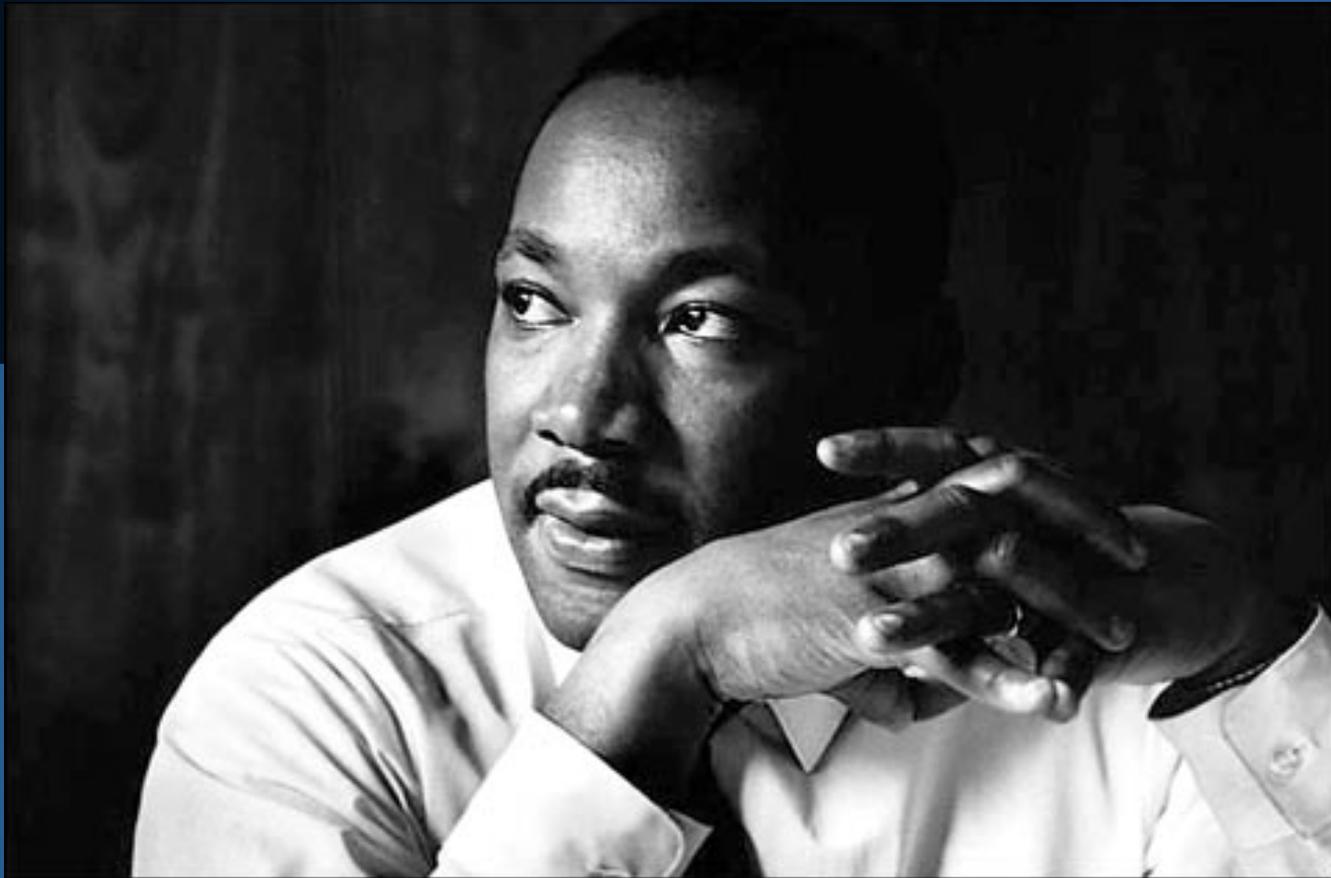


# ***Healthcare Reform and the Korean American Community***



***Paul Y. Song, MD***



***“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.”***

**— Martin Luther King Jr.**

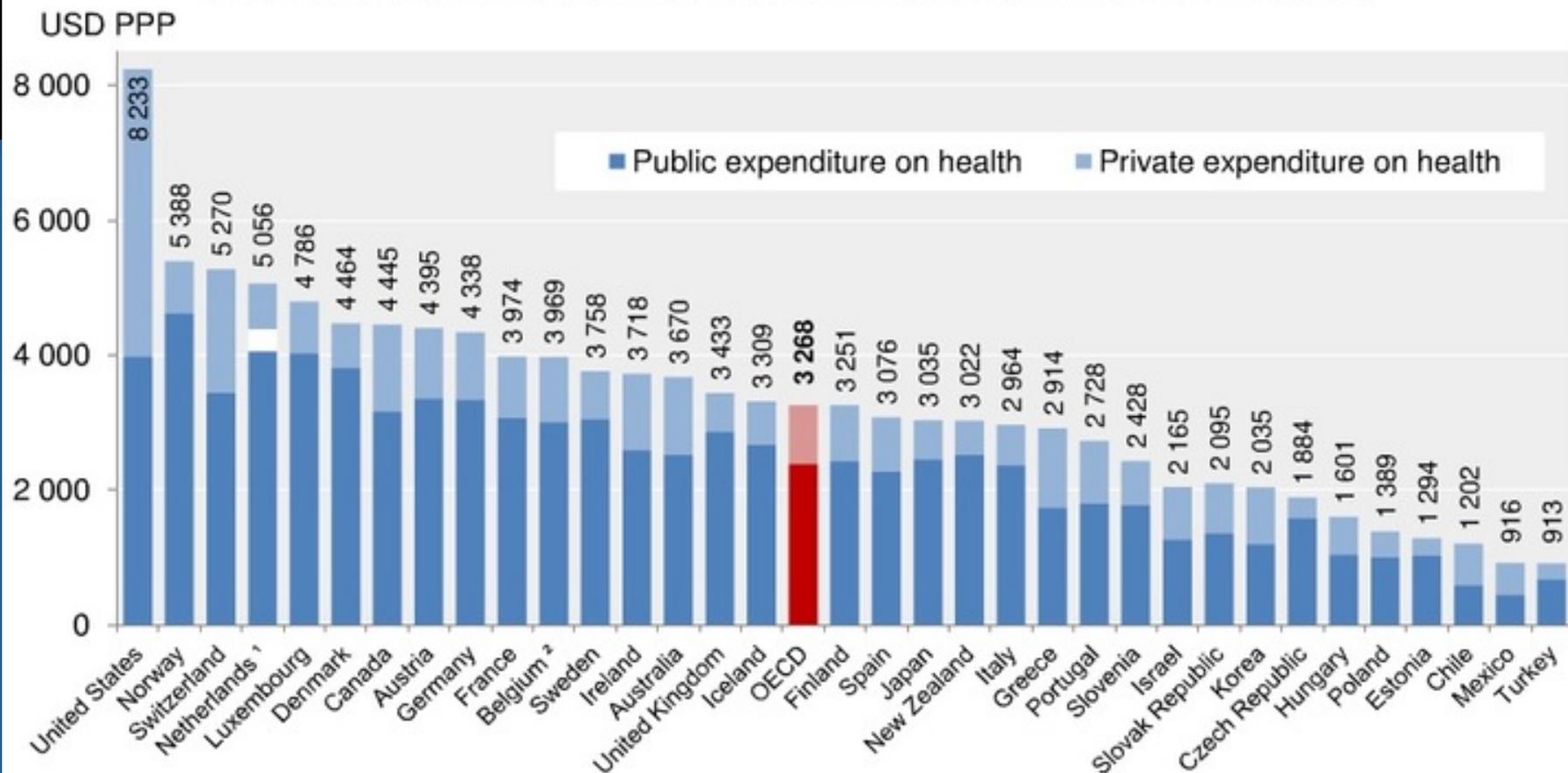
**In a speech to the Medical Committee for Human Rights, 1966**

# *Hippocratic Oath*

- *“I will follow that system of regimen, which according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the **benefit** of my patients, and abstain from whatever is **deleterious** and **mischievous**”.*

# US spends two-and-a-half times the OECD average

Total health expenditure per capita, public and private, 2010 (or nearest year)



