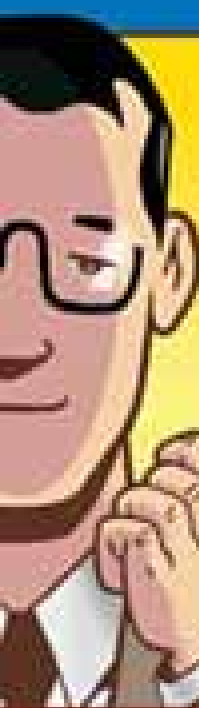


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CHAPTER 1 A CURE FOR WHAT AILS US



YAYY! HOO-RAAY!

**IT'S ABOUT TIME!
YAY!**

**EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO
AFFORD INSURANCE.**

**YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT GOING BROKE IF YOU
GET SICK.**

**WE WILL START TO BRING
THE COST OF HEALTH CARE
UNDER CONTROL.**

**AND WE WILL DO ALL
THIS WHILE REDUCING
THE FEDERAL DEFICIT.**

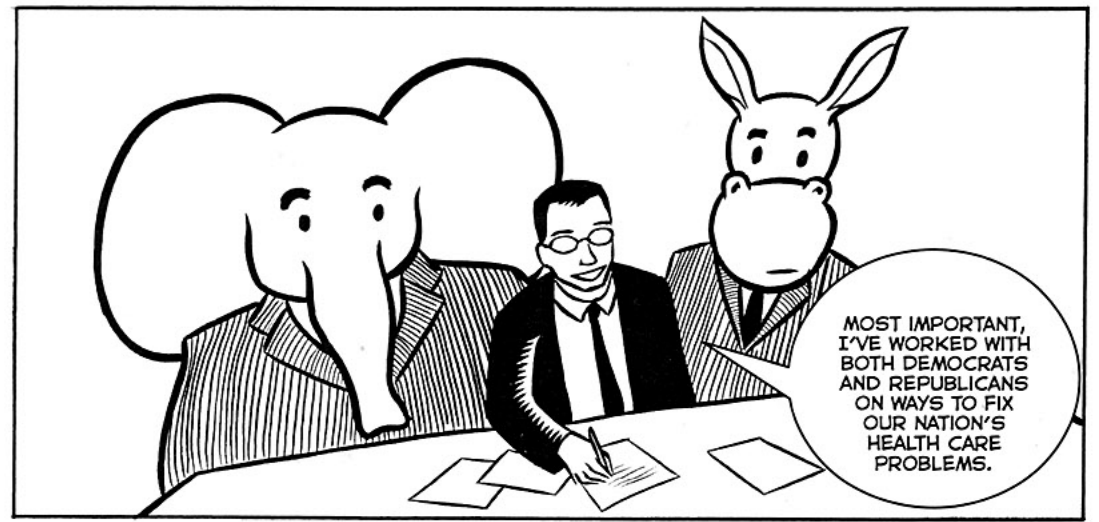




MY NAME IS JONATHAN GRUBER. I'M A PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

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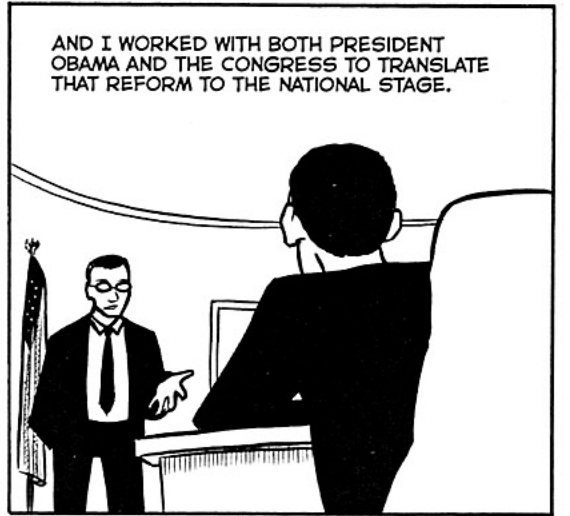
FOR A WHILE, I WAS ASSISTANT DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC POLICY IN THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.



MOST IMPORTANT, I'VE WORKED WITH BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ON WAYS TO FIX OUR NATION'S HEALTH CARE PROBLEMS.



I WAS PART OF THE TEAM THAT CAME UP WITH THE REFORM THAT CHANGED THE WAY MASSACHUSETTS HANDLES MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR THE UNINSURED.



AND I WORKED WITH BOTH PRESIDENT OBAMA AND THE CONGRESS TO TRANSLATE THAT REFORM TO THE NATIONAL STAGE.



SO I'VE GOT A LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA.



FOR STARTERS, LET'S TAKE A SAMPLE JOURNEY THROUGH THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO FOUR TYPICAL AMERICANS.

