

HEALTH CARE: A **Right** OR A **Privilege**?

Discussion: Leesa and Ethan each present their point of view in this debate. Think about the questions and give your own opinion.

- 1. Leesa suggests that health care is a commodity – a product to be bought and sold. Do you agree? Why or why not?

- 2. Should hospitals operate for profit? Why or why not?



- 3. Ethan says that Medicare for All would cost Americans the same amount of money as the private health care system. Do you agree? Explain your answer.

- 4. Leesa asserts that Medicare for All would limit choice for health care consumers. Ethan disagrees – what do you think?

- 5. Is health care a right or a privilege, and why?

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1. Why do many Americans turn to the Declaration of Independence to understand rights?

2. Corporate executive Mike Rosen once said, "The pursuit of happiness is not the delivery of happiness." Can rights ever be guaranteed by a government?

3. If health care is a right, can doctors be forced to treat patients, even if they don't want to? How would this kind of right affect the liberty of others?

4. Is a society more successful when everyone is guaranteed health coverage? If so, how?



5. Leesa suggests that businesses boost innovation. Would a government-run Medicare for All system affect the progress of medical science? If so, how?