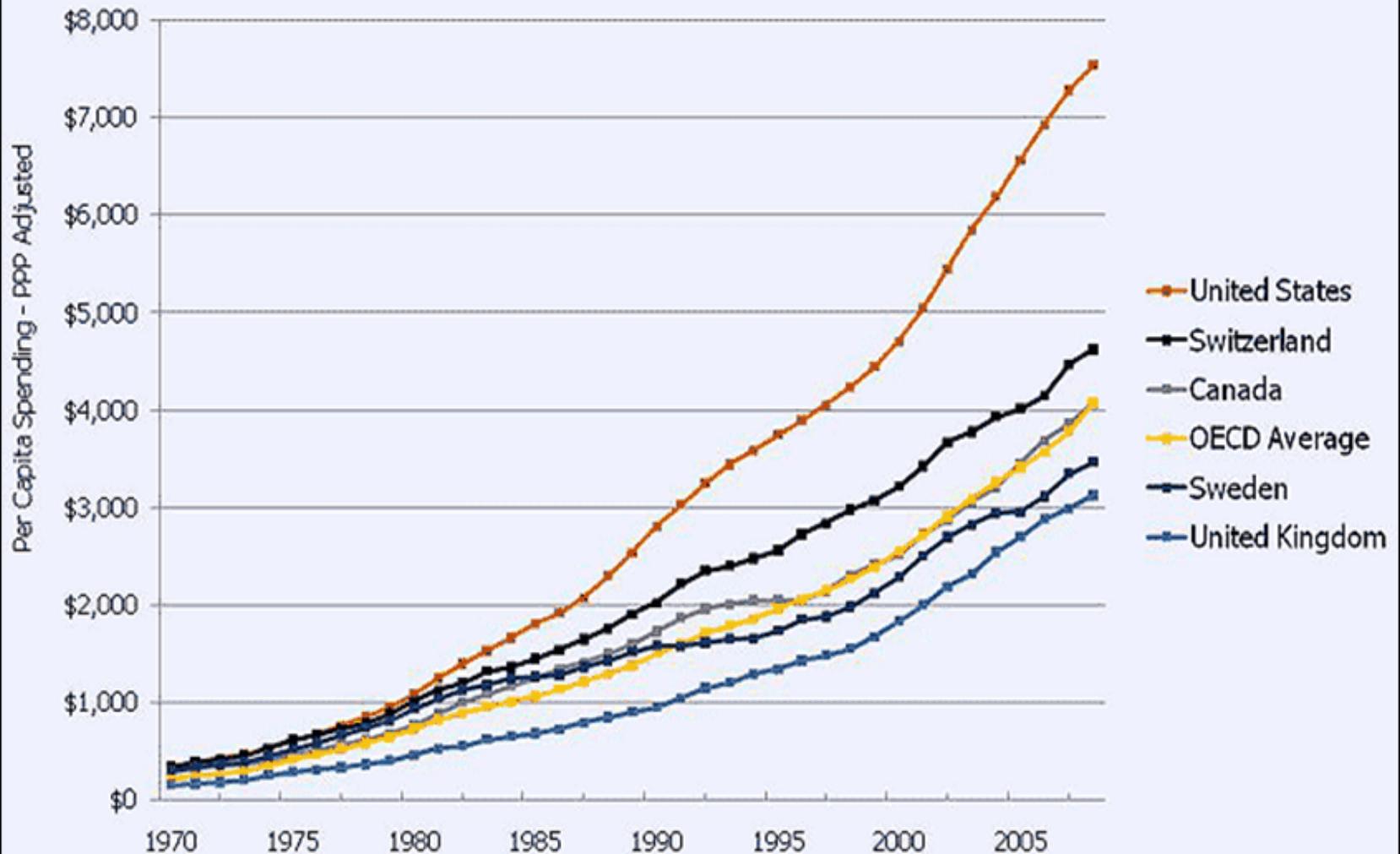
1. In the Netherlands, it is not possible to clearly distinguish the public and private share related to investments.

2. Total expenditure excluding investments.

Information on data for Israel: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/888932315602>.

Source: OECD Health Data 2012.

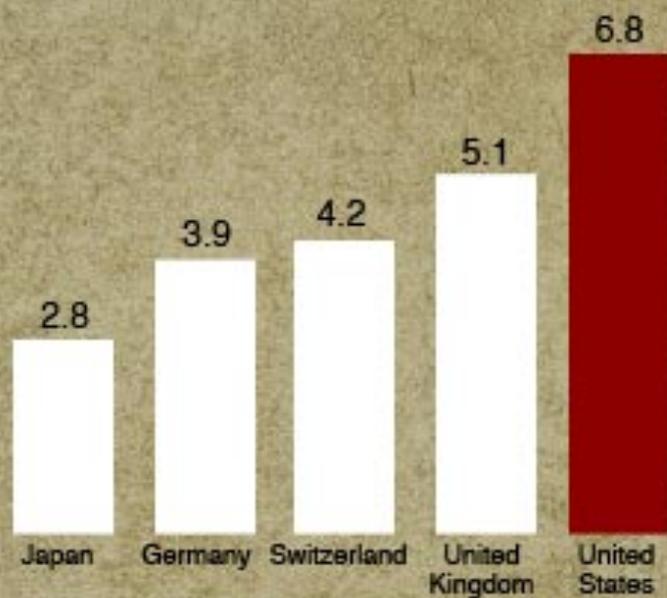
## Growth in Total Health Expenditure Per Capita, U.S. and Selected Countries, 1970-2008



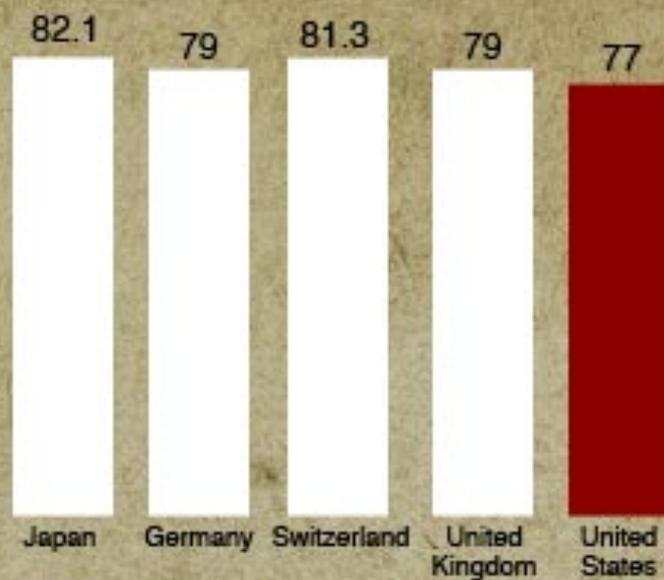
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## Infant Mortality

