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**Quote**

“ "When health care is the government's responsibility, it becomes its principal responsibility. Because the minute you make government the provider of health care, you ensure that, come election time, the electorate identifies "health" as its number one concern. Thus, in a democracy, the very fact of socialized medicine seduces the citizenry away from citizenship." ”

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