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Historians often write about health policy as though it were the outcome of dialectical interaction between central government and interest groups, notably the medical profession. *The Health of Nations. Public Opinion and the Making of American and British Health Policy*, by Lawrence R. Jacobs (Ithaca/London: Cornell U.P., 1993; pp.xvi + 260. \$34.50), seeks to convert this dyad into a triad, by introducing public opinion as another significant element. The book has four parts. Jacobs, a sociologist, begins with a lucid outline of sociological theories of policy formation. The next three parts comprise the empirical core of the book where he examines in detail the framing of the British National Health Service Act of 1946 and the American Medicare Act of 1965. Jacobs uses a variety of material to support his views. In the...

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In *Making Americans Healthier*, a group of multidisciplinary experts shows how social and economic policies seemingly unrelated to medical well-being have dramatic consequences for the health of the American people. Most previous research concerning problems with The contributors examine six critical policy areas: civil rights, education, income support, employment, welfare, and neighborhood and housing. Among the important findings in this book, David Cutler and Adriana Lleras-Muney document the robust relationship between educational attainment and health, and estimate that the health benefits of education may exceed even the well-documented financial returns of education. Start studying *International Health Policy*. Learn vocabulary, terms and more with flashcards, games and other study tools. healthcare at a basic rather than specialized level for people making an initial approach to a doctor or nurse for treatment. The principles of primary health care are accessibility, public participation, health promotion, appropriate technology and inter-sectoral cooperation. The economic and social conditions that influence the health of individuals, communities, and jurisdictions. They determine the extent to which a person or group possesses the physical, social, and personal resources to identify and achieve

personal aspirations, safety needs, and cope with the environment. World Health Organization.