

The Surgeon Generals:

Bully Pulpit or Puppets?

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Wal-Mart touches many lives in many communities and this position provides me with a new opportunity to reach people in the places where they live, work and shop. I am very excited to join the Wal-Mart team.

Julius Richmond





Leon Eisenberg on Julius Richmond

The INS was furious and appealed to the White House, but Califano's office backed Julie. For once, INS lost because a man with courage stood up!

C. Everett Koop





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...the older I get, the more I understand the relationship of poverty in a child and poor outcomes in everything else. I'm not beating a socialist kind of drum here...(but) unless we take into account what a severe role poverty plays in the lives of many children, we will never be able to achieve good child health in the United States.



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I was furious at the deception of an industry masquerading as a legitimate business while luring children to an addictive drug that ruined their lives and killed them early.”



Koop on the tobacco industry

“The tobacco industry has to replace those it kills with new recruits on a constant basis. ...they need to find new and outrageous sources of income. So now their strategy is to spread smoking around the world.....”



Koop on the Medical Profession

“I think the major thing that’s happened to medicine is the gradual evolution from a pure profession to a profession that relies on businessmen to make it work. Money is the bottom line.”

Antonia Novello





Quote from Antonia Novello

“People expect to be told the truth” by the surgeon general.

Joycelyn Elders





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Masturbation is a part of human sexuality, and it's a part of something that perhaps should be taught.

David Satcher





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The circumstances of minority health are tied to two things that we as a nation have not been willing to change. One, of course is poverty.



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A health system of the kind we have- where health is a commodity traded in the marketplace, often to the highest bidder-is not good for people on the bottom.

John Carmona





Richard Carmona

The reality is that the nation's doctor has been marginalized and relegated to a position with no independent budget, and with supervisors who are political appointees with partisan agendas.

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APHA can advocate for surgeon generals who will

- Advocate the end to poverty
- Identify corporate interests that destroy the public's health
- Advocate freedom of speech
- Support movements for human rights



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