On Medicine as Colonialism

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In this strident, necessary, meticulously researched book Michael Fine shows how the Covid-19 pandemic has thrown the costly failure of the American health care system into bold relief. At over one million deaths and climbing, the US had more deaths than any other nation in the world and one of the highest per capita death rates. On Medicine as Colonialism shows how the American health care system cannibalizes communities in the US and around the world.

Focusing on how health care profiteers use state’s power and control of health care purchasing to extract resources from communities, On Medicine as Colonialism reveals how medicine and health care have become not only antithetical to health but tools of colonialism, that are being used to dismantle democracy itself.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael Fine is a community organizer, family physician, public health official, and public health policy provocateur. He is the author of Health Care Revolt, Abundance, and The Bull and Other Stories.

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—Dr. Doug Henley, CEO and executive vice president of the American Academy of Family Physicians

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