



The Politics of Health Policy: The U.S. Reforms, 1980-1994

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Editorial Reviews Review

"The Politics of Health Policy constitutes an important contribution to the debate of a crucial issue. However, the reach of Professor Navarro's book goes well beyond health policy: it is also a powerful and well-documented rebuttal of the many obfuscations which mask the reality of politics in the United States. It offers a sustained and effective challenge to conventional thinking and deserves very close attention." Ralph Miliband

"This book should become a very interesting reference in the growing literature of the welfare state. Navarro's way of analyzing health and social policy issues, while well accepted in Europe, is not frequently heard in the US. His is a strong voice of a committed social reformer speaking with the force of an empirical scientist." Professor Goran Therborn, Gothenburg University

Product Description

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I discuss the political obstacles to health reform in the United States, disentangling perennial barriers...Â Sensing a window of opportunity, members of Congress introduce competing health reform bills, while policy analysts take to the op-ed pages to push their preferred solutions. 1. These are the headlines from U.S. health politics in 2003. 164 Politics, and Public Health Policy Reform. making, before setting out a number of common features of health sector politics. This discussion provides the back-drop to a discussion of approaches to managing the politics of sector reform. Major Theoretical Treatments.Â While there have been many calls for greater attention to the analysis of the political dimensions of health sector reform, there has been very little guidance on how best to do so. Primary data sources for most analyses rely on in-depth interviews and document review to draw up stakeholder maps and assess power and position or to design actor management strategies (for example, Thomas and Gilson, 2004).