public lost interest for the reforms. It even got to the point where the general public suggested that Congress scrap the idea and start over from scratch.

The end of the health care reforms of 1993.

- The health care reforms that were proposed by Bill Clinton in 1993 did not pass. It turned out that many Americans wanted reforms, but then quickly grew old of the idea.

Another chance for health care reforms



- Barack Obama announced in a speech on February 24, 2009 that he wanted to see health care change take place while he was President.
- If Barack Obama can learn from the mistakes that Bill Clinton made then he might have a better chance at getting the health care reforms passed into law.

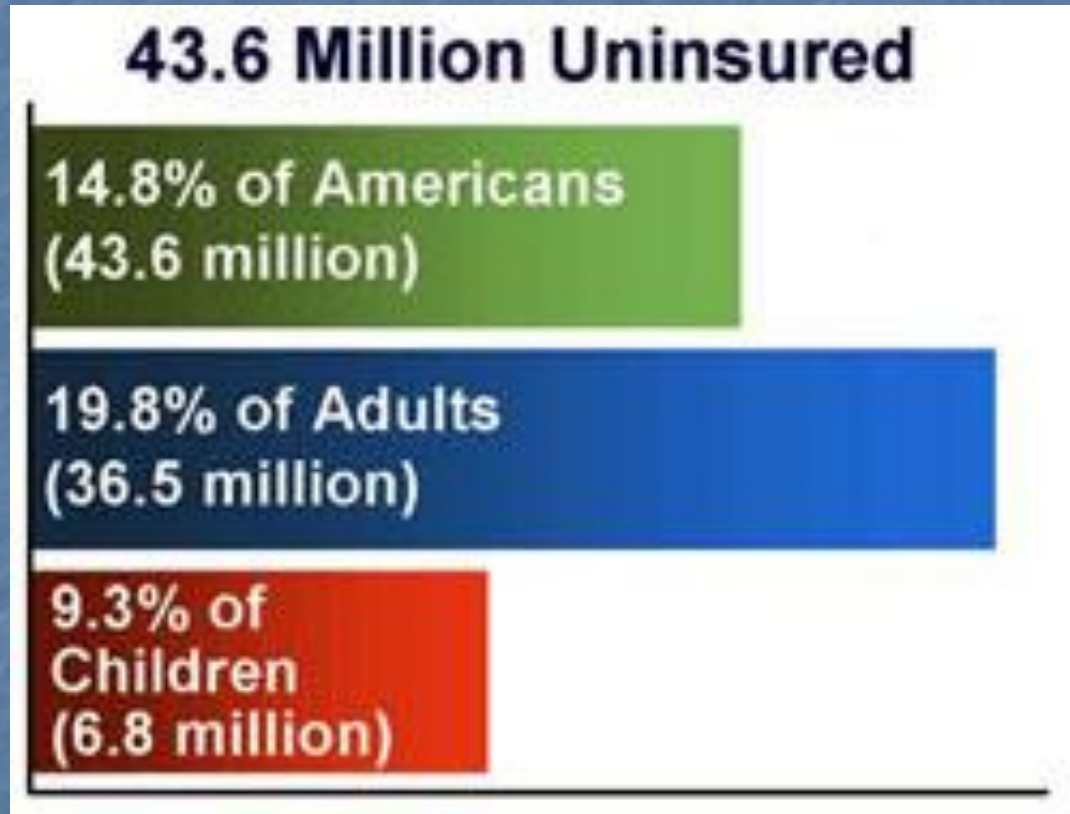
President Barack Obama's address to Congress

"I am not the first president to take up this cause, but I am determined to be the last. Our collective failure to meet this challenge - year after year, decade after decade - has led us to a breaking point."



Photo: Doug Mills/The New York Times

Over 40 Million Uninsured Americans



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The Obama Plan: Stability and Security for All Americans

“It will provide more security and stability to those who have health insurance. It will provide insurance to those who don’t. And it will lower the cost of health care for our families, our businesses, and our government.”

-President Barack Obama

H.R. 3962

The Affordable Health Care Act

- House of Representatives health care reform bill
- Primary sponsor is the Dean of the House, **John Dingell**, of Michigan
- Introduced October 29, 2009
- Passed November 7, 2009



H.R. 3590

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act



- Senate health care reform bill
- Sponsored by Senate Majority Leader, **Harry Reid**
- Decision to debate the bill approved on November 21, 2009

Biggest differences between the House and Senate bills

- Employer contributions
- Abortion
- Illegal immigrants
- The public plan
- How to pay for the plan



What is the future of National Health Care

