Affordable Care Act

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Facts

Facts about the Affordable Care Act include: it will ensure that every American with a health insurance gets access to new benefits, rights, and protections. This will see to it that they get treated whenever the need arises. It will also protect them from abuse by the Healthcare Insurance industries.

Another fact about the Affordable Care Act is that it would make insurance more affordable. This it will do by reducing premium charges and cash payments for families who did not have insurance covers before. This will ensure medical cover is available and affordable to many Americans who could not afford it beforehand. The last but not least fact about Affordable Care Act is that it will end discrimination in the health sector by equally spreading risk regardless of individual’s age, sex or health status (Act, 2010).

Applying perspectives

This is health care reform law in America commonly known as Obamacare. It aims at providing Americans with affordable and quality health insurance and to reduce the citizen’s expenditure on healthcare. It would also help curb discrimination of whatsoever basis in the medical sector.

Theorists’ perspective

The three major theories; functionalist, interactionist, conflict theories would have various ways of explaining the Affordable Care Act. The Functionalists, for example, would concentrate on how the tasks supposed to be accomplished by the healthcare sector and its sustainability. The functionalists, therefore, would be interested in how Obamacare would ensure a healthy society. This comes from the first fact which involves rights, benefits, and protections of all citizens as far as healthcare is concerned.

Conflict theorists, on the other hand, would view Affordable Care Act in terms of its indiscriminative availability to everyone in need. This will lay emphasis on the fact that previously provision of Healthcare services was discriminative in terms of a patient’s gender, health status and even age. This falls under the third fact. The second fact will also be covered by the conflict theorists where they will try to find out whether or not services will be availed to patients who previously did not have healthcare insurances.

Personal beliefs

I believe that the Affordable Care Act would highly benefit Americans in many different ways. Regarding race, it will reduce the gap between the whites and blacks since the Obamacare was endorsed by President Obama who is a Black. This is because the whites living below the poverty level would also have something to thank him for.

Regarding class, Obama care will reduce the gap between the rich and the poor, especially in the healthcare sector. This is because, with an introduction of healthcare insurance, everyone will have an equal chance of receiving medical care regardless of their financial backgrounds.

Social imaginations

The interactionists would interest themselves with the effect of the introduction of healthcare services to all especially the marginalized groups. The marginalized in this case refers to individuals who previously were discriminated against as far as healthcare services were concerned. The would want to know whether the introduction of healthcare insurance would mean many people would seek medical services from the National Government or if they would still stick to their previous pattern of seeking medical attention in alternative facilities (Protection & Act, 2010). The idea of finding out the changes brought about by Obamacare would not be merely social but also political: the legislative would receive credit for reducing mortality rates in the children and the elderly.

Research process

If I were to study people’s belief about Affordable Care Act, I would do an oral interview with them. This would take place on the streets, my interviewees being random people but I would make sure I include all the social classes and races. Afterward, I would tally my results to find out the majority belief. Some of the questions I would ask them would be like, ‘have you experienced any changes in the healthcare sector since the introduction of the Obamacare?’ What changes would you make to Obamacare given a chance?’

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