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CBS, of all news outlets, is setting a high standard for ABC to meet in its broadcasts from the White House. On Tuesday night, just a week after a "Reality Check" on how President Obama's claim that his government-expansion health care plan won't hike the deficit doesn't match reality, the CBS Evening News aired a story on how his plan would likely force many to lose their current health insurance and/or doctor.

Katie Couric noted "72 percent of Americans say they favor a government plan that would compete with private insurers," but "at the same time, **nearly two-thirds are concerned that would reduce the quality of their own health care. And some experts believe they're right to be worried.**"

Sharyl Attkisson featured the Cato Institute's Michael Cannon, who explained: "Employer premiums will go up and employers might respond by dropping coverage entirely. So if you're one of those unfortunate workers, then it will be a government policy that ousted you from your health plan." Attkisson added: "And if you do choose a public plan, you may want to keep your favorite doctors, but they may not want to keep you. Under government health care, they could be paid 20 to 30 percent less." Attkisson pointed out how "Obama also scoffed at claims that a public plan would put private insurers out of business," but she countered: "The answer, say critics, is that the government has many tools to get an unfair advantage and undercut private companies."

(On ABC's World News, Jake Tapper highlighted how, in answering a press conference queston from Tapper, Obama

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