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An interview with MIT economist Jonathan Gruber: The Future of Healthcare After the Election

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Health care is shaping up to be one of the top issues of the 2020 presidential race. And with tens of thousands of Americans losing their health insurance to a coronavirus-induced recession, fears of inadequate or nonexistent health care coverage have never been greater. People ask, "Where am I going to get health insurance and how much is it going to cost me?" Each presidential candidate offers a very different view of the future of healthcare. President Trump promised to "come up with a great health plan," one that would repeal the Affordable Care Act but replace it with something better while maintaining its biggest selling point: protecting people with pre-existing medical conditions. Joe Biden is pushing to build and expand on the Affordable Care Act. As for the COVID pandemic, Biden's proposals emphasize the role of the federal government leading the response, while Trump has delegated much to the states. What's in store for the future? Join MIT's Jonathan Gruber, Professor of Economics, for an interview on the Future of Healthcare After the Election.

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