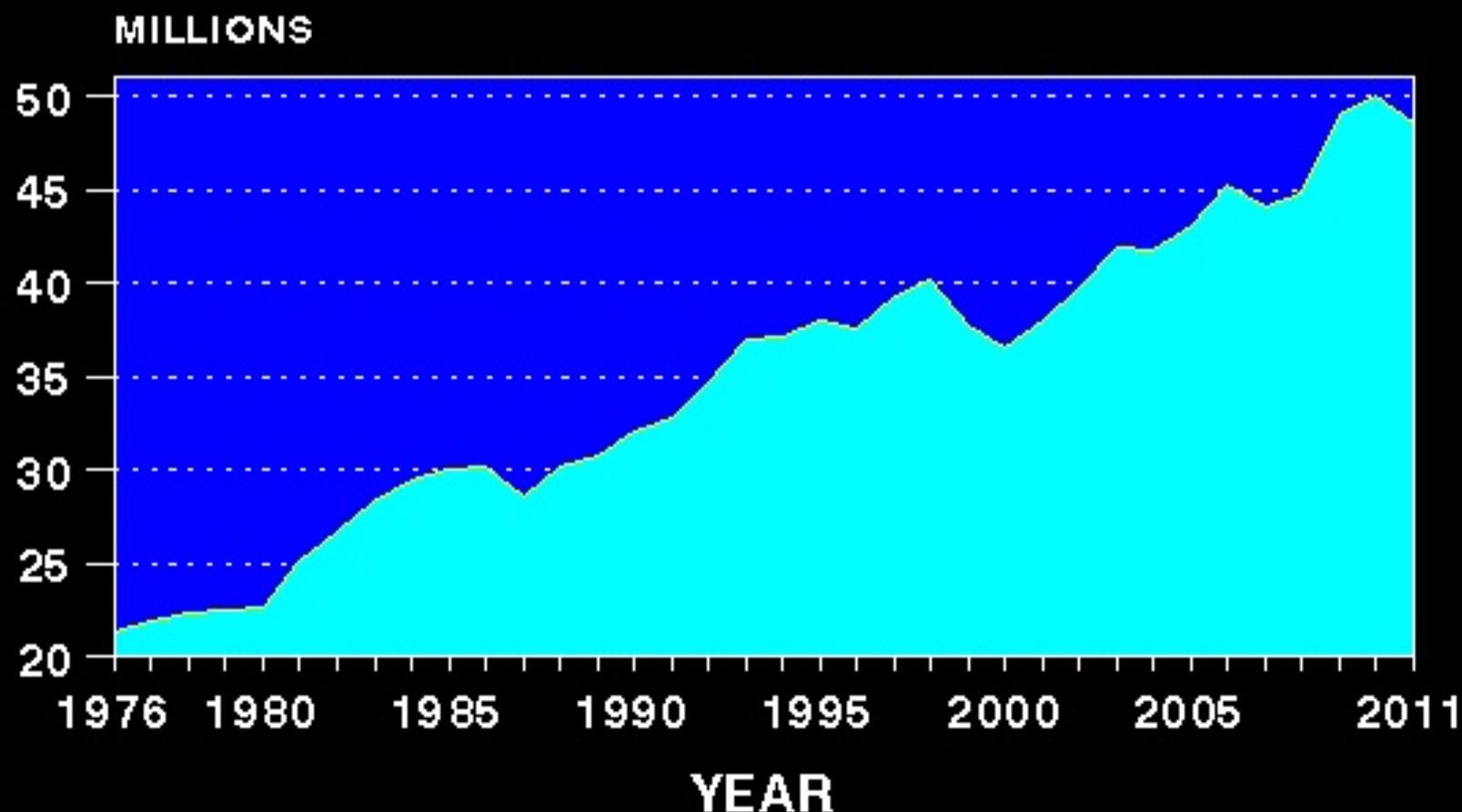
(Deaths per 1,000 live births)



## Life Expectancy



# Number of Uninsured Americans 1976-2011



Source: Himmelstein, Woolhandler & Carrasquillo - Tabulation from CPS & NHIS Data

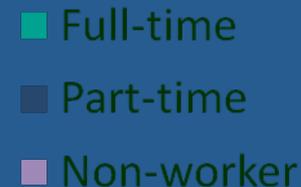
# Who are the Uninsured?

## UNINSURED NON-ELDERLY ADULTS

NON-WORKER  
19.5%

PART-TIME  
WORKER 14%

FULL-TIME  
WORKER 66.5%



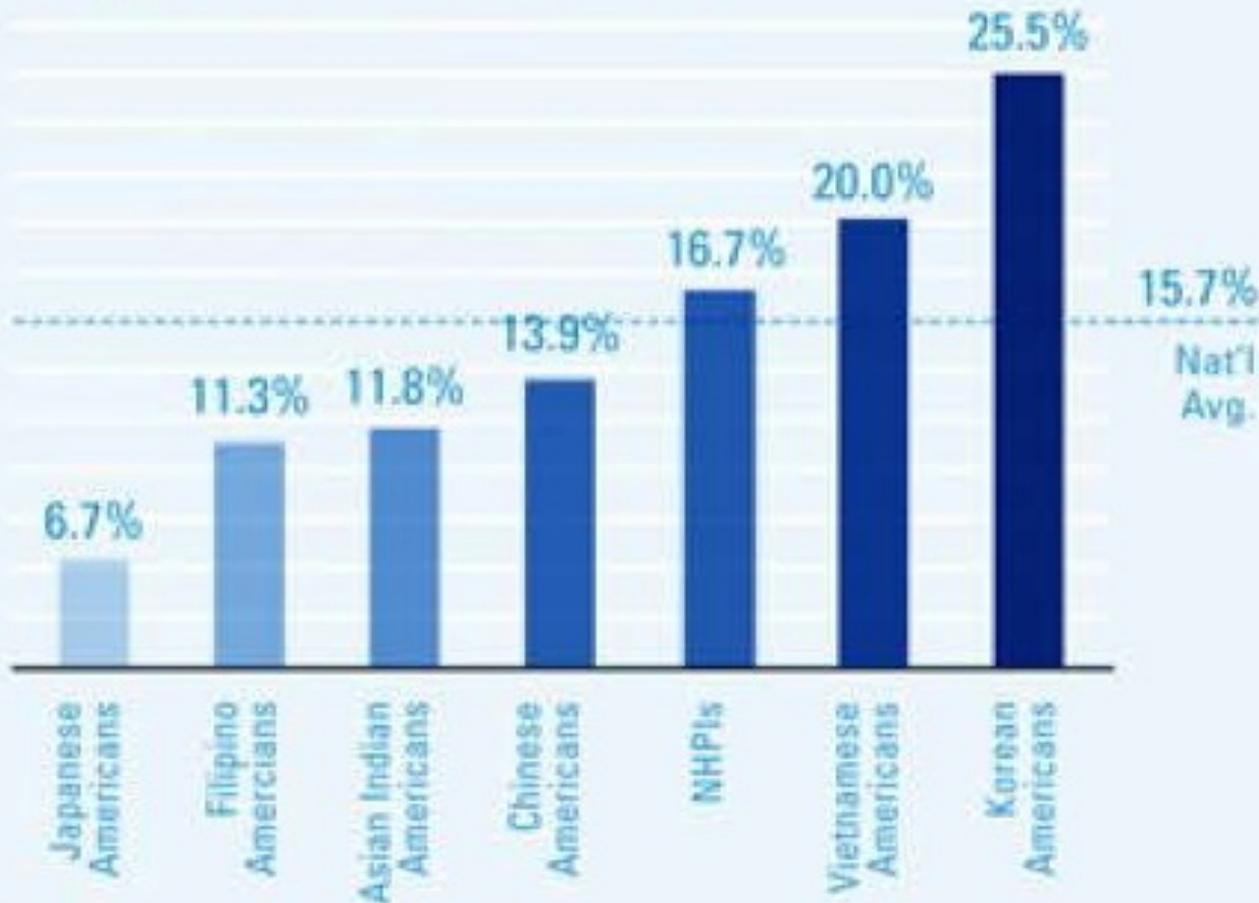
■ **Of the 50.7 million, over 20 million are fully employed.**

■ **70% of all uninsured are from families with one or more full-time workers.**

Urban Institute and Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimates based on the Census Bureau's March 2008 and 2009 Current Population Survey (CPS: Annual Social and Economic Supplements).

