

Reading Questions for February 11

These questions cover a reading by D. Robert MacDougall and Griffin Trotter called “Rights and Basic Health Care.” The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

*Background:*

As a reminder, the reading by MacDougall and Trotter is an introduction to a set of articles recently written about rights and basic health care. In reading it, we’ll be able to get a survey of some of the issues that people are currently thinking about in connection with rights and health care. Today we’re looking at one person who criticizes the idea of a decent minimum of health care.

*Questions:*

1. On pages 534-5, the authors describe a paper, which is by Fleck. This paper criticizes the idea of a decent minimum of health care. How does the criticism go? Do you think it is plausible and why?
2. Do you think we have a right to a decent minimum of health care? Why or why not?