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This paper is a reflection on the film John Q 2002. In this paper, public perception of health care and health insurance is explored. In addition, the difference between medical treatment on the basis of health insurance is reflected.

# Summary

When the parents of a young boy realized that their young boy needs a heart transplant, they went to the insurance company. The insurance company responded that a heart transplant is not covered under his insurance. Upon hearing this horrible new, the boy's father tried to sell all of his assets in order to get his son on the transplant list. Even after selling all of his valuables, he falls short in cash. In this desperate time, father enters the hospital's emergency department with a gun in his hand. Father demands his son's treatment in exchange for the hostages. Hospital's administration agreed, put the boy on the transplant list and eventually the boy got survived.

# Discussion

The plot of the movie shows the struggle of parents for the survival of their child. Giving medical care with no insurance is an impossible task in American under the current healthcare environment. The main question that should be answered is, will you be treated equally when you don't have a good or no insurance at all. The main players introduced in the movie are the healthcare system, government, employer, and parents. Paying for medical services may become difficult for an individual. With poor healthcare programs, only options left are either health insurance or a government program for underprivileged (Reflections on "John Q": Simple Message, 2002). Although it is the responsibility of a family to pay for a treatment, it is impossible for most families to afford such treatment. In America, there is employer-based health insurance. In employer-based health, insurance people are grouped into a risk-based pool determined by their place of employment instead of their state of health (PF Cooper, 1997). In the movie, John's son needed a heart transplant. John's insurance contract does not cover a heart transplant. When John got aware that his insurance does not cover a heart transplant, he immediately tries other means. He looked for government programs and even try to opt donation services by the hospital. When neither of those was available, John takes on the system by making a hospital hostage.

Everyone should have an equal right to health care. Insurance employer makes the decision about what treatment should cover under the services. Being an employee, John Q lacks power as a decision to cover his son's heart transplant treatment by the insurance is not in his hands. Who is to decide whether john's son should be treated and who will pay for that treatment. There are four main players identified in this paper. In this analogy, parents who only desires good health for their child are powerless. Employer general agreement does not cover the treatment that John's son needs. Form an individuals point of view, does the employer has a responsibility for the boy's health care. Would the government save this kid? If asked by me I should say yes to every single question, a person's life is valuable no matter who he is. Microeconomic theory suggests that the customer gets the services against the payment. Health care economic policy of America needs amendment.

# Conclusion

I need the concept of how in America when you don't have the preferred insurance or a good/ well insurance company you are treated as less than. I also need to reflect on if Denzel's character (The father of a sick boy) was right or wrong for the actions in which he took, for his child to receive care.

The movie “John Q” reflects a great message, the most advanced and richest nation to be able to provide health care to its citizens. In modern America, the health care system is very ill designed. This movie was released in the year 2002, America was an economic giant at that time and still is. In the movie, John Q struggles for his son to get treatment, but fails to do so. His health insurance those not cover his son's treatment. In order to get health treatment in America, insurance is a must. This is because healthcare is very expensive in America. Coming to the point, does the person is treated less if he does not have good insurance. To answer this question, we have to understand who is responsible for the treatment of John’s son. In actual, a family is the one responsible for paying for the treatment of an individual. But the father cannot afford this expensive treatment that his son needs. For the well-being of a kid, a father can even give his own life. John tried everything in his power to save his child. Coming to an insurance employer, Employer is bound to follow the rules under the agreement (PF Cooper, 1997). The insurance could have provided the services to the child as they have all the power in decision making. The statement is true when you don't have the preferred insurance or a good/ well insurance company you are treated as less than. Everyone has a right to get proper health care.

Coming to the next question, whether John's action is justifiable or not. No under no circumstance, a person is allowed to take law in his hand (A Rattner, 2004). We can understand that John was desperate, he wanted to save his son's life. He was not getting help from anywhere. He was also under the pressure from his wife, as she looks up to him. Threatening someone's life is not justifiable. John's action was not only against the law but was also unethical. We can protest against the system and it is our right to do. But we are not allowed to forcefully take control of the system.

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