

a four-hour  
documentary  
series  
exploring  
America's  
racial and  
socioeconomic  
inequities  
in health



# UNNATURAL CAUSES

...is inequality making us sick?

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## DID YOU KNOW...

Per person, the U.S. spends more than twice the average of other industrialized countries on health care, yet has some of the worst health outcomes. We rank 29th in life expectancy, and 30th in infant mortality.

## EPISODE SUMMARIES

- 1. In Sickness and In Wealth** (56 mins): What connections exist between healthy bodies, healthy bank accounts and skin color?
- 2. When the Bough Breaks** (29 mins): How racism gets embedded in the body and affects birth outcomes
- 3. Becoming American** (29 mins): Latino immigrants arrive healthy but don't stay that way
- 4. Bad Sugar** (29 mins): Diabetes in two Native American communities
- 5. Place Matters** (29 mins): Where you live predicts your health
- 6. Collateral Damage** (29 mins): Marshall Islanders are caught between the developing and industrialized worlds
- 7. Not Just a Paycheck** (30 mins): Unemployment takes a toll in Michigan but not in Sweden

*"This is really disturbing stuff ... Presents a lot of startling information, and hopefully it will get a lot of people asking themselves some serious questions."*

– **Matt Lauer, The Today Show**