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# Medicare for All?

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Segment Length: 1:38 minutes; 2:17 minutes

## **Videos:**

“Medicare for All Leaves No One Behind”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voi0s26p7G8>

“Why Bernie Sanders' Medicare for All is a Bad Idea”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJTUw2\\_jfY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJTUw2_jfY)

## **Guide:**

The questions below will help students achieve a better understanding of the arguments made on either side of a contentious topic. Because these questions often touch upon statements made briefly in the videos, we recommend reading the questions before watching each video.

Students are encouraged to take notes during the videos, and it may be helpful for students to break into groups, each taking responsibility for only a few questions, before coming together for discussion.

## **Analysis Questions:**

1. Bernie Sanders thinks that the U.S. government should negotiate prices with drug companies. How does this relate to Nick Gillespie’s argument that price controls discourage innovation?
2. Nick Gillespie cites two studies showing that having health insurance doesn’t lead to better health for the vast majority of people. How would Bernie Sanders respond?
3. On the subject of high pharmaceutical prices, Lourdes Esparza says, “We have to stop thinking that this is normal, because it’s not.” Is she right? Why/Why not?
4. Nick Gillespie argues that Medicare for All could bankrupt the country. Should the U.S. government risk going deeper in debt to provide healthcare for its citizens? Why/Why not?
5. Lourdes Esparza says that healthcare is a right. What does she mean by this? Is she correct?
6. Nick Gillespie thinks the government should be less involved in healthcare. Bernie Sanders thinks the pharmaceutical industry has too much power over congress. Is there common ground here? If so, what is it?