

# Medicare

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NOT WITHOUT  
A FIGHT

## Facts and Insights

⊙ The heart of the Great Medicare Debate is not about the provision of medical care at all. It is, first and last, about responding to the will of the people. It is about democracy.

⊙ Medicare was, in its original principles, as full a manifestation of the Canadian people as ever there was. There is no reason to believe it is still not.

⊙ There will be no resolution to the medicare debate until our elected leaders acknowledge and accept that reality, no matter how disturbing it is to their big-money friends.

⊙ Politicians must stop trying to talk us out of what we like and want. We like and want medicare. We like it as it was. We want more of it, beginning with a national pharmacare plan and full coverage of home care.

## Obvious Conclusions

🔗 We are neither children nor fools. We were not when we invented medicare, made it a top priority and paid for it all. We are not now.

🔗 The lesson of our history is plain enough: We must not allow ourselves to be talked out of what we like, need and want. We must hold out for democracy. We must hold out for our kind of medicare.

*Our Medicare celebrates  
the triumph of solid values  
AND sensible economics!*

## TAKE Action

**Speak** out for the good of your health. No one can do everything—but every single one of us can do something.

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