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THE HEALTH-CARE BLOG

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Mainstream-Media Spin on Brown Victory & Health Care [John R. Graham]

I received an e-mail this morning from a producer at ABC News, which carried the question: "What impact might the already existing [health](#) care plan in Massachusetts have had on voters' feelings on this issue, in your view — particularly considering that those living in Massachusetts may already be enjoying the benefits that a universal health care bill could provide?"

The media have previously hinted that this would be their spin on a Brown victory: Massachusetts voters are so happy with their "universal" coverage, provided by Republican Gov. Mitt Romney and a Democratic legislature (and State Senator Brown's vote, too), that they are somehow concerned that federal "reform" along the same lines will redistribute their benefits to the other 49 states. So, a vote for Brown was a vote against the pending federal take-over of access to [medical services](#), but only to preserve what they already have in the Bay State.

I guess phase two of this media operation will be to prod the ruling faction to convince voters nationwide that federal "reform" would *add to* and not *subtract from* the *status quo* in Massachusetts.

Well, whatever. The media deliberately ignore analyses demonstrating that the [Massachusetts](#) reform achieved much less and at much greater cost than they want to believe. A sampling of recent research: [Aaron Yelowitz & Michael F. Cannon](#), [Michael D. Tanner](#), [Grace-Marie Turner & Tara Persico](#). Plus, the [StateHouseCall blog](#) has a number of good entries (some by yours truly) on the evolution of the 2006 Massachusetts reform.

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