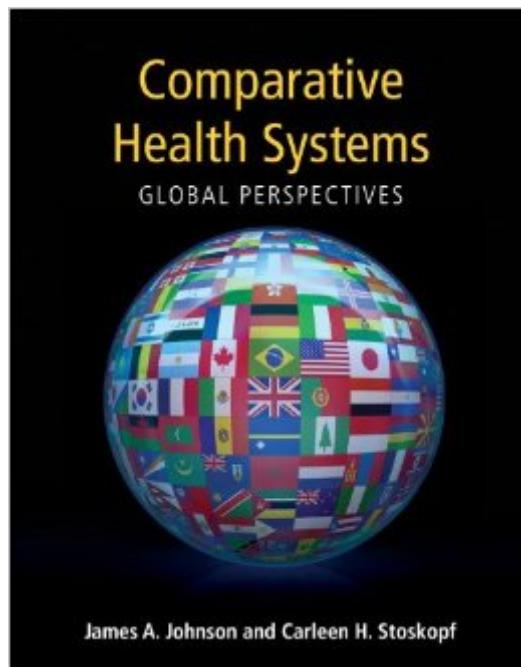


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# Comparative Health Systems: Global Perspectives



## **Synopsis**

In an increasingly globalized society, a clear understanding of international healthcare systems is a fundamental step toward improving the quality of health and healthcare systems in the United States and abroad. Comparative Health Systems: Global Perspectives explores the health systems of 17 countries through comparative study. Using a consistent framework, the chapters offer an overview of each country's history, geography, government, and economy, as well as a detailed analysis of the country's healthcare system facilities, workforce, technology, cost, quality, and access. Current and emerging issues are also explored. The book concludes with a look at the changing U.S. healthcare system and the global challenges and opportunities for health. Ideal for courses in global health, international affairs, health administration, and public health, this innovative text challenges its readers to reflect deeply about how health care is organized and delivered. Key Features: Each chapter follows a consistent framework to allow the reader to easily compare and contrast the divergent systems of various countries. Chapter contributors are scholars and experts from countries including Canada, India, Japan, Nigeria, Germany, Australia, Mexico, the United States, and more. A forthcoming companion website will feature interactive student resources to further enhance learning as well as resources for the instructor including an Instructor's Manual, Test Bank, PowerPoint slides.

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Tremendous, well-balanced view of health systems around the world. It is unfortunate that health

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I kept the book after my class ended because it does have a fairly detailed comparison of many nations' health systems in an organization that makes it generally easy to compare. But the book is deeply flawed, beyond the numerous typos. Some chapters are so poorly edited it's baffling; in the UK chapter, for instance, there is a section subhead that does not at all reflect the contents of the section. In other chapters, I sometimes get a sense of a certain agenda being pushed. If I had to stand behind the accuracy of a paper, I would probably want to get a confirming source for any information I took from this book. But I would love to see a carefully edited, updated, more concise version.

I'm currently in my doctorate program and purchased this book for a course. I love the details and unbiased information regarding multiple countries. Great resource!

Great reference for healthcare programs around the world.

Great book, easy read!

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