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What is the government truly concerned about? HK people or money? 17% of the budget to be spent on healthcare is definitely not enough in the face of the aging population and the rising medical expenses. Why doesn't the government build fewer bridges and roads, and spend that money on elderly and hospitals? The government cares for the rich and the economy more than the underprivileged and the needy; this is **WRONG** !!!! HK government is rich compared to many other countries; she has no debts and has a huge reserve, she is responsible for taking care of her citizen. The government should fund the health care system more generously.

Risk pooling is reasonable so that the poor isn't without any medical support. The personal healthcare reserve sounds feasible because the high-risk group can be insured. However, asking the rich and the poor to pay the same price is unreasonable. The line in the public sector is still going to be long and the fundamental problem is not solved yet. Also, the low-income group and unemployed won't be able to participate in this scheme, and I am sure that it will take a lot of bureaucracy for them to get government subsidy/help; this is also a waste of money.

Compared to other countries, HK's tax rate is very low. The super-rich should pay more taxes, while the middle-class pay the same amount and the poor should get aids. The government is afraid of the rich and she doesn't feel sorry for the poor. This is root of the many social problems.

Universal healthcare must be sustained, and the government should fund the health care system more generously!!!

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