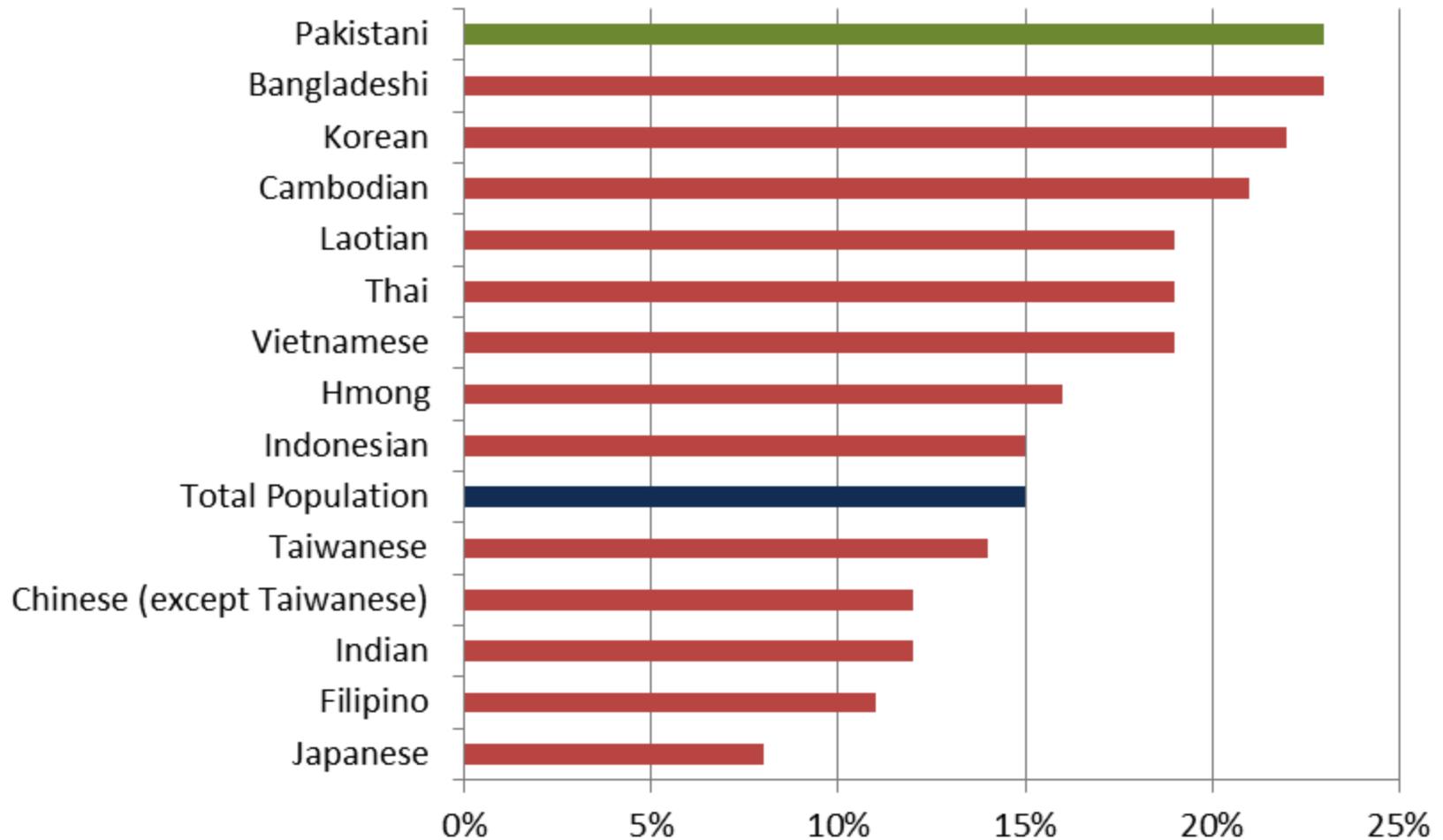
# COVERAGE

## Snapshot of Uninsured AAPIs



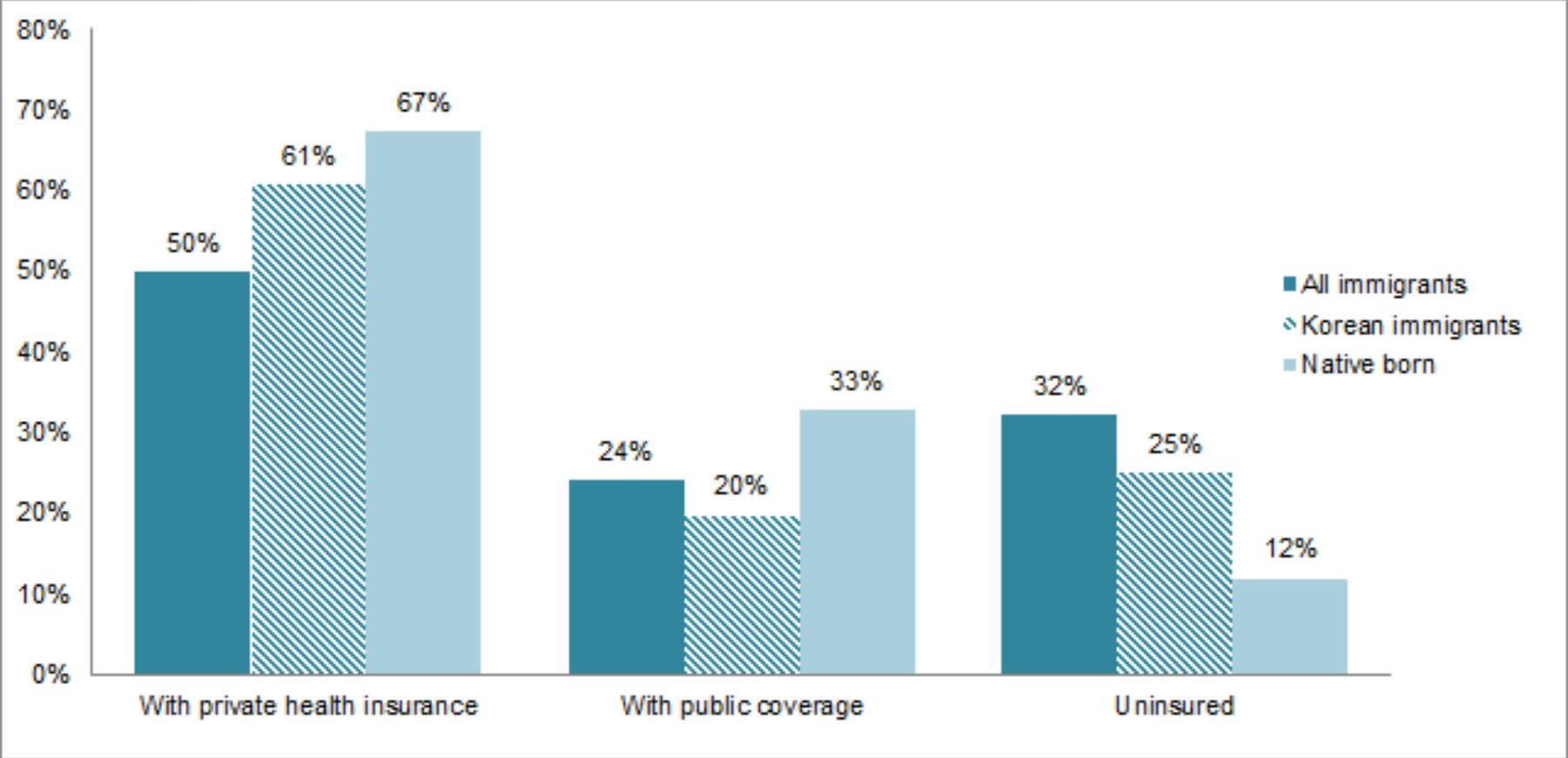
***Total current AAPI population in US is 15.2 Million***

