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There's No Such Thing as "Public Insurance"

Words are important. Do not incorporate the words of the opposition into your language. For example, some reporters talk about Medicaid as "public insurance." But there's no such thing as public insurance. Insurance is a private industry. Medicare, Medicaid, Obamacare and a "public option" are all government-run, subsidized programs. They are not insurance so they should never be called insurance.

The words "public" and "insurance" should never be put together in the same sentence unless you're telling people there's no such thing, just as I'm now telling you now. If liberals convince Americans that government programs are "insurance," they've won the battle and socialized medicine will be our future. So choose your words carefully and don't use theirs.

"Why Not a Private Option?" AAPS News, August 2019: <https://bit.ly/2KryH08>

"The Origins and Demise of The Public Option," Helen A. Halpin and Peter Harbage, Health Affairs, Vol. 29, No. 6, June 2010: <https://bit.ly/2vGF87k>

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