Should your private medical records be given to American corporations?

Please help stop Campbell from selling off MSP and Pharmacare

The Gordon Campbell Liberals plan to sell off the Medical Services Plan and PharmaCare to either IBM or Maximus – both American multi-national corporations – by August 31.

The government will give an American-owned corporation access to private records on every British Columbian. This includes health treatment, pharmacy, income tax, mental health and criminal records, as well as records from the ministries of Children and Family Development and Human Resources.

A New York expert on the new USA Patriot Act says this could even give the FBI access to our private medical records.

The Patriot Act allows the FBI to demand corporations secretly hand over medical records and other personal information of innocent people. And U.S. legal precedents suggest even if the information is held by a Canadian subsidiary, the American parent company could be required to hand it over.

Our personal medical information should not be made available to private corporations that don't answer to our privacy laws. It should remain in the care of public employees who are bound by an oath of office to keep it confidential.

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