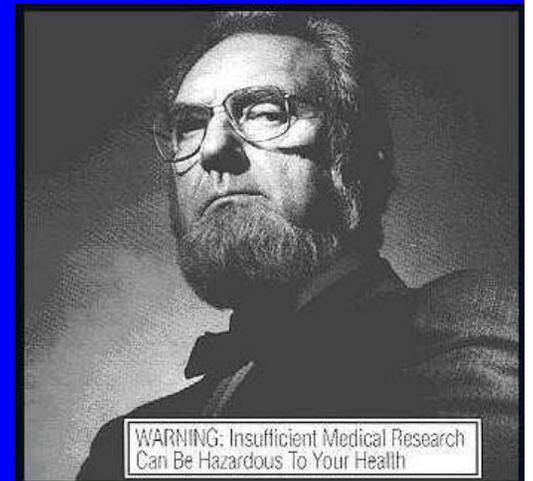


# BIOE 301

## Lecture 20



# Obama Principles for Health Reform

- Reduce long-term growth of health care costs for businesses and government.
- Protect families from bankruptcy or debt because of health care costs.
- Guarantee choice of doctors & health plans.
- Invest in prevention and wellness.

# Obama Principles for Health Reform

- Improve patient safety & quality care.
- Assure affordable, quality health coverage for all Americans.
- Maintain coverage when you change or lose your job.
- End barriers to coverage for people with pre-existing medical conditions.

# Update on US Health Care Reform

- Interactive Tool:

What Health Care Overhaul Means  
For You????

## Which Category Are You?

Can't Afford Insurance?

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## Which Category Are You?

President Obama has challenged Congress to come up with a bill that provides quality, affordable health insurance to all Americans — without adding to the deficit. See how key proposals would affect you.



### NOTE

\* Numbers listed above refer to the non-elderly U.S. population.

Sources: 2007 U.S. Census, Commonwealth Fund, Kaiser Family Foundation

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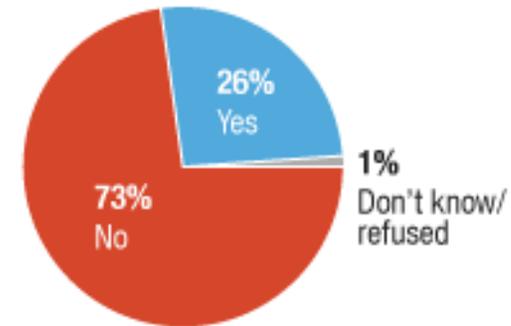
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## Can't Afford Insurance?

### Problems Paying Medical Bills

In the past 12 months, did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills, or not?

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Poll



If you're among the 46 million Americans without health insurance, chances are you worry about your health — with good reason. Studies show uninsured people are more likely to die after a heart attack or stroke, more likely to get diagnosed with cancer at a later stage, and less likely to have their diabetes or high blood pressure under control. You are also part of the reason for spiraling costs. With no affordable alternative, the uninsured often seek treatment at a late stage in an illness — and in emergency rooms, where costs are highest.

### How Overhaul Could Affect You

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## Want Better Coverage?

Is your health insurance OK... unless you get sick? Worry about going bankrupt if you get really sick? You're among the 25 million to 37 million American adults younger than 65 who are under-insured. You're at risk of spending more than 10 percent of your income on medical care.

Because costs are going up and coverage is eroding, your numbers are growing. "If you are sick and earn a modest income, then you are probably under-insured, even if you have employer-sponsored coverage," says Jon Gabel of the National Opinion Research Center.

### How Overhaul Could Affect You

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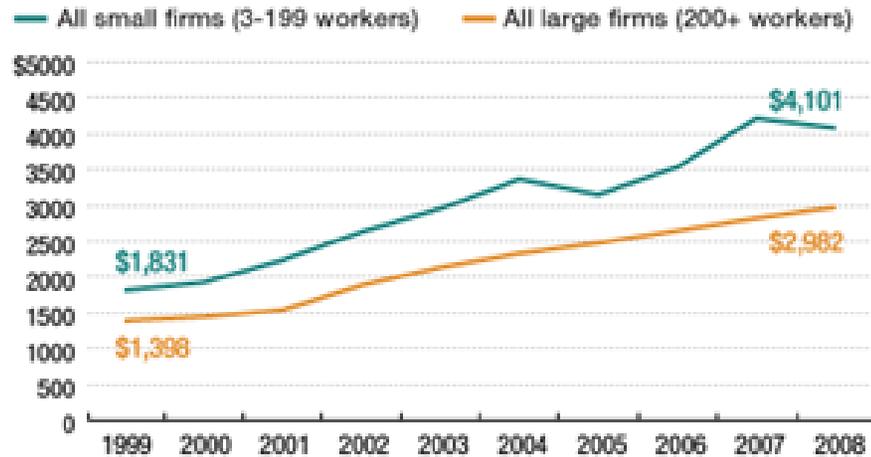
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## Happy With Your Coverage?

