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Tajah has composed the discussion post in quite an impressive and interactive manner. She has perfectly highlighted the importance of educating the general public about healthcare, personal hygiene, care and disease prevention, instead of only focusing on disease or healthcare treatment. One of the most important flaws of the healthcare system in almost all parts of the world is that it is only focusing on providing the treatment to the ailing patients, instead of focusing on creating awareness and educating people about how they can stay healthy and protected against the diseases.

Tajah has talked in her discussion post that almost all of the financial budget is being used in efforts of providing treatment. I completely agree with the point that it would have been much better if even half of the budget would have spent in educating the people about disease prevention. Education and awareness about disease prevention are greatly important because of the fact that it would help the general community to focus on their health in a natural way (World Health Organization, 2010). They would not have to use the medication, which is costly in itself and would also not have to face the side effects, even if minimal. The hefty budget which is used in drug manufacturing and pharmaceutical industry would have been saved for making people more knowledgeable about how they can stay healthy, avoid being sick and forced to take medication (Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 2010).

Tajah's description of determinants of health and human behavior which causes interlinked diseases and physical suffering clearly points to the need of governments' policies, focused on disease prevention, instead of on disease treatment. In addition to it, she has also mentioned that the healthcare insurance plans do not cover the whole cost of medical expense, which also highlights the importance of controlling diseases, instead of spending millions of dollars on patients in the hospitals.

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