

EIR Warned You in '09: ObamaCare Is Genocide; Here's What Must Be Done

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EIR, the magazine founded by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., has done an extensive study of the proposals for health-care “reform” being proposed by the Obama Administration. As a result of our research, we have determined that the fundamental premises of the program, as represented by OMB chief Peter Orszag, his health advisor Ezekiel Emanuel, and the President himself, are identical to those which underlay the genocidal program for eliminating the “unrehabilitable sick” in the Hitler regime. A historical review documenting this analysis immediately follows.

There can be no compromise with the premises of this program. If it is successful, it will lead to genocide, and not only in health care, since OMB Chief Orszag has already announced that after health care, he intends to “reform,” (i.e., slash) Social Security next. Thus, as the first step to reversing direction, the Obama health plan must be totally scrapped.

Instead, Congress must return to the policy laid out in the Hill-Burton Act of 1946, which mandated the provision of the necessary logistical foundation—in terms of hospital beds and personnel—to ensure adequate medical care for the U.S. population. The Hill-Burton approach was essentially dumped in 1973, when a bipartisan grouping in Congress endorsed President Nixon’s legislation beginning the establishment of Health Maintenance Organizations, the for-profit institutions which now control the bulk of the health-care provision for the American population. Under the HMO regime, the physical infrastructure required for the health of the American population has been slashed, and the quality of care as well.

Lyndon LaRouche has repeatedly led the charge against the HMO wreckers, and in support of an updated Hill-Burton approach. In 1992, the Democrats for Economic Recovery/LaRouche in '92 committee issued a 25-page pamphlet, “Solving the Health Care Crisis,” against the HMOs. In 1996, LaRouche led a campaign under the banner, “‘Managed Health Care’ Is a Crime Against Humanity.” In 2000, LaRouche’s political action committee issued a national 16-page dossier titled, “Ban the HMOs Now! Before They Get You and Yours,” providing draft legislation to revoke the HMO enabling acts. LaRouche has also endorsed the single-payer plan put forward by Rep. John Conyers, as coherent with his approach. Today, there can be no more delay. The Nazi-like plan of cost-cutting against “useless eaters,” which the President has put on the table, must be dumped, and the Hill-Burton approach adopted, without delay.

Hitler’s T4 Program Revived in Obama’s Health-Care ‘Reform’

In July of 1939, a conference of medical professionals was held in Berlin, Germany. Participating were the professors and chairmen of the departments of psychiatry of the leading universities and medical schools of Germany, many of them, the most respected professionals in their fields. The subject? What would be the criteria for determining which patients would be considered to have “lives unworthy to be lived,” and what was the most “practical and cheap” manner of removing them from being burdens on the health-care system—by death.

Thus, the bureaucratic machine began to be cranked up for what is known as Adolf Hitler’s program of genocide through “euthanasia,” a program which killed hundreds of thousands of non-Jewish Germans, and eventually, millions of Jews and non-Germans as well.

That program, which had already begun years before, against concentration camp inmates and handicapped children, was officially put into effect in October 1939, when Hitler penned his own personal, and secret, authorization for the program, under the title, “The Destruction of Lives Unworthy of Life”:

“Reichsleiter Bouhler and Dr. Brandt are charged with the responsibility for expanding the authority of physicians, to be designated by name, to the end that patients considered incurable according to the best available human judgment of their state of health, can be accorded a mercy death.”

To carry out this program, Hitler and his fiendish Nazi associates would fully utilize the “professional” apparatus which had been put in place, as well as the popular, British-eugenics-spawned ideology which had been increasingly dominant in Germany since Hitler had seized power with the aid of powerful British-Wall Street financiers. The killing would proceed with the utmost “cost-effectiveness” and professionalism, in order to save funds for the Nazi state’s preferred projects, and not waste them on “ineffective” medical treatments.

If that sounds familiar, it should. For the proposals which the Obama Administration has currently put on the table, follow them in virtual lockstep:

First, the “experts” decide what is “effective” care, with “cost-effectiveness” foremost in mind, ruling out “inappropriate” treatments.

Second, these standards become the law, in terms of what medical care will be paid for.

Third, other experts efficiently implement those decisions, through the existing hospital apparatus.

The result, as in Nazi Germany, is that millions are, with the stroke of a pen, consigned to death.