# Percent Uninsured in the United States

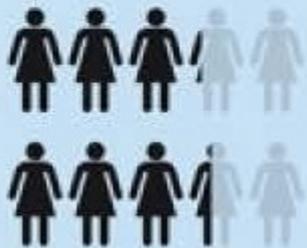


**Estimated 1.3 million Koreans currently live in the United States**

# Health Coverage for Korean Immigrants, All Immigrants, and the Native Born, 2013



## PREVENTION



**37.6%**

AA women 40+  
don't get routine  
mammograms

**32.0%**

AA women 18+  
don't get routine  
pap smears

## TREATMENT

Over **1 in 3** AAPIs  
are Limited English  
Proficient



**24.7%**

AAAs 18+ did not see a  
doctor in the last year



**37.4%**

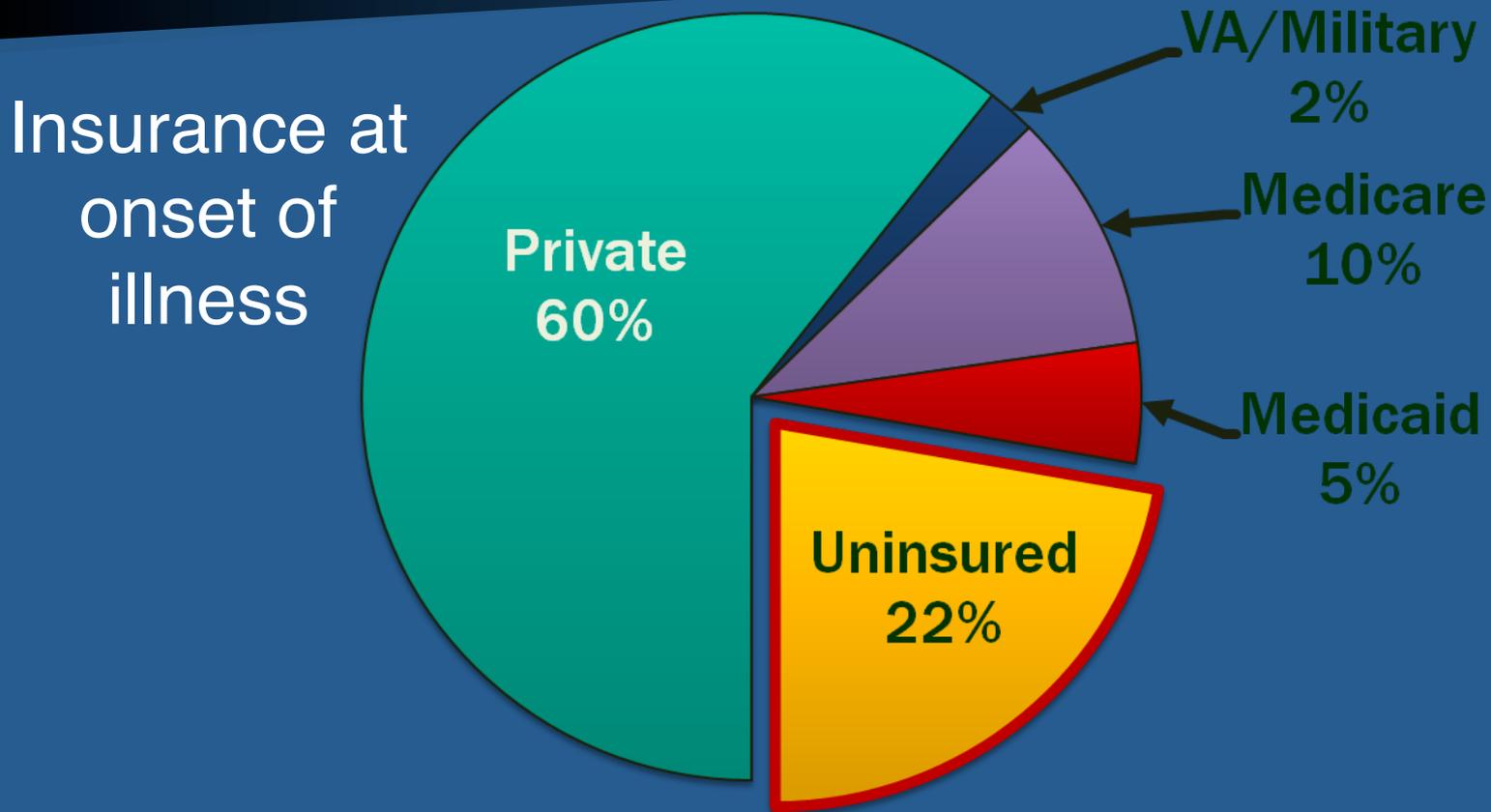
NHPIs 18+ did not see a  
doctor in the last year

**LEAST AMONG  
ALL RACIAL GROUPS**

# Medical Related Bankruptcies

- Number of medical related bankruptcies increased **50%** during the last 9 years.
- In 2014, there were over **1.7 million** medical related bankruptcies.
  - **75%** were insured.
  - **10 million insured** are projected to accumulate medical bills they cannot pay off in 2015.

# Most of the Medically Bankrupt Had Insurance Coverage



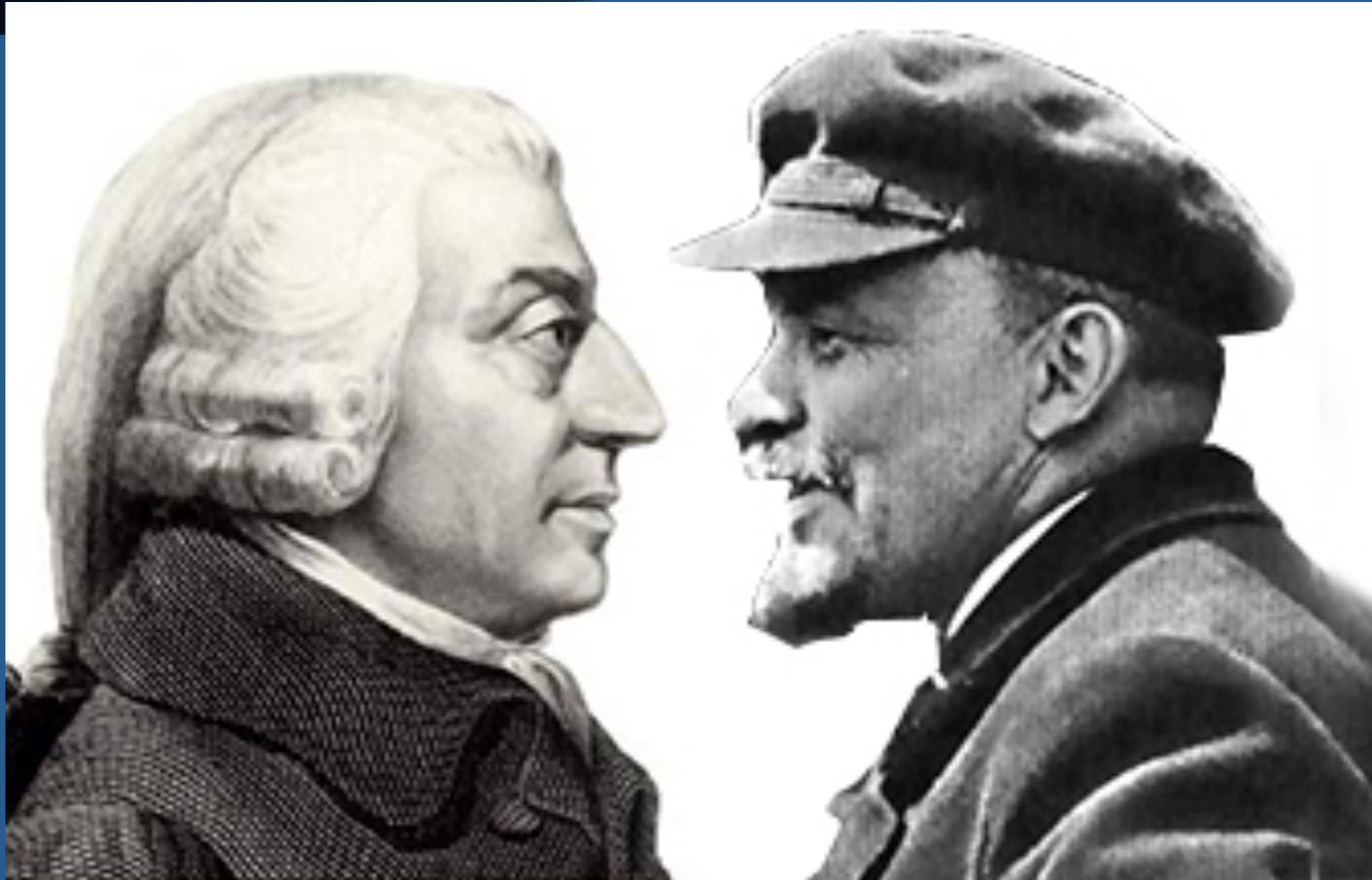
Post Politics

## Vice President Biden: Obama offered financial help when his son Beau Biden was ill with brain cancer

By **Steven Mufson** January 12 at 8:50 AM

Vice President Biden said in an interview broadcast Monday night that President Obama offered him financial help when his son Beau Biden was suffering from cancer.

