

Sample Questions (PPACA):

1. How long have you been in Medicine? (30 secs)
2. What makes you qualified to render an opinion regarding health care reform, and specifically, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)? (60-90 secs)
3. There are many sources that claim that the American Health Care system is one of the poorer of the developed nations in the world? In fact, they use such claims as 42nd in life expectancy rates and high 30's with regard to infant mortality rate? How can you defend a system with these shortcomings? (3 min)
4. Somewhere around 46 million Americans are without health insurance. How can we not afford to reform the current system? (2-3 min)
5. Every year, ordinary citizens see their health insurance premiums go up? Are you suggesting that this is acceptable? (2 min)
6. Many Americans have pre-existing conditions and this allows them to be denied health insurance. Doesn't the PPACA solve this problem? (2-3 min)
7. President Obama said "if you like your physician and you like your current health plan that nothing changes, you can keep your doctor and your current insurance". Isn't that a good solution? (2 min)
8. Much has been made over death panels. America wouldn't put up with death panels, would they? (2 min)
9. President Obama has stated that there would be no rationing of health care. Isn't that what we want, simply the medical care that we need? So, what on earth could be wrong with that? (90 secs)
10. Even if there are some shortcomings with the PPACA, isn't there a checks and balances system in place in the form of the HHS Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius. Doesn't that guarantee that the American citizens will be protected from any possibility of "limited or failed legislation"? Why, she was even the Insurance Commissioner of Kansas, so you know she understands health insurance. (2-3 min)
11. Isn't it true that doctors are generally in the upper middle to higher socioeconomic class? Shouldn't they be able to give more? Haven't we overpaid our physicians, and hasn't that contributed to the ever increasing health care costs? (3 min)
12. It is often stated during national debates that we need medical malpractice tort reform. Isn't this really a myth? Don't doctors use this as an excuse to make up for their own mistakes and negligence? (4 min)
13. The conservatives complain that there are too many mandates or regulations included in the PPACA. Hasn't our current system become too lax, and don't we need more control and oversight in the form of regulations? (4-5 min)
14. It appears that you are arguing against the PPACA simply to protect your current income level? What do you say to that claim? (2-3 min)
15. The PPACA is the law of the land. It passed. Isn't this what America wanted? And now that it's the law, why would you even waste your time trying to claim that it isn't quality or sound legislation. Shouldn't you, and all others against the PPACA just "shut-up" and accept that you lost this debate?