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Why back health care status quo?

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In Sunday's Democratic presidential debate, it was apparent Hillary Clinton believes Bernie Sanders' greatest weakness is his call for health care for every man, woman and child as a human right.

She said single-payer health insurance "is dangerous — and pie-in-the-sky unrealistic." It would cost \$15 trillion, she said, and she wants to raise incomes, not taxes. She also wants us to "defend Obamacare, and build on it by reducing out-of-pocket costs and controlling spending on prescription drugs."

In other words, Clinton wants more of the same: 29 million Americans without health insurance, people with insurance unable to access health care because of high deductibles, and medical bills being the leading cause of bankruptcy. Why would anyone want more of that?

Could it have to do with the Clinton patrons? On Jan. 13, The Intercept reported that "both Clintons have taken millions of dollars in speaking fees from the health care industry. According to public disclosures, Hillary Clinton alone, from 2013 to 2015, made \$2,847,000 from 13 paid speeches to the industry."

Which brings us to another of Sanders' issues: Getting big money out of politics and restoring our democracy.