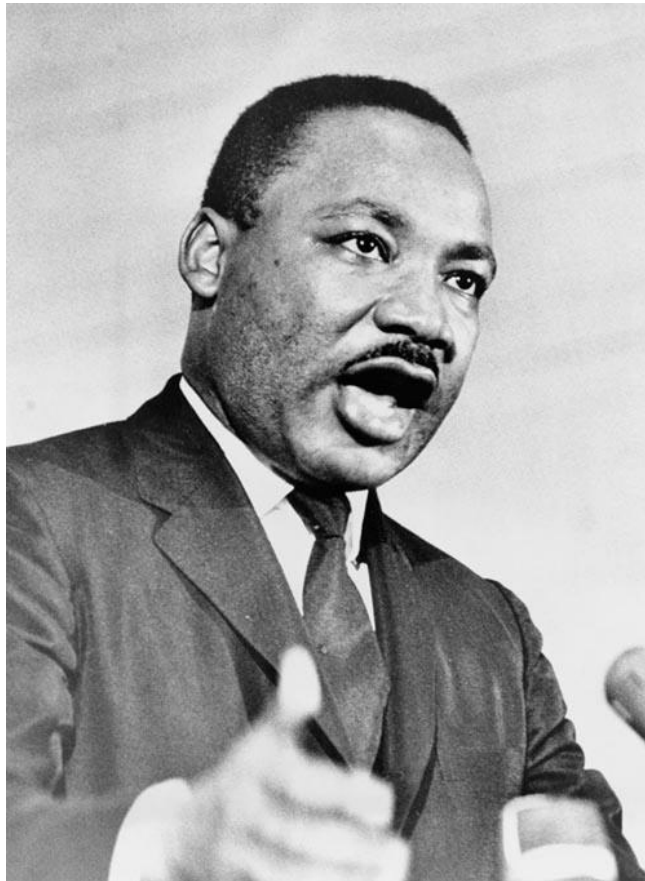


Health care for ALL—because all people deserve healthy, productive lives



“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.”

Getting beyond the 2010 health care law



If your state can create a plan that
(1) covers as many people
(2) as affordably and comprehensively as the Affordable Care Act does
(3) without increasing the deficit...
you can implement that plan. And we'll work with you to do it.

-- 1 Mar 2011



Are we there yet? What a good health care system should be

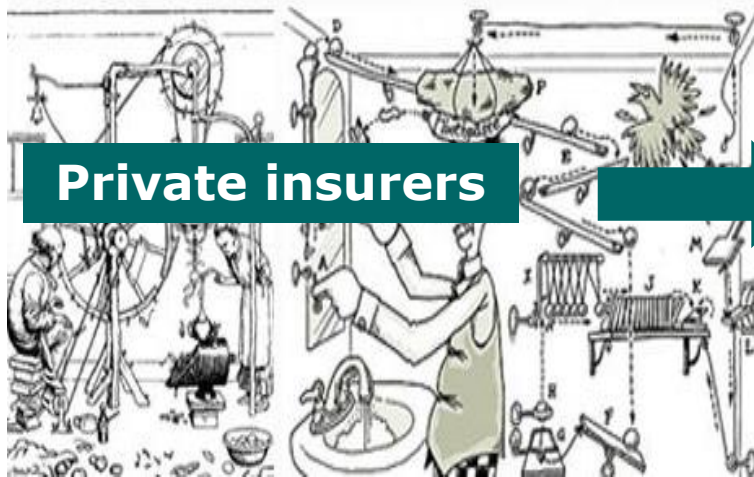
- **Universal**
- **Affordable for patients**
- **Sustainable for society**
- **Comprehensive**
- **Accessible**

"Now the truth is that unless you have what's called a single payer system in which everybody is automatically covered, then you are probably not going to reach every single individual..."

President Barack Obama
23 July 2009 press conference

Insurance companies are the principal obstacle to providing access to health care for all.

