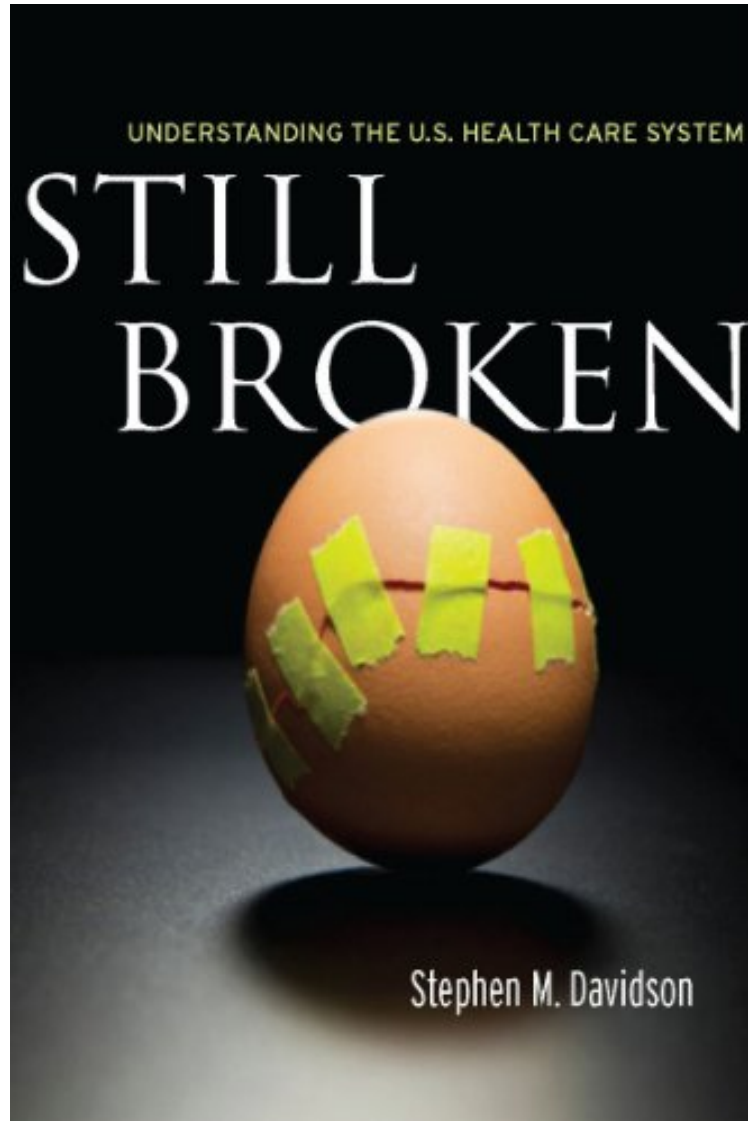


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mean that you have no prior knowledge of viable reform options. In his book, Davidson highlights the biggest problems facing the U.S. health care system and the reasons why they exist. He proposes six key changes that are needed to refashion the current system into effective universal coverage that makes health care affordable, efficient, and of the highest quality. Developing his argument by acknowledging critics, Stephen gives insightful answers to each allowing the reader to understand why his points make the most sense. Some still may believe that there are alternate ways to approach reform and Davidson makes note of further alternatives and criticisms so that the reader may generally understand why they will not work effectively, or perhaps why a combination of his and others' ideas may be viable. I only rate the book 4-stars because it was only available for purchase after reform was passed by the Obama administration. I still believe that his book will provide many more citizens with insight into the system and how, despite reform, there are still ways to make progress and that patience is a must.

The debate over health care policy in the U. S. did not end when President Obama signed the landmark Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) on March 23, 2010. Since then, half the states have sued and federal judges have issued conflicting rulings about the law's constitutionality. In addition, the new Republican-controlled House of Representatives voted to repeal it, and Republicans have pledged to bring it up again during negotiations over the 2012 federal budget. The continuing controversies over PPACA are only one reason that *Still Broken: Understanding the U.S. Health Care System* is a must-read for engaged citizens, policymakers, students, and scholars alike. The book takes a close look at our problems, proposes solutions to them, and explains how to navigate our political system to effect positive change. It will help readers: \* Assess the arguments made by partisans on both sides of the continuing debate. \* Understand why President Obama was able to get Congress to pass a comprehensive reform bill even though most of his predecessors tried and failed. \* Understand why so many Americans are either confused about its value or actually oppose it. In the book's first part, Stephen M. Davidson paints a lucid picture of the way that the health system works and the forces that produced the monumental problems that we face today. Then, he makes a compelling case for overhauling our system, offering six elements for inclusion in any plan for change. Davidson devotes the last three chapters to a detailed examination of the politics of reform. This assessment will help readers to appreciate both the political achievement represented by passage of the new law and the reasons that opposition to the law remains so widespread, despite all the good it does for the public. Whatever compromises, if any, are accepted by negotiators in the end, the book makes clear why, to fully solve the system's problems, the underlying goal must be to change incentives for all players who participate in the system and, finally, why this goal cannot be achieved by relying solely on market-based solutions. Davidson's captivating and persuasive book demonstrates that only a solution with a large public-sector role can lead us to real reform.

"Davidson's *Still Broken* provides an important, rich understanding of how enduring and persistent problems in the American health care system have evolved over time. Admirably, he also offers a way out of this vicious cycle by changing the incentives in the delivery system and proposing how Congress might agree to a transformative shift."—Colleen M. Grogan, Associate Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

"In this extraordinarily timely book, Steve Davidson proposed a comprehensive revamping of our health care system based on a small set of eminently reasonable tenets. The critique of the current system is on target, and his proposed solution is fashioned with an acute awareness of the political realities."—Thomas Rice, Professor, UCLA School of Public Health

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