# ***Free Market or Socialism?***





***“If you don’t stop Medicare and I don’t do it, one of These Days, you and I are going to spend our sunset years telling our children, and our children’s children what it once was like in America when Men were free”***

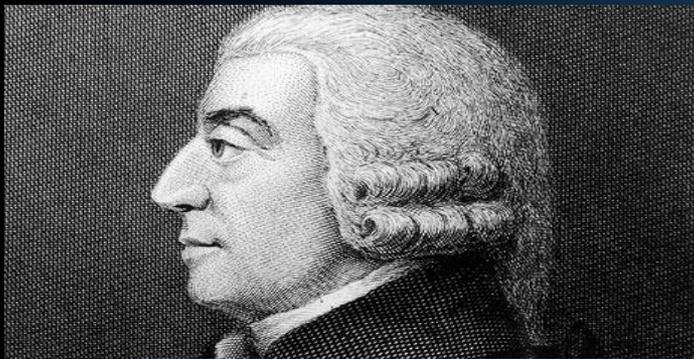
**- Ronald Regan 1961**



**October 22, 2009 - Veterans Health Care Budget Reform  
And Transparency Act**



**More than 1400 hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, 14,800 doctors,  
61,000 nurses , and 5 million patients.**



## *Let the Free Market Rule!*

- **There currently is no free market!** Only two industries in the US have antitrust exemptions – Major League Baseball and The Health Insurance Industry.
- There has been heavy consolidation and near monopolies established in the past 10 years.
- **One or two insurers** generally control the **top 94** metropolitan areas in the US.

# 2013 Index of Economic Freedom (Heritage Foundation)

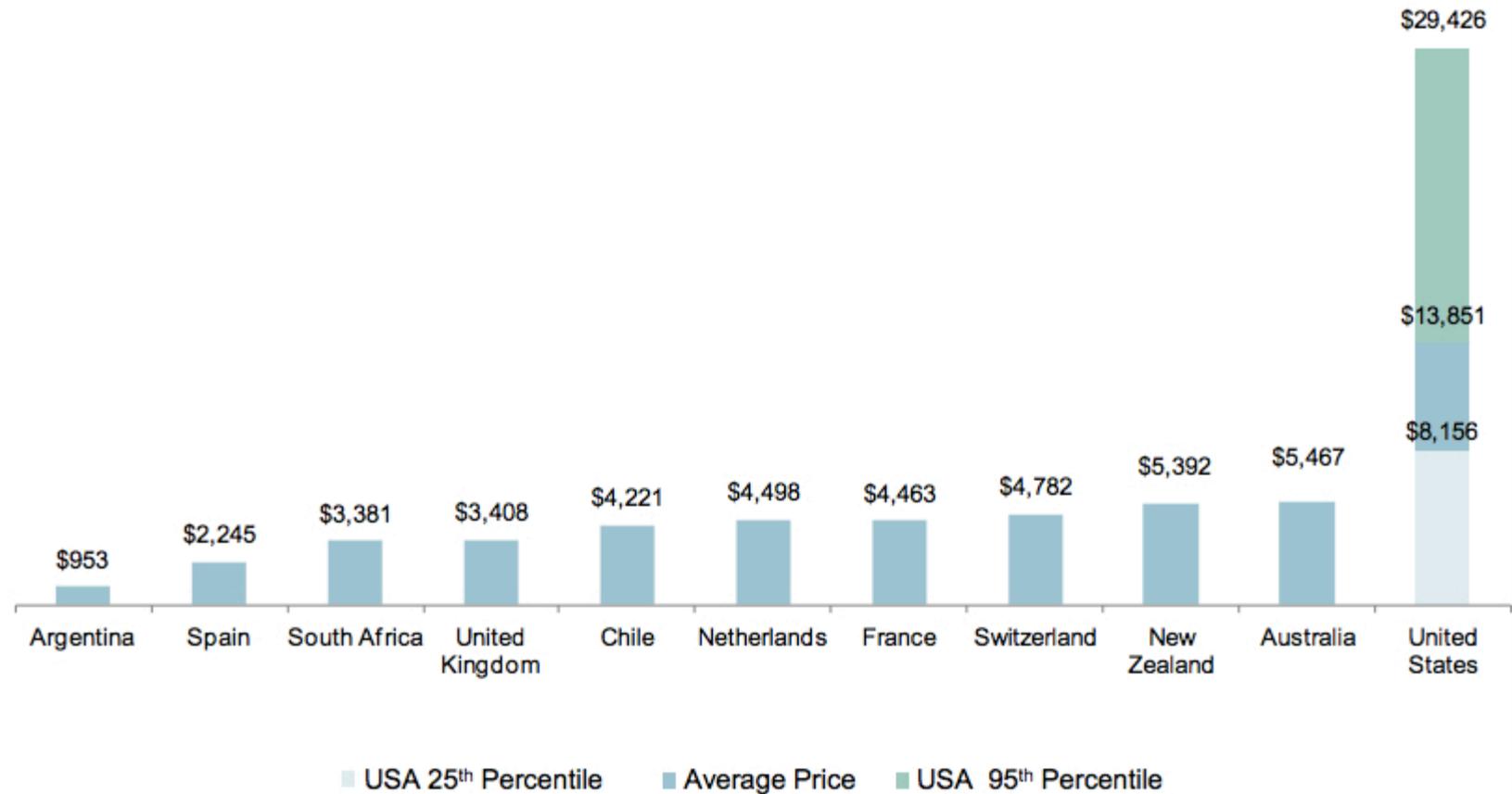
- Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Canada, Chile, Mauritius, and Denmark are all ranked ahead of the United States.
- **All have universal healthcare!!**

# Individual Freedom?



The six largest insurers denied over **45.7** million claims over the past nine years in CA alone.

