

**Allowing the private sector to
dismantle the V.A.'s health care
system is a terrible idea**

“My right to say it your right to hear it”



One of the biggest criticisms of Obamacare was that doctors were getting out of the Medicare/Medicaid market because it was cutting into their profits. Why would the privatization hawks think that veterans would get treated any differently by a fully privatized system? I don't care how patriotic people are, they aren't going to be willing to routinely take a loss on complicated cases stemming from agent orange exposure, PTSD, and a host of other injuries and conditions unique to the veteran community.

However, a fully public system doesn't work either when it involves

complicated surgeries or significant rehab and the closest VA clinic that can handle the problem is hours away.

There is a middle ground here between a fully public system and a fully private system. Routine care should be public, but when veterans have a friendly routinely asking for a ride to a VA facility 2 hours away because he has yet another complication related to a hernia gotten on active duty, he should be able to stay local if there is private infrastructure to support him.

Accommodation is largely already in place for veteran\$ with the hernia in many rural states. This is nothing but the commodification of veterans as cash-cows for all the private "clinics" that will spring up around the nation just like the 501-3-c's.