

# Why So Many Senior Academics Favor Single-Paying Medicine

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It would create a two-tier system where the privileged class could get different, reputedly better doctors who would accept higher payments.

Where “higher payments” made illegal, because, say, “un-American,” as indeed a two-tier system would be, the result would be a medical black market. Think?

Senior academics are accustomed to a two-tier system where those tenured tower above the hoi-polloi.

Why is it that advocates of single-payer American medicine never mention the likely social result?

Incidentally, long a beneficiary on Medicare, I favor single-paying, but dislike dishonesty which I fear anti-Trump

fanatics have made epidemic.

Lies from those who are self-righteous are no more acceptable than lies from crooks.

My being anti-anti-Trump now no more makes me a Trumpster than my being anti-anti-Communist made me a Communist a few decades ago. People failing to recognize this distinction are either stupid or, yes, dishonest.