



Conversation About "Sick: The Untold Story of America's  
Health Care Crisis--and the People Who Pay the Price"

Speaker Biographies

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Michael F. Cannon is the Cato Institute's director of health policy studies. Previously, he served as a domestic policy analyst at the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee under Senator Larry E. Craig (R-ID). Cannon has appeared on CBS, CNN, CNBC, C-SPAN, Fox News Channel, and NPR. His articles have been featured in *USA Today*, the *New York Post*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics*. Cannon is coauthor of *Healthy Competition: What's Holding Back Health Care and How to Free It*.

Jonathan Cohn

Jonathan Cohn is a senior editor at The New Republic, where he has written about national politics and its influence on American communities for the past decade. He is also a senior fellow at the think-tank Demos and a contributing editor at The American Prospect, where he served previously as the executive editor. Cohn, who has been a media fellow with the Kaiser Family Foundation, has written for the New York Times, Washington Post, Newsweek, Mother Jones, Rolling Stone, and Slate. A graduate of Harvard University, he now lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with his wife and two children.

Susan Dentzer

Susan Dentzer is a career journalist and on-air correspondent for The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer on PBS, where she leads a unit that specializes in coverage of health care and health policy. The unit is a partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dentzer's work has received numerous awards, including a 2006 first place award for excellence from the Association of Health Care Journalists for a two-part series on one of the most severely wounded veterans of the Iraq war. Dentzer's expertise and journalistic abilities have led to frequent appearances on other nationally televised news programs as well, including The McLaughlin Group and CNN. She is also host of a weekly health segment on Discovery.com. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Dentzer served on Dartmouth's Board of Trustees from 1993 to 2004 and was the first woman ever to chair the Board from 2001 to 2004. She is currently a member of the Board of

Overseers of the Dartmouth Medical School. Ms. Dentzer is also on the Board of Directors of the Global Health Council, the humanitarian relief group International Rescue Committee, and the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research. She is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and held a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard in 1986-87, when she studied health policy and economics. Ms. Dentzer, her husband and their three children live in the Washington, DC area.