

United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging

Chaired by Sen. Bernard Sanders

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Subcommittee Hearing - Access and Cost: What the US Health Care System Can Learn from Other Countries

Sen. Bernie Sanders chaired a Senate committee hearing on what the health care system in the United States can learn from other countries. Tsung-Mei Cheng provided an excellent overview of single payer and of the sharp contrasts between the United States and other nations. Her 28 page statement is well worth downloading to use as an information resource in educating others about single payer.

Other informative presentations included those of Victor Rodwin on France, Ching-Chuan Yeh on Taiwan, Danielle Martin on Canada, and Jakob Kjellberg on Denmark. Even the presentations from the other side by Sally Pipes and David Hogberg were helpful in that they showed how silly (sadly) their views were when contrasted with a group of experts who understand well how systems based on solidarity work.

If you can find the time, viewing the [entire video](#) (1 hour 46minutes) and reading the statements would be well worth the effort.

If you don't have the time, at least view this 4 minute [YouTube video](#) of clips from the hearing.