

COMPARING APPROACHES TO HEALTH REFORM

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OUTLINE

Understanding Differences Across Plans

- Commonalities
- Differences
 - Theory of Change
 - Mechanisms for Change
 - Priority Placed on the Problem

COMMONALITIES

- **Harnessing information**
 - **Transparency and reporting**
 - **Comparative effectiveness of services**
 - **Health information technology**
- **Tackling chronic disease and promoting prevention**
- **Providing some type of assistance to the poor and sick**

DIFFERENCES:

Theory of Change

Conservatives:

- **Gov't role excessive**
 - **De-regulate insurance**
 - **Limit public insurance**
 - **Capped gov't funding**
- **Power of individuals**
- **Values innovation and choice at every level**

Progressives:

- **Gov't role necessary**
 - **Regulate insurance**
 - **Strengthen public insurance**
 - **Flexible gov't funding**
- **Power of groups**
- **Values security with choice of doctors**

Mechanisms for Change

Conservatives:

- Level of change:
Delegated
- Instrument of change:
Individuals
- Means of change:
Voluntary

Progressives:

- Level of change:
National
- Instrument of change:
Broad-based
- Means of change:
Shared responsibility

Priority Placed on the Problem

Conservatives:

- “Best health system in the world”
- Aggressive action will raise taxes and expand government
- Behind taxes, immigration

Progressives:

- Flawed and failing
- Weak action will hurt people, budget and economy
- Top domestic policy issue