Your family



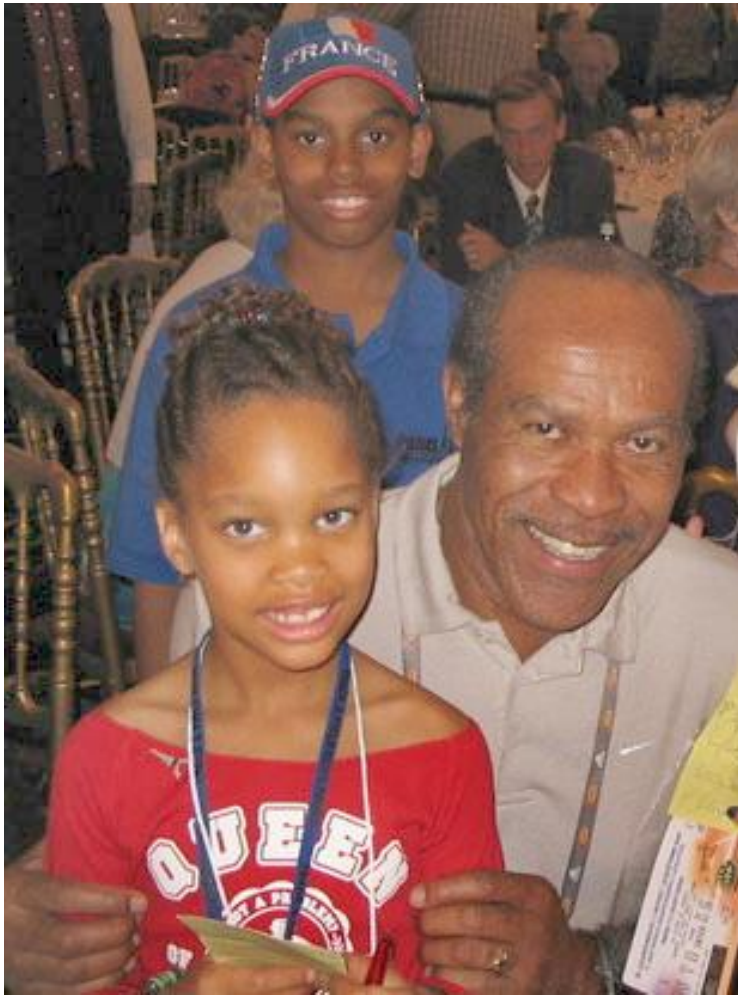
Private insurers



Your doctor



1968 Olympian Lee Evans battling brain tumor without insurance



As a celebrated U.S. Olympic hero and upstanding citizen, we have to all roll up our sleeves and find a way to help Lee get through these hard times. With all the technological advances we've experienced over the last century, **it's a shame that everyone on this planet doesn't have adequate health care—which should be a universal human right**

—Athletes United for Peace executive director Doug Harris



What comes after the health care reform of 2010?

