

Assignment 2 Econ 4646
Prof. Barham
Due Nov. 16th, 2011
Hand into Econ Office at Econ 212

Watch the **FRONTLINE** program **Sick Around the World**. You can link to it from the class website or go to <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/>. Answer the following questions

1. (1 point) The US health care system ranks _____ in the World in terms of quality and fairness according to the WHO

Question 2 (1 point for each part)

	UK	Japan	Germany	Taiwan	Switzerland
a. Is everyone covered by health insurance?					
b. How is health insurance paid for?					
c. Do people go bankrupt due to medical bills?					
d. Is there a private health insurance system?					

e. Is delivery private or public or both (hospitals versus doctor visit) ?					
f. How are prices of medical care determined?					
g. Can insurance companies make a profit?					
h. Can insurance companies reject a patient?					
i. What is a problem with the health system?					

j. What is the proposed solution?					
--	--	--	--	--	--

3. (3 points) According to the documentary what are the 3 big limits that these other countries put on the private sector?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE

4. Read the article “Health Care Reform Is a “Three-Legged Stool: The Costs of Partially Repealing the Affordable Care Act” by Jonathon Gruber, August 2010 (http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/08/pdf/repealing_reform.pdf)

a. (5 points) What are the three parts of the three-legged stool in health care reform. And describe in 1 or 2 sentences describe the purpose of the leg.

1.

2.

3.

b. (1 point) What will be the impact on health care premiums if the mandate is not included in the law?