

EXPAND THE DEBATE:

Currently, there is a disconnection between the discourse about health care coming from experts, politicians and the media and the reality lived by many American residents. If we talk about the reality, we talk about situations that entail intense suffering for the population and ultimately unacceptable deaths. **Our goal is to inform and give tools to communities to become full participants in a debate that has ignored their voice for so long.** It is through conversations that a collective knowledge and action can be developed, which will create the conditions required to build a comprehensive unified health care system that will serve the needs of the public and establish access to care as a basic human right.



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In the current debate about health care in the United States the public has not received accurate information and as a result, is not engaged in the process of reform.

“If the flow of communication provides little opportunity for citizens to express themselves meaningfully, they naturally begin to feel frustration and powerlessness.”

In many respects, frustration and powerlessness are the feelings that people express the most when the question of access to medical care is brought up.

Al Gore. *The Assault on Reason*. Penguin Group. 2007

In clinical medicine better results are observed when patients make the connection between the pain and **vulnerability** they are experiencing and the treatment chosen. We believe that the same combination of dialogue and information is key to achieving a comprehensive reform of the health care system in the United States.

LET'S GET INFORMED

*Informative presentations—
connection through knowledge*

Choose among multiple power point presentations to bring accurate and current information about health care to people.

Presentations:

- Introductory
- Insurance and Access to Care
- Prevention and Cost
- State Reforms & Medicare
- National Health Insurance
- Labor, Business or Medical Community and Health Care

LET'S TALK

*Discussion groups –empowerment
through participation*

Create a setting to engage in collaborative conversations in which participants may express their experiences and share their insights.

Our role as facilitators is to foster interconnections between individual conversations and to enhance the development of an authentic sense of knowledge through community.

Communities who develop collective knowledge become a force for change that cannot be silenced.

SOLIDARITY NOT CHARITY

LET'S WATCH

*Viewing of movies and
documentaries*

SICKO

By Michael Moore

UNNATURAL CAUSES:

PBS documentary

SICK AROUND THE WORLD

PBS Frontline documentary

HEALTH, MONEY AND FEAR

By Dr. Paul Hochfeld

LET'S ACT

Facilitator Training:

For one person or many, we provide PowerPoint presentations and booklets so you can create the debate in your own community.

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