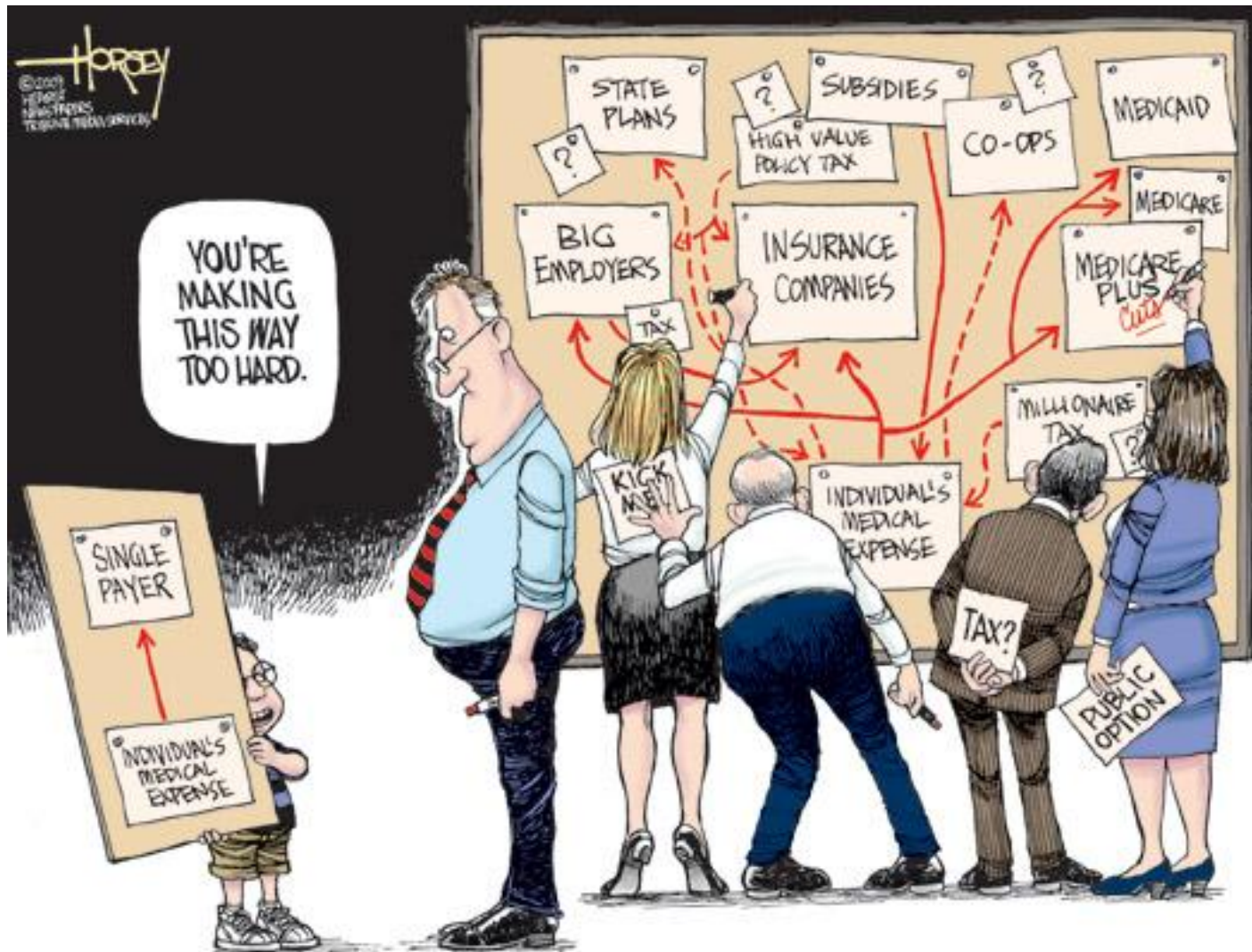
- The **One Payer States** coalition is a network of 14 states established to implementing universal coverage at the state level, until we get an Improved Medicare for All.
- **Vermont's** new Gov. Peter Shumlin and their legislature are committed to adopting state-based universal health care coverage.
- In WA State, **the Washington Health Security Trust** (WHST) HB 1096/SB 5609 has been introduced.
- **Improved and Expanded Medicare for All** bills have been introduced in Congress, HB 676 and HB 1200.



Next legislative steps at the national level

- The **State Leadership in Health Care Act**” (S. 73) sponsored by Sens. Sanders and Leahy of VT, will collect all the federal funding and use for financing coverage of state-based programs.
- The **Empowering States to Innovate Act** (S. 3958) sponsored by Sen. Wyden (D-OR) and Sen. Brown (R-MA), will enable states to bypass the requirements of (PPACA) and set up their own state-based programs.

Keep It Simple, Stupid!