The T4 Program

The T4 program, which was established following Hitler’s secret order, took its name from its Berlin office address, Tiergarten 4, which address housed the coordinating organization for the program, the Reich Work Group of Sanatoriums and Nursing Homes. In charge were Philip Bouhler, chief of the Chancellory, and Dr. Karl Brandt, Hitler’s personal physician and chief medical officer of the land.

Their first task was to devise the questionnaires which would be used to categorize the targetted institutionalized populations. Four categories were specified:

1. Patients suffering from specified diseases who are not employable, or are employable only in simple mechanical work. These included schizophrenia, epilepsy, senile diseases, therapy-resistant paralysis, feeble-mindedness, and the like.

2. Patients who have been continually institutionalized for at least five years.

3. Patients who are criminally insane.

4. Non-German patients.

While including these categorizations, the questionnaire overall gave the impression of a rather neutral statistical survey, which also delved into the patients’ biographies, their financial situations, and the like. (See *EIR*, June 5, 2009, p. 12). It was accompanied by a questionnaire for the institution in which the patient was housed, which asked about staffing, beds available, and budgetary questions. A significant stress was also put on detailing the patients’ abilities to work.

The first questionnaires went out in October 1939, the month Hitler signed his order, to state hospitals, and other public and private institutions where mental patients, epileptics, the mentally retarded, and other handicapped persons resided. The responsibility for filling them out, often in a very short period of time, fell on the physicians at those institutions.

The questionnaires were then sent to panels of three or four psychiatric experts, who indicated their opinion about whether the patient (whom they had never seen, much less examined, and whose medical history they were unfamiliar with) was to live or die. Each “expert” made his or her decision independently, and passed on the questionnaire to the next. The choice for the experts was effectively only one of two options: a plus sign in red, which meant death; or a dash in blue, which meant life. Occasionally, a psychiatrist would put a question mark in the space provided.

The questionnaires were then sent to a chief expert, who passed the final judgment. At this “higher” level, there was no alternative other than life or death. In fact, the “senior expert” was not bound by the recommended decisions. From his judgment, there was no appeal. From that point on, it was merely a matter of sending back the decision to the relevant institution, where the final dispensation of the patient was carried out, and, if so ordered, sending him or her to one of the designated “killing centers.”

These centers were supervised by medical personnel, who oversaw the killing, and were responsible for

devising the fraudulent death certificates which were sent to the families of those who had been determined to have lives “not worthy to be lived.”

Councils of Experts

Shift now to today, where we are in the first phases of the Nazi euthanasia program (called “reform”) being promoted by the Obama Administration and its behavioral psychologist “experts.” It starts with the dictum that there are insufficient resources to provide medical care for all, especially those at the “end of life,” or not able to be “effectively” rehabilitated. In other words, the Nazi assumption that there are lives “not worthy to be lived” (or, not worth spending our money on, if you will), at least according to the priorities for spending which the Administration has set—i.e., the banks must be saved first.

The second step is for the Administration to set up those “panels of experts” who will determine the criteria for who will get medical care, and who won’t. Already, the so-called Obama stimulus package has created one such panel, the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research. This 15-member council is comprised of highly credentialed “experts,” many of them medical doctors, who are tasked with “coordinating research” on the relative values of treatments. While explicitly claiming that the Council will not directly pronounce judgments on treatments and payments, it is clear that the research that they are supervising is intended to do precisely that.

Particularly ominous is the fact that one of the Council’s members, Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, is trained in “bioethics,” a discipline dedicated precisely to determining criteria for deciding who should live, and who should die. Emanuel has a long history of promoting policies of cutting “marginal” care, as well as promoting living wills.

Crucially significant as well, is that Obama’s head of the Office of Management and Budget, Peter Orszag, has already set out his genocidal judgment that around 30% of current health-care services and procedures are unnecessary. The model for their work, as reflected in statements by many of the relevant officials, is the British National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), the Orwellian-named agency which has central control over what medical care will be provided to British subjects within the British National Health Service. NICE’S directives

have systematically denied Britons quality care, on the basis of its being “too expensive,” and have singled out, especially, the elderly, for being undeserving of intensive medical care.

The Comparative Effectiveness Council is clearly only the beginning of the genocide—if this Nazi plan is not stopped cold.

Other Proposals

Let’s look at a number of other proposals. One has been made by former Sen. Tom Daschle, the man whom President Obama wanted to appoint as Secretary of Health and Human Services, and special health czar in the White House (his appointment was derailed over tax problems). Daschle’s plan, as laid out in his 2008 book *Critical: What We Can Do About the Health-Care Crisis*, centers on the creation of an all-powerful Federal Health Board, which would be able to act *without political interference*, as the Federal Reserve does in the monetary system.

