

Health care should stand alone

The Supreme Court has decided to allow certain employers to determine whether they would deny employees access to certain types of birth control through their health care. I disagree with the Supreme Court ruling, but the question isn't just about the decision to harm women in this country, the real problem is that this country depends on health care through employers and through for-profit insurance.

Employers want to save money and insurers want to make more money. Neither really wants to provide health care. This is an irrational system. Why should our employer determine our coverage? And if our employer didn't determine our coverage, then a person's reproductive decisions would be private as they should be and the Supreme Court should not have been pulled into this issue.

It's time for true universal coverage. Everyone in, nobody out. Oversight would be provided by real people and not the "for-profit" insurance companies. The rest of the civilized world has found ways to deal with this, surely we care just as much about human rights as other countries. The only role for the employer in all this is to pay, along with employees, into a tax system to support a single-payer system.

Health care should be between the patient and the doctor and never the employer.

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