### Worker Contribution To Health Plans On The Rise



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

If you're in this category, chances are you're one of about 164 million people in America who get coverage through their employers. But trouble could be closing in. Your premiums, and the contribution by your employer, have more than doubled since 1999. And chances are good that your company is planning to reduce its premium contribution and increase the amount you have to pay out of pocket when you see a doctor or fill a prescription. If you lose your job (more than 15 million people are currently unemployed), you lose your health coverage — something that happens nowhere else in the industrialized world.

### How Overhaul Could Affect You

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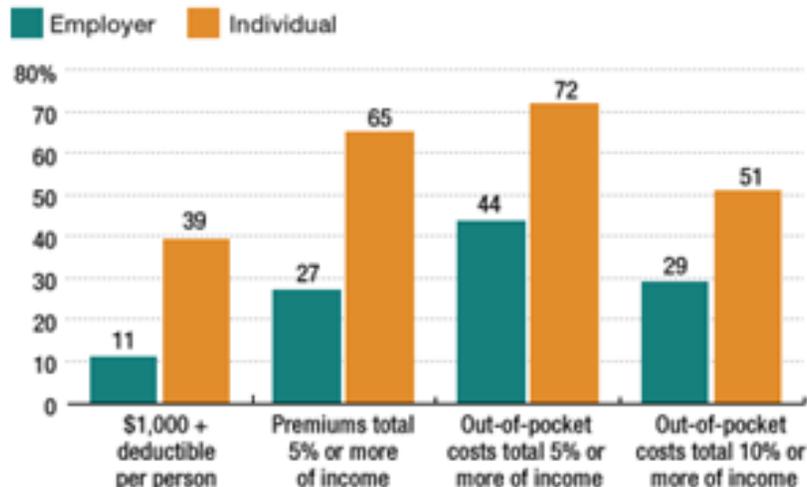
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## Self-Insured And Worried?

### Health Care Spending: Employer-Insured Vs. Self Insured, 2007

Percent of privately insured adults ages 19-64



Source: Commonwealth Fund

If you buy health insurance on your own — because you're self-employed or your employer doesn't offer it — you know how expensive and iffy coverage can be. You're among as many as 17 million Americans who buy nongroup health insurance. You're likely to face high premiums, large deductibles and copayments, and the risk that your insurance won't be renewed if you get sick.

#### How Overhaul Could Affect You

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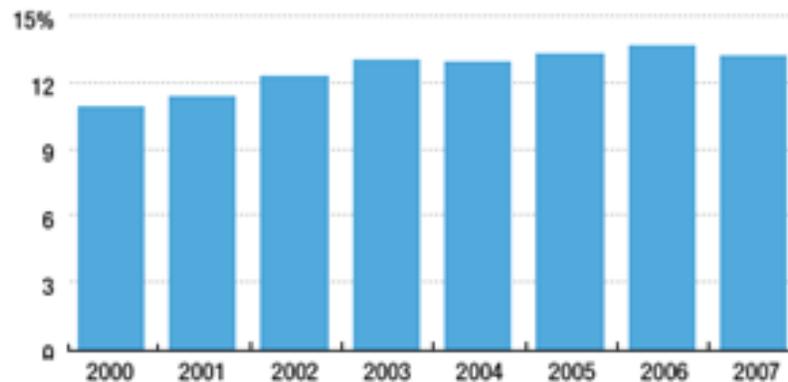
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## Don't Want Insurance?

Percentage Of Uninsured Young Adults



Source: Commonwealth Fund

If you're uninsured but your income is more than 2.5 times the federal poverty level (\$27,075 for an individual), you might be uninsured by choice. At least 40 percent of the 46 million people without coverage may fall in this category. Experts say you should be able to afford some kind of coverage. Signing you up is essential to making the U.S. insurance system cost-effective. Those who can afford insurance yet opt out tend to be young, healthy and single. But an insurance system works best when there is a mix of people; the low-cost healthy subsidize the high-cost sick.

### How Overhaul May Affect You

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A refresher on the main proposals before Congress:

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# Public Debate

- [YouTube... www.notsosure.org](http://www.notsosure.org)
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[Healthcare Overhaul Summarized Via  
Massive Pig](#)

# Update on US Health Care Reform

- [NPR: Launch Health Care Push](#) *(June 8, 2010)*

# Technology: Solution or Problem?

- Early detection & prevention
  - [NPR: Mammograms Aren't Always Helpful](#)

