

Hello everyone. My name is Freja and it is my position that free health-care is essential because it increases life expectancy. So, ask yourself, wouldn't you **like to know** that the right medical care is there for you to be healthier for longer?

My first point is that the world population is getting older. Currently on World-o-meter.com, the average life of people in the UK is 81 years old, USA 79 years, the EU 80 years. The country with the highest life span is Japan. It's population lives to over 85 years of age. Japan has had a universal health-care since 1961.

According to Age Watch.net, regular health checks and doctor visits are a normal part of life in Japan. Local governments provide health screens for everyone in school, the workplace and the community. In addition, doctors publish diet ideas and suggestions about lifestyle choices. This focus on health makes the people also more aware of their health.

Secondly, without access to good medical care, people are at greater risk of becoming sick and dying, from things like dirty water, disease and childbirth. World Bank data shows that the expected average life of people in the Republic of Sierra Leone is **ONLY** 54 years old. Sierra Leone has a population of almost 6 million people, and there are only about 22 doctors for every million people. That means only 132 doctors to support an entire population.

Finally, according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, health is an important part of our rights. According to Edu Nation, people living in Finland are

incredibly happy with their health care system. They believe it is fair and equal for everyone. Having a top quality health service is part of the laws of Finland. Finland **IS A COUNTRY that has** a universal health care system.

Based on these arguments, I am sure you will agree, that free health care is both important and necessary.