

PREPARATORY MATERIALS STUDY CIRCLE #3

Reading Materials:

- *Health Care Options at a Glance*, YES! Magazine, Fall 2006.
- *Hillary Clinton's Plan*, Hillary Clinton.com.
- *John McCain's Plan*, JohnMcCain.com
- *Barack Obama's Plan*, BarackObama.com
- *Proposals for Comprehensive Health Care Reform at the Federal Level*, Internet Resources.
- *Physicians for a National Health Program*, American Journal of Public Health
- *Arguments FOR Universal Health Care*, GuaranteedHealthCare.org
- *Arguments AGAINST Establishing Universal Health Care*, Wikipedia
- *Digging in the Right Place*, David Sirota, Creative Syndicate

Questions about Current Systems and Reform Proposals:

- Read and consider the materials provided. Be prepared to discuss their key differences and similarities and what you like or don't like about the proposals. What do critics say?

What, Who, How, When, Where, Why?

1. Who gets covered? Who doesn't? How much gets covered?
2. What gets covered (basic, alternative, pre-existing, preventive, dental, etc.)?
3. How is health care delivered (public/private/mixed)?
4. How is it financed (payroll taxes, income tax, sales tax, VAT, private premiums)?
5. Who administers it, or how are providers paid (insurance companies; federal, state, local governments; trusts)?
6. Whose interests are best/least served by this proposal (patients, taxpayers, insurance companies, providers, investors, etc.)?
7. Does the proposal address the moral aspect of the health care question? In what ways?
8. Other questions/issues?