

A portrait of Ross Perot, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a black tuxedo jacket, a white dress shirt, and a black bow tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is out of focus, showing what appears to be a window and some furniture.

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ROSS PEROT: THE HEALTHCARE BILLIONAIRE

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