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The Political Ideology of the Health Care Debate

As many of you are aware, there is a great debate in this country about health care reform and how to make health care more affordable. This debate is a great case study in the differences between liberals and conservatives.

One issue is whether or not the government should provide health care for all people, like is done in Canada, Great Britain, and other countries. Using your knowledge about liberals and conservatives, what would each side say about the government providing “free” health care for all (aka: nationalized health care, socialized health care)? (This is NOT “Obamacare”)

1. Liberals would say.....
2. Conservatives would say....
3. What are the advantages to this plan to have “free” health care for all Americans?
4. What are the disadvantages to this plan?

One big issue in health care is covering people with pre-existing conditions. Answer these questions regarding this:

1. Why would an insurance company not want to offer insurance to someone with a pre-existing condition?

2. What would a true liberal say is the answer to this problem?

3. What would a true conservative say is this problem?