

## Obama's Nazi Doctor Recasts Hippocratic Oath

May 31—Ezekiel Emanuel, M.D., called for a reinterpretation of the physician's Hippocratic Oath to take account of "costs" and "effect on others" (like HMOs), in an article in the June 18, 2008 *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, titled, "The Perfect Storm of Overutilization." The brother of Obama's chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, Ezekiel is a top designer of Obama's Hitlerian medical-care "reform," as health-care advisor to Peter Orszag's OMB and a member of the Federal Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research. He wrote:

"At least 7 factors drive overuse [of medical care], 4 related to physicians and 3 related to patients. First, there is the matter of physician culture. Medical school education and postgraduate training emphasize thoroughness. When evaluating a patient, students, interns, and residents are trained to identify and praised for and graded on enumerating all possible diagnoses and tests that would confirm or exclude them. The thought is that the more thorough the eval-



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uation, the more intelligent the student or house officer. Trainees who ignore the improbable 'zebra' diagnoses are not deemed insightful. In medical training, meticulousness, not effectiveness, is rewarded.

"This mentality carries over into practice. Peer recognition goes to the most thorough and aggressive physicians. The prudent physician is not deemed particularly competent, but rather inadequate. This culture is further reinforced by a unique understanding of professional obligations, specifically, the Hippocratic Oath's admonition to 'use my power to help the sick to the best of my ability and judgment' as an imperative to do everything for the patient regardless of cost or effect on others" (emphasis added).

Compare the account in Robert Jay Lifton's book, *The Nazi Doctors*.

The anti-Nazi physician Ella Lingen-Reiner pointed to the chimneys in the distance, and asked Nazi doctor Fritz Klein, "How can you reconcile that with your [Hippocratic] oath as a doctor?" His answer was, "Of course I am a doctor and I want to preserve life. And out of respect for human life, I would remove a gangrenous appendix from a diseased body. The Jew is the gangrenous appendix in the body of mankind."

—Tony Papert

event later the same day, Administration spokesmen kept up the pep talk. The next day, Administration official Nancy-Ann DeParle felt compelled to reference the fact that what she called "scary rumors" were being circulated about the Obama plan, but claimed that the Administration was not going to be forced to "react."

DeParle, however, effusively endorsed the genocidal cuts put together by the private "health-care industry" which the Administration proposes to keep in charge of the system. Typical of the proposals these "stakeholders" put together to cut \$2 trillion in health-care costs, are those of the American Medical Association, under a section called "Efforts To Reduce Unnecessary Utilization." These include reducing "overuse" of surgical and non-surgical management of back pain,

angioplasty, treating sinusitis with antibiotics and sinus radiography, and diagnostic imaging.

In fact, President Obama's own actions June 2 compounded the evidence of genocidal intent. Following a meeting with 24 Democratic Senators on the plan, the President gave a five-minute presentation, during which he stressed that it is not sufficient to add people to the Medicare and Medicaid rolls, "in the absence of cost controls and reforms." He then sent a letter to Sens. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), heads of the committees in charge of ramming through the plans, proposing *more* cutbacks in Medicare and Medicaid than are in his budget—\$200-300 billion more, to be precise.

As LaRouche put it, "The President is fully guilty of a policy of genocide."