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An interview with Frank Browning by Shelly De Vito

US Voices

# Health Care in the US

**Shelly:** With me is Frank Browning: journalist; author, chef. I'd like to take this opportunity to hear a bit about the lecture series that he was giving throughout the States. It's a lecture series developed by someone who has had the good fortune and the insight to experience two cultures, the French and the American cultures, what was it called?

**Frank:** Temples, Taxes, Toilets.

It was simply a way of attempting to talk about the place of faith and healthcare in public life, from across the Atlantic divide, and to put both in the context of a global fiscal crisis, what I found interesting was how curious people were to discover how European, and particularly the French healthcare system... systems work, and of course, there's variation in Europe, but by and large, except for the people absolutely without papers, not much of anybody here goes without healthcare, and relatively prompt healthcare. Whereas in the US, 60-70% of people have health insurance... I've often been at dinner parties and the French people want to say, oh but you have no healthcare in America. Well this is stupid: certainly there is healthcare, but it's more and more and more expensive. It's also getting more and more expensive here too.