Daschle’s Federal Health Board would have a board of governors (“clinicians, health benefit managers, economists, researchers, and other respected experts”) which would command a huge staff of analysts that would come up with policy diktats in the areas of health insurance and medical care. The board would determine which treatments are, in its view, “the most clinically valuable and cost effective.” They would promote “quality,” by “using evidence-based guidelines and cutting down on inappropriate care.” In addition, the Board would “align incentives with high-quality care,” an obfuscatory term which means paying doctors to keep costs down, and withholding payments for unapproved (read: “expensive”) procedures.

Daschle calls the Federal Health Board a “standard setter,” but, in fact, it would become the dictator as to who lives, and who dies.

Paralleling Daschle’s proposal is a piece of legislation which was introduced by Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) on May 20. Rockefeller proposes that the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC, created in 1997), move beyond its current mandate to advise on rates of payment for the 44 million enrollees in Medicare, to set lists of approved treatment standards, and enforce compliance with regulations on health-care delivery and reimbursement. Rockefeller’s press release states that he wants MedPAC to be made up of “independent experts,” as an “executive agency

modelled after the Federal Reserve.”

He adds: “We must take Congress out of its current role.... It is inefficient and ineffective; we are not health-care experts, and being a deliberative body means that we cannot keep pace with the rapidly transforming health-care marketplace.”

President Obama has personally expressed approval of this proposal, which he said would have already saved \$200 billion, if the dictatorship had been in place.

Knew or Should Have Known

When the Nazi doctors, and others, were tried for crimes against humanity and genocide at the Nuremberg Tribunal after World War II, many claimed that they had only the most noble intentions; others, that they were only following orders. In fact, they were wittingly serving as “expert” or bureaucratic cogs in a mass-murder machine, of whose outcome they were fully aware.

While there is no doubt that the degeneration of our culture, in terms of the valuation of life, has proceeded quite a distance over the last decades, thus preparing our population to accept Nazi euthanasia today, the apparatus parallel to that which Hitler set up *can still be stopped*. It must be done now—before the medical and economic “experts” carry out genocide again.

Appendix

The following draft legislation was put forward by Lyndon LaRouche’s Committee for a New Bretton Woods in May of 2000. It still forms the core of what must be done today.

Proposed ‘Right to High Quality Health Care Act’

Declaration of Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is: a) to affirmatively establish the right of every person to the highest quality health care available; b) to abolish Health Maintenance Organizations, Managed Care Organizations, and the practice of managed care by health insurers; and c) to re-assert the principles of the Hill-Burton Act (42 U.S.C. Section 291 et seq.) as the primary policy governing U.S. health policy.

This Act is necessitated by the immediate crisis in the health conditions in the United States, where mil-

lions of citizens are denied access to necessary health-care services due to the financial practices of Health Maintenance Organizations, Managed Care Organizations, the practice of managed care by health insurers, and the lack of adequate medical facilities in many communities in the country. This has created a health-care emergency in the United States.

Under the Preamble to the United States Constitution, the Federal Government is required to “promote the General Welfare,” thus necessitating immediate action by the Federal Government to address this health-care emergency.

The lack of access to adequate health care, and the practices of the Health Maintenance Organizations and Managed Care Organizations, are in violation of Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations, and Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, which establish the universal right to adequate health care, and require governments to take steps to assure access to quality medical care. The United States is a signatory to these declarations and covenants.

The practice of denying needed medical treatment to certain persons in order to cause their death, was prosecuted as a crime against humanity by the United States in the post-World War II Nuremberg Tribunals.

Section 1

- A. It is hereby established and affirmed that every person has a right to the highest quality health care available.
- B. Any practices by health insurers, that deny any person the right to the highest quality health care available, for financial, or any other reasons, are hereby prohibited.

Section 2

- A. 42 U.S.C. Section 300e, et seq., providing for the establishment and operation of Health Maintenance Organizations, is hereby repealed.
- B. It shall be unlawful to operate a Health Maintenance Organization, Managed Care Organization, or any health-insurance program that practices managed care, or seeks to control costs by limiting necessary health care services provided to patients.

Section 3

- A. It is hereby re-affirmed that the provisions of the Hill-Burton Act, 42 U.S.C. 291 et seq., are the governing principles for U.S. health care policy.