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Universal Health Care Is Unbiblical

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In this viewpoint Mark Creech, the executive director of Christian Action League of North Carolina, argues that universal health care proposals are unbiblical because they propose redistributing wealth to equalize access to health care. The Bible sees creativity and productivity as essential qualities of human beings, who are made in God’s image. It is immoral to create a system that redistributes economic goods, since it deprives individuals of the ability to benefit from their own creative and productive work. Any plan that fosters dependence on government is not only dangerous but also immoral.

As you read, consider the following questions:

1. The author recognizes that most Americans favor federal health insurance. Why does he believe they reached this erroneous conclusion?

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2. Why are socialistic endeavors inherently immoral, according to the author?
3. In what ways does the author believe that liberty and justice would be diminished by a federally funded plan for universal health care?

Universal health care, or government-funded health insurance, is a major issue early on in the [2008] presidential campaign. North Carolina's former senator, John Edwards, has been stumping for it in his platform for president. Hillary Rodham Clinton, also a candidate for the presidency, has been pushing for it as far back as when her husband, Bill Clinton, first became president. It's also been a burning issue for state governments such as California and Massachusetts. Even a House Select Committee, in a state as conservative as North Carolina, has been studying the California and Massachusetts models of legislation with the prospect of making an attempt at providing universal health care for the Tar Heel State.

America Has Lost Its Way

The prospect of government-funded universal health care, however, is another example of America's departure from its strong Judeo-Christian roots and its love affair with socialism. Most Americans are completely unfamiliar with what the Bible teaches about economics. And progressive churches have, unfortunately, dominated the scene by espousing a form of economics that is essentially socialistic principles with a religious veneer. One might even argue the church's loss of influence today is due in part to its support and advancement of the welfare state, which by government pre-emption has siphoned away the church's energy and resources for charitable purposes.

While a recent *New York Times*/CBS News Poll finds a majority of Americans now say the federal government should provide health insurance to every American, there are strong