## 2012 Total Hospital and Physician Cost: Appendectomy



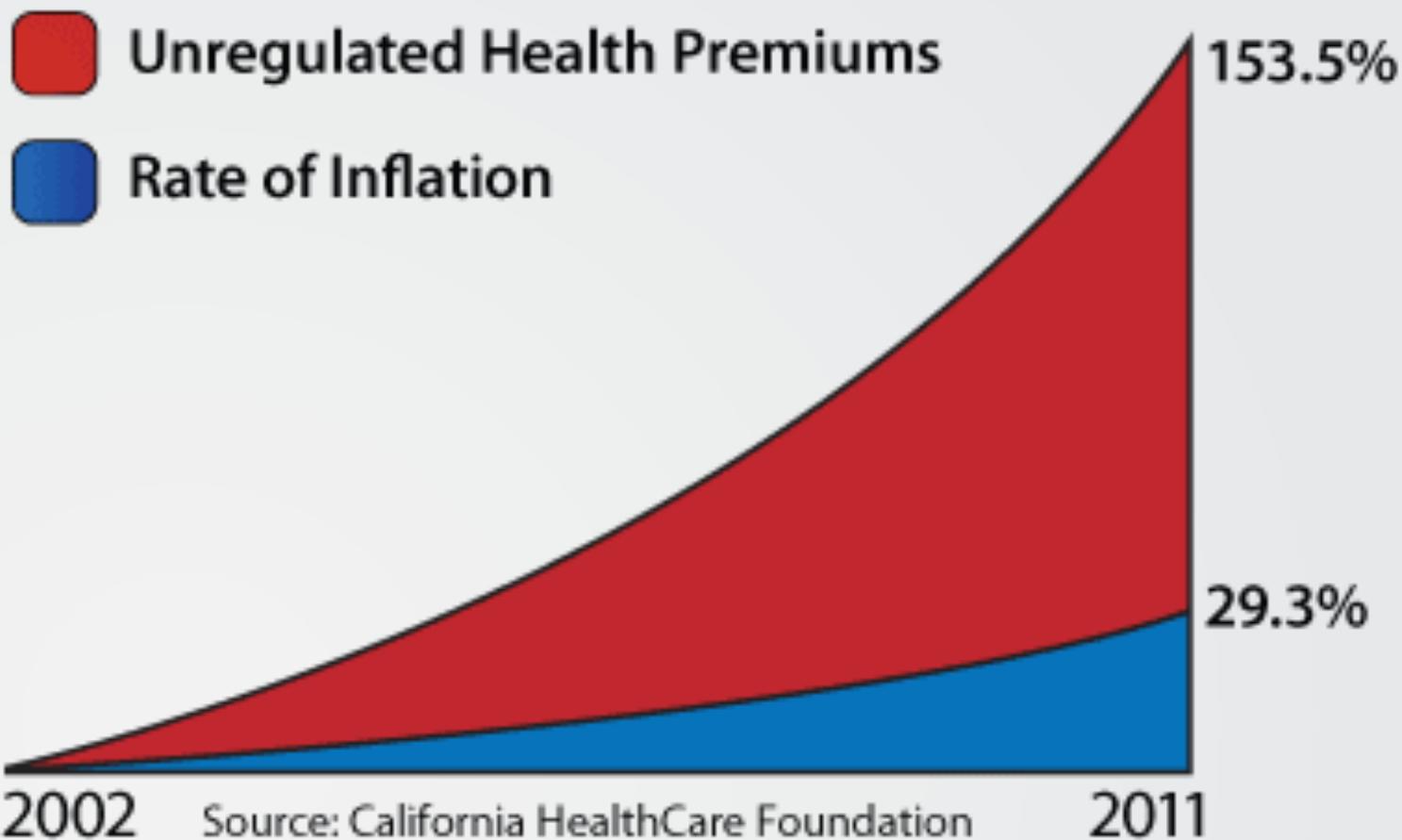
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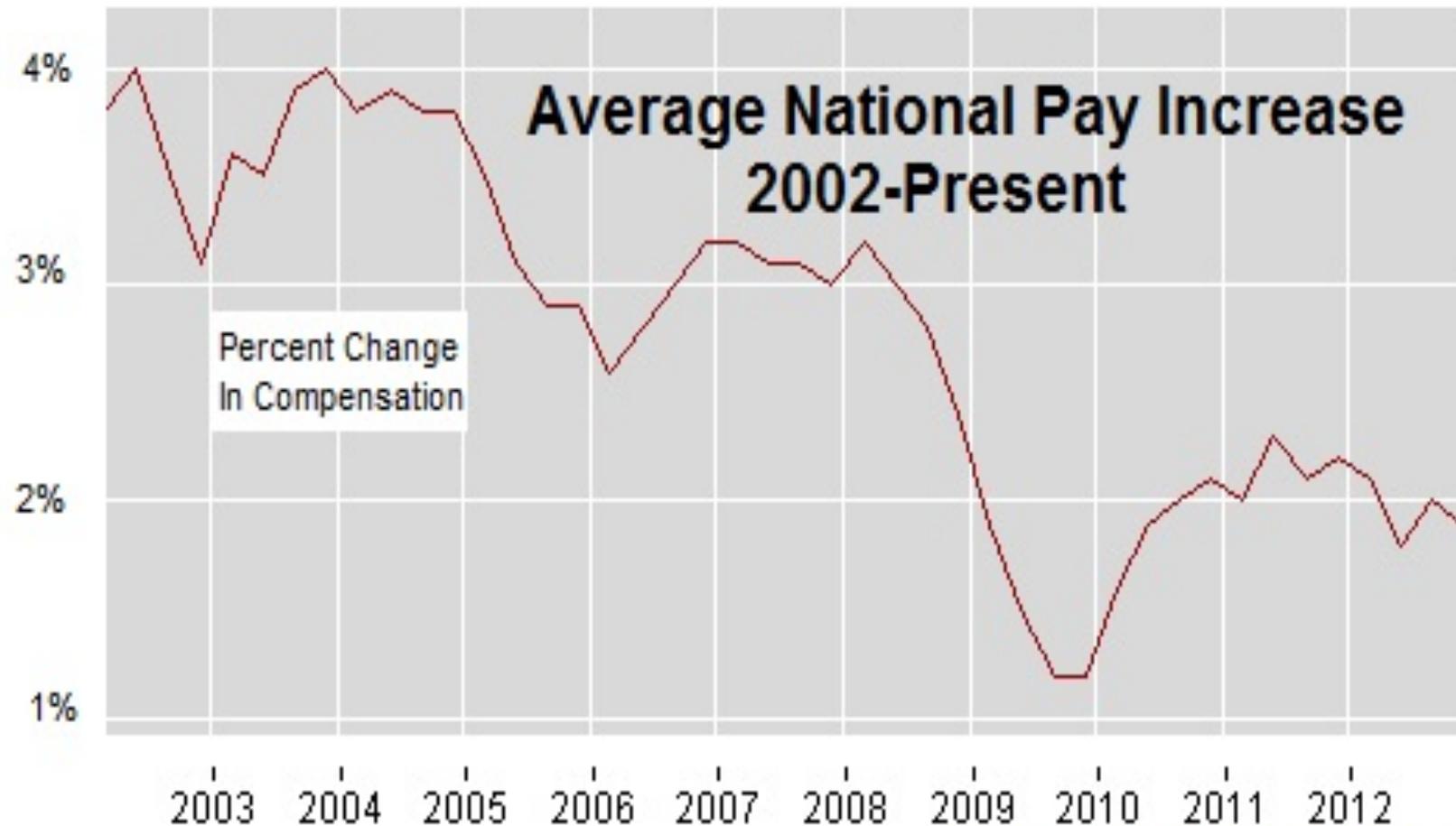
# The For-Profit Insurance Industry is Not Your Friend!

Over the past **9** years:

- Average premiums have increased nearly **150%**
  - In CA – Premiums have increased **153%**, while wages have only increased **4%** during that same period.

# INSURANCE PREMIUMS & INFLATION





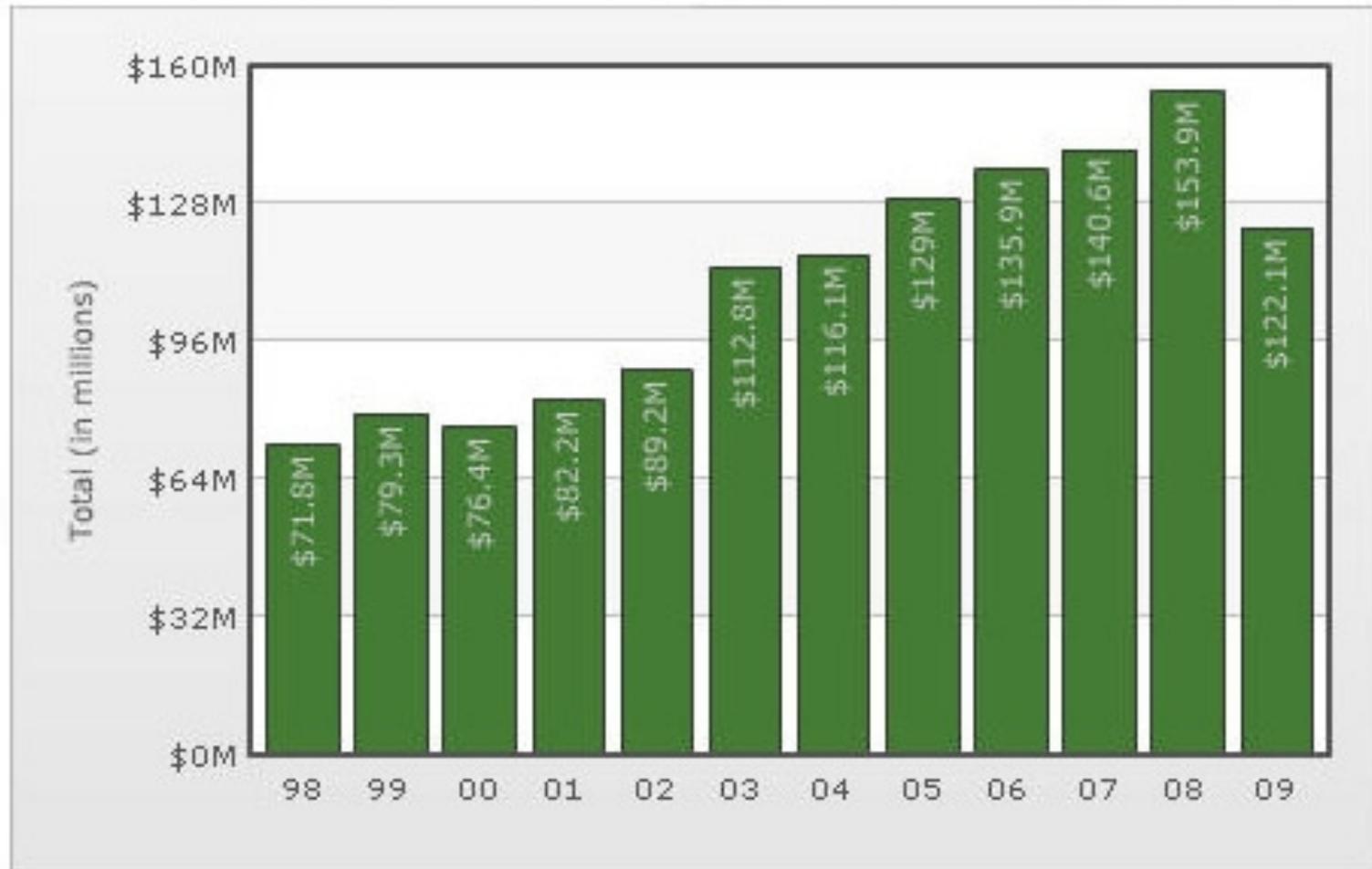
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Between 2003 and 2010 median incomes increased by only 10%**

