



Surveying Canada's Medicare Bubble: A Cursory Analysis

Introduction:

In an effort to engage with course materials and synthesize research from many sources, you will be writing a long essay in Ch. 8. This essay, weighted more heavily in the areas of *knowledge* and *communication*, will be an opportunity for you to organize information from our class lectures/discussions.

Components

You will be provided the following materials:

1. My class lecture notes
 - a. Blue Zones Notes
 - b. Ch. 8 Text Book Notes
2. Documentary Films
 - a. "Sicko" (a critique of health care privatization)
 - b. "How to Live Forever" (information on healthy living)
3. Articles
 - a. The Fraser Institute: Canada's Medicare Bubble (PDF)
 - b. CBC News Articles
 - c. Natalie Mehra (Eroding Public Medicare: Lessons and Consequences of For-Profit Health Care Across Canada) PDF

Expectations

1. 4 paragraphs (minimum) 8 paragraphs (maximum)
2. APA footnote or in-paragraph citation
3. Evidence of course materials
4. Key terms **bolded**

Outline

(K = 15, C = 15, T = 10, A = 10)

- I. Introduction
 1. Provide a context for the Canadian system (**Knowledge 5 / Communication 5**)
 - a) Domestic Scale vs. Modern Industrial
 - b) Medical intervention vs. Health-Promotion System
- II. What is the Canadian Medicare Bubble? (**Knowledge 5 / Communication 5**)
 1. My notes
 2. The Fraser Institute PDF
- III. Efforts to contain costs (**Knowledge 5 / Communication 5**)
 1. User-Based Funding / Privatization / Two-Tier System
 - a) Proposals put forth by the Fraser Institute
 - b) "Sicko" video notes
 - c) My notes (link to PDF study on Two-Tier System)
 2. De-Listing
 - a) CBC news items (my notes) which outline "de-listings"
- IV. Summary / Conclusion (**Thinking 10 / Application 10**)
 1. Should Canada remain a one-tier system?
 - a) If no, why? Defend your position
 - b) If yes, how? Propose a general plan
 2. What can be done at the personal / local level to keep people healthier and contain costs?
 - a) Blue Zones notes / video
 - b) Stress Documentary
 - c) Centenarians documentary ("How to Live Forever")