

Our final class will be going into greater detail comparing international health systems.

**1. Choose your own adventure. Chose a country (other than the US) we learned about in class.**

May I suggest:

*United Kingdom*

*Germany*

*Japan*

*Switzerland*

*Taiwan*

*Canada*

(Of course, you can study more than one- might help you make better arguments why your country is best in that area.....)

**2. Decide (broadly) 2 things which you think this country's health care system excels at:**

ex. low costs, high quality, access to health care, physician incentives, patient choice, cost efficiencies...

You have the following tools in your arsenal:

1. The material covered in class on types of health care systems.

2. The reading "Toward Higher-Performance Health Systems"

AND

3. These country-specific videos from Frontline :

[http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/view/?utm\\_campaign=viewpage&utm\\_medium=grid&utm\\_source=grid](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/view/?utm_campaign=viewpage&utm_medium=grid&utm_source=grid)

The program is total 56 minutes long, and covers 4 of the above countries. Take notes while you watch, and you'll be done within 56 minutes!

Also check out this companion summary page:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/countries/>

**3. Come prepared to class Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> (Last Day) with your arguments- we will be debating each other.** You will compete within a category you feel your country excels in. Face-off arguments will be held, voting by your peers based on:

Support for claim (do they back up their claims with sources?)

Explanation of health care system features and how they support the claim

Clarity of presentation

Sound economic analysis

*The winners claim extra points on their final exam score.*