



The Politics of Health Policy: The U.S. Reforms, 1980-1994

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Editorial Reviews Review

"The Politics of Health Policy constitutes an important contribution to the debate of a crucial issue. However, the reach of Professor Navarro's book goes well beyond health policy: it is also a powerful and well-documented rebuttal of the many obfuscations which mask the reality of politics in the United States. It offers a sustained and effective challenge to conventional thinking and deserves very close attention." Ralph Miliband

"This book should become a very interesting reference in the growing literature of the welfare state. Navarro's way of analyzing health and social policy issues, while well accepted in Europe, is not frequently heard in the US. His is a strong voice of a committed social reformer speaking with the force of an empirical scientist." Professor Goran Therborn, Gothenburg University

Product Description

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The history of health care reform in the United States has spanned many decades with health care reform having been the subject of political debate since the early part of the 20th century. Recent reforms remain an active political issue. Alternative reform proposals were offered by both of the major candidates in the 2008 and 2016 presidential elections. On July 16, 1798, President John Adams signed the first Federal public health law, "An act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen." This "Political Rhetoric and Political Persuasion: The Changing Structure of Citizens' Preferences on Health Insurance During Policy Debate." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 62 (2): 209-29. Luker, Kristin. 1984. *Abortion and the Politics of Motherhood*. Berkeley: University of California Press. MacKinnon, Catharine A. 1987. 1994. *The Politics of Health Policy: The US Reforms, 1980-1994*. Oxford: Blackwell. Oberlander, Jonathan. Introduction: *The Politics of the US Welfare State*. 1. *The 1980 and 1984 US Elections and the New Deal: An Alternative Interpretation*. 2. *Class Politics and Social Movements in the US*. 3. *The 1988 US Elections - The Primaries: The Rediscovery of the National Health Program by the Democratic Party, A Chronicle of the Jesse Jackson Campaign*. 4. *The 1988 Presidential Election*. 5. *The Welfare State and Its Redistributive Effects: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution?*. 6. *Production and the Welfare State: The Political Context of Reforms*. 8. *The 1992 Presidential Election and the Clinton Administration Policies: The Politics of Health Care Reform*. Reviews. "The Politics of Health Policy constitutes an important contribution to the debate of a crucial issue. About this work. Publication/Creation. Oxford : Blackwell, [1994]. Physical description. xiv, 231 pages ; 24 cm. We're improving the information on this page. Find out more. Wellcome collection.