Single Payer Shortcomings

Obama wants a single-payer system despite its failures elsewhere. In England, 3.2 million patients are waiting for treatment after diagnosis and 15 percent of patient referred for urgent treatment after being diagnosed with cancer waited more than 62 days – two months -- to begin treatment.

To cut their backlog of patients, England is sending many to private doctors. About six million British citizens buy private insurance and 250,000 pay out of pocket for private treatment even though they pay $3,500 per person each year in taxes for guaranteed access. Why does Obama want us to embrace what England is gradually and wisely leaving behind?