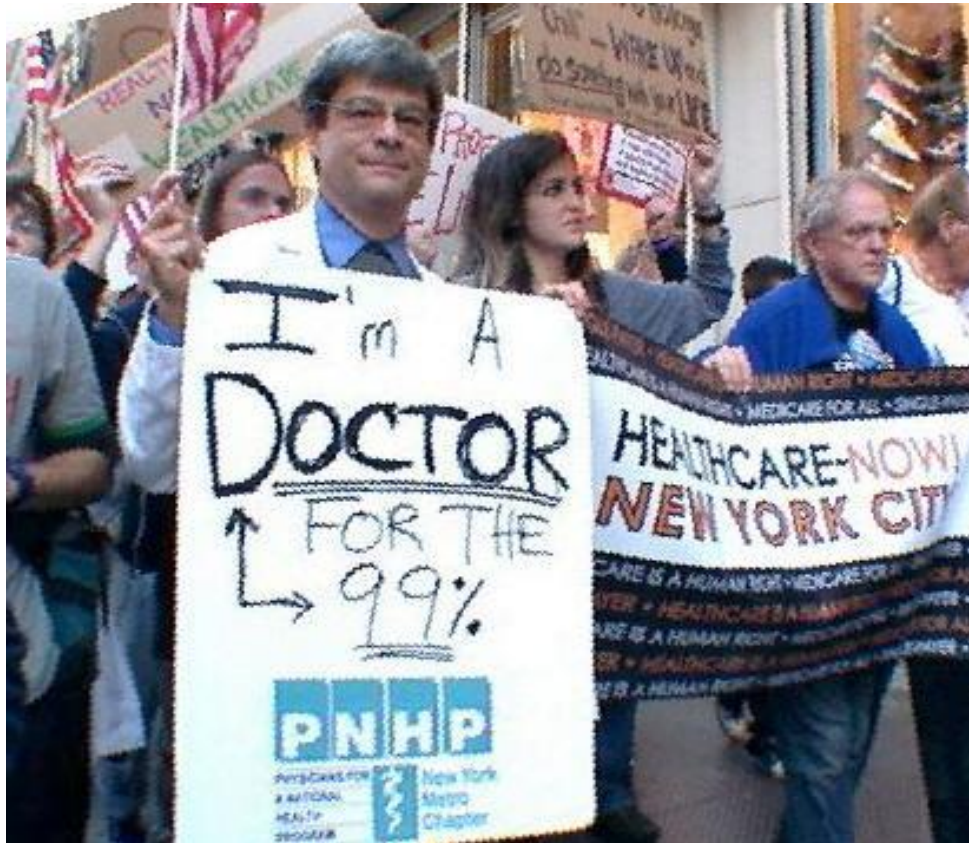




Obstacles to getting single payer health care

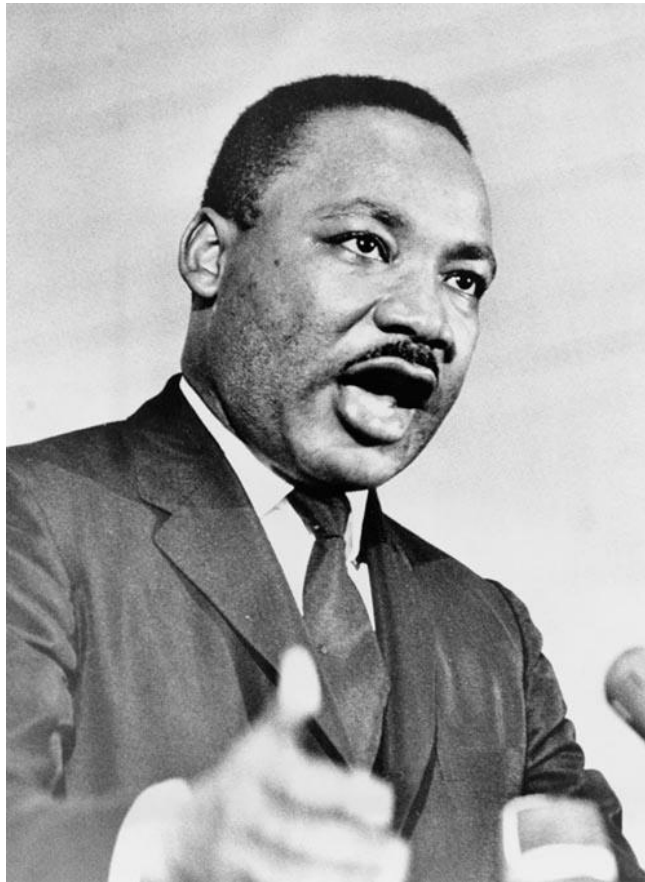
- Most people are healthy.
- Widespread belief that we can't get it done, despite the fact that it is favored by a majority of health care providers and the general public.
- Progressive issue organizations tend to have no sense of common purpose—**which is now thankfully changing after the OWS movement.**
- Lack of plans to back up legislators who will have big targets on their backs for supporting single payer. Why would a legislator vote for single payer if the result was large sums of money to force him/her out of office and the legislation was then repealed?

Occupy Health Care



Health
care
for
the
99%

Message for a common sense of purpose



“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be.”



Community organizations and their legislators

- Get organizations you belong to on board with single payer
- Have them arrange formal meetings with their legislators
- If your organization has a protocol for passing resolutions, use it to pass a resolution supporting single payer.

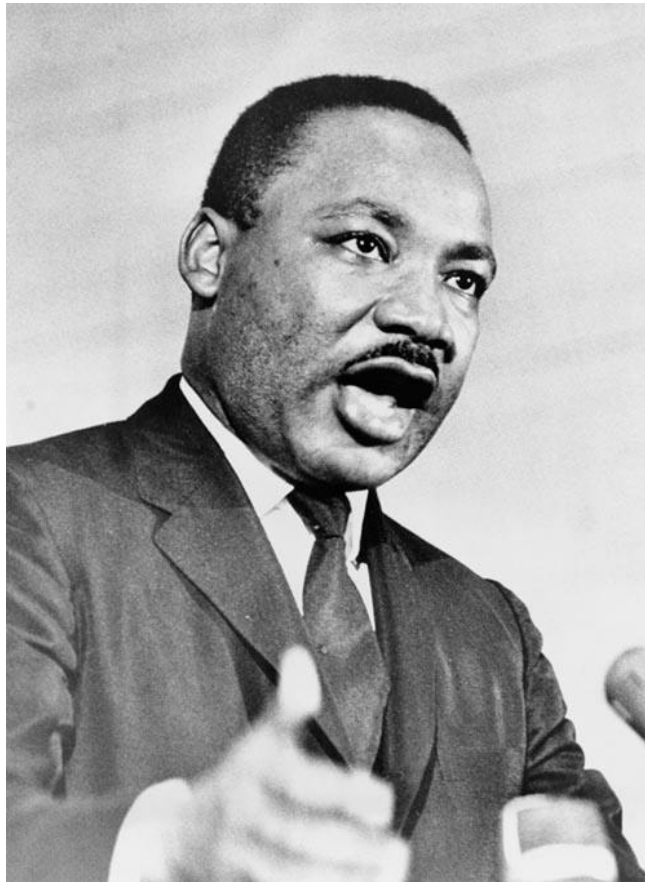


Successful lobbying is based on—

- Common sense
- Courtesy
- Continued effort
- Constituent education and mobilization

**Your goal is to build a long term
relationship with your legislator**

Message for a common sense of purpose



**“The hope of a
secure and livable
world lies with
disciplined
nonconformists
who are dedicated
to justice, peace
and brotherhood.”**



Universal coverage is still possible – sooner, better and cheaper

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United for Single Payer

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Labor Campaign for Single Payer Health Care

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