**- The Commonwealth Fund**

| <b>Company</b>        | <b>2012 CEO Compensation</b>   | <b>2013 CEO Compensation</b> |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Aetna</b>          | \$13,285,935   | \$30,725,409                 |
| <b>WellPoint*</b>     | \$27,064,211   | \$16,979,927                 |
| <b>Centene</b>        | \$8,474,744  | \$14,512,938                 |
| <b>Cigna</b>          | \$12,881,495   | \$13,524,079                 |
| <b>UnitedHealth</b>   | \$13,887,455   | \$12,073,284                 |
| <b>Molina</b>         | \$4,951,315  | \$11,903,124                 |
| <b>Health Net</b>     | \$10,160,381   | \$9,134,538                  |
| <b>Humana</b>         | \$8,433,985  | \$8,848,066                  |
| <b>WellCare*</b>      | \$5,505,173  | \$7,097,778                  |
| <b>CMS Admin.</b>     | \$179,700  | \$165,300                    |
| <b>Average CEO</b>    | <b>\$11,627,188</b>  | <b>\$13,866,571</b>          |
| <b>Average Worker</b> | <b>\$34,645</b>  | <b>\$35,239</b>              |
|                       | * WellPoint 2012 and WellCare 2013 includes compensation for incoming and outgoing CEOs. |                              |

## Lobbying Expenditures by Insurance Companies



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# Individual Mandate Model of Reform



- **Proposed by Richard Nixon in 1971 to block Edward Kennedy's National Health Insurance Proposal**



**\$475 Billion** subsidy to the private insurance industry that mandates 15 Million Americans to buy coverage from an industry that only makes money by denying people care.



United Health Group stock price is up **263%** since Obamacare became law!

In 2013, UnitedHealth was up **33%**, Wellpoint **50%**, Aetna **46%**, and Cigna **60%**.

This year stock prices have hit all time highs!

# The Big Three?

Major proposed deals would leave three giants atop the U.S. health-insurance industry.



| CEO:                              | Mark T. Bertolini                    | Joseph Swedish <sup>†</sup> | Stephen Hemsley   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Combined membership: <sup>*</sup> | 33.5 Million                         | 53.2M                       | 45.8M   |
| Headquarters:                     | Hartford, Conn.                      | Indianapolis <sup>†</sup>   | Minnetonka, Minn.   |
| Strengths:                        | Biggest player in Medicare Advantage | Biggest overall membership  | Largest annual revenue, fueled by growing Optum health-services arm |

<sup>\*</sup>As of March 31, 2015. <sup>†</sup>Assuming Anthem maintains CEO and headquarters  
Source: the companies

*Since passage of the ACA, **23 million to 28 million** Americans have gained access to health insurance through insurance exchanges, Medicaid expansions, and the mandate that children be allowed to remain on their parents' policies until the age of 26.*

*Uninsured now **11.6%** as of December 2015.*

# AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS BENEFITTING FROM THE LAW:

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## **3.1 MILLION YOUNG ADULTS**

gained coverage through their parents' plans.

## **6.3 MILLION SENIORS**

are paying less for prescription drugs.

## **105 MILLION AMERICANS**

are paying less for preventive care.

## **105 MILLION AMERICANS**

are no longer subject to lifetime limits.

## **12 MILLION AMERICANS**

received rebates from insurance companies.

## **17 MILLION CHILDREN**

with pre-existing conditions no longer denied coverage or charged more.

# 2 MILLION

AAPIs are projected to become insured thanks to the ACA



121,000

AAs up to age 26 remained covered under their parents' health plan



867,000

Elderly & disabled AAPIs get expanded access to preventive services at no cost



5.5 MILLION

AAPIs now have no lifetime limits on health insurance coverage

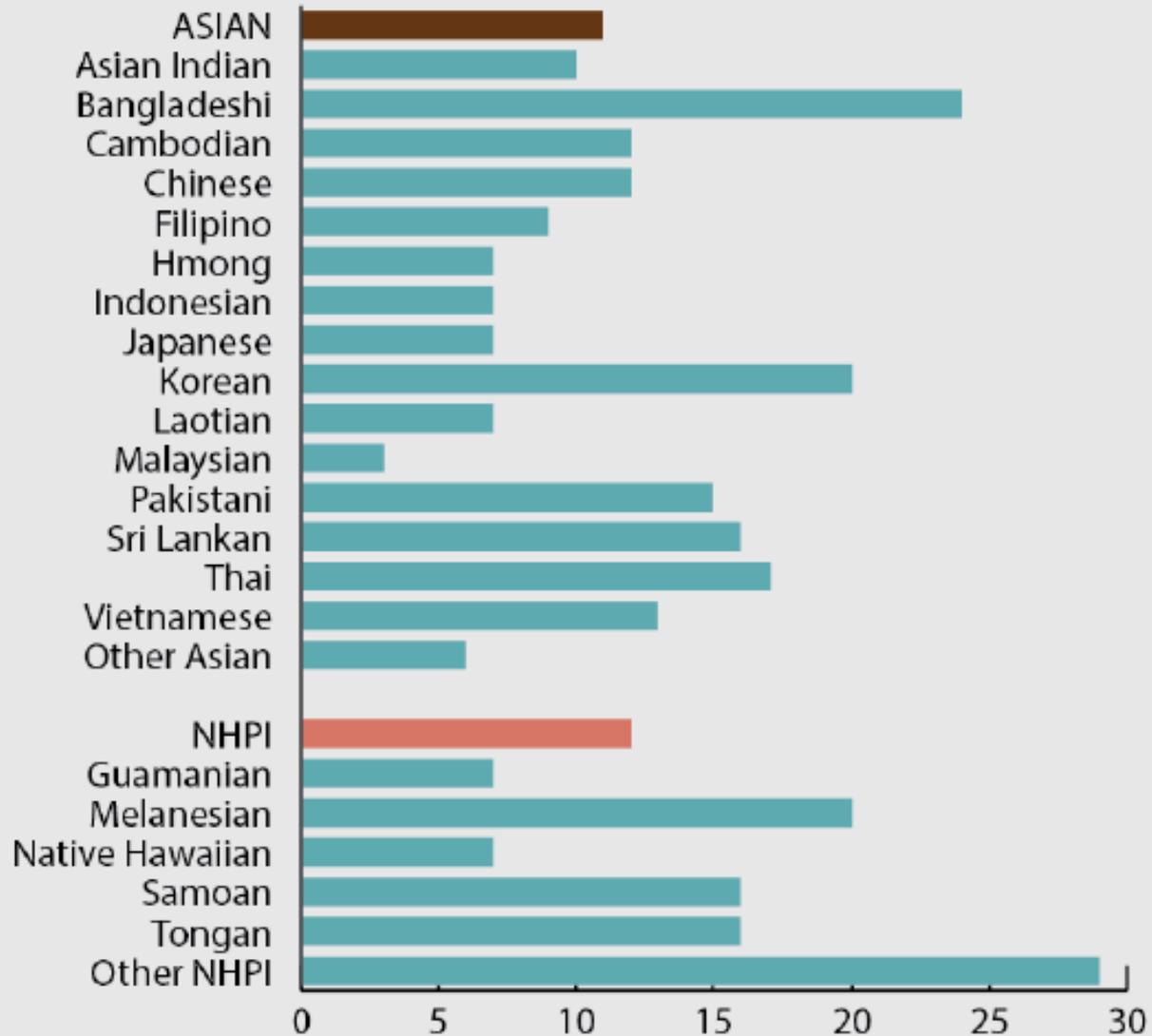
# 2.7 MILLION

AAPIs received access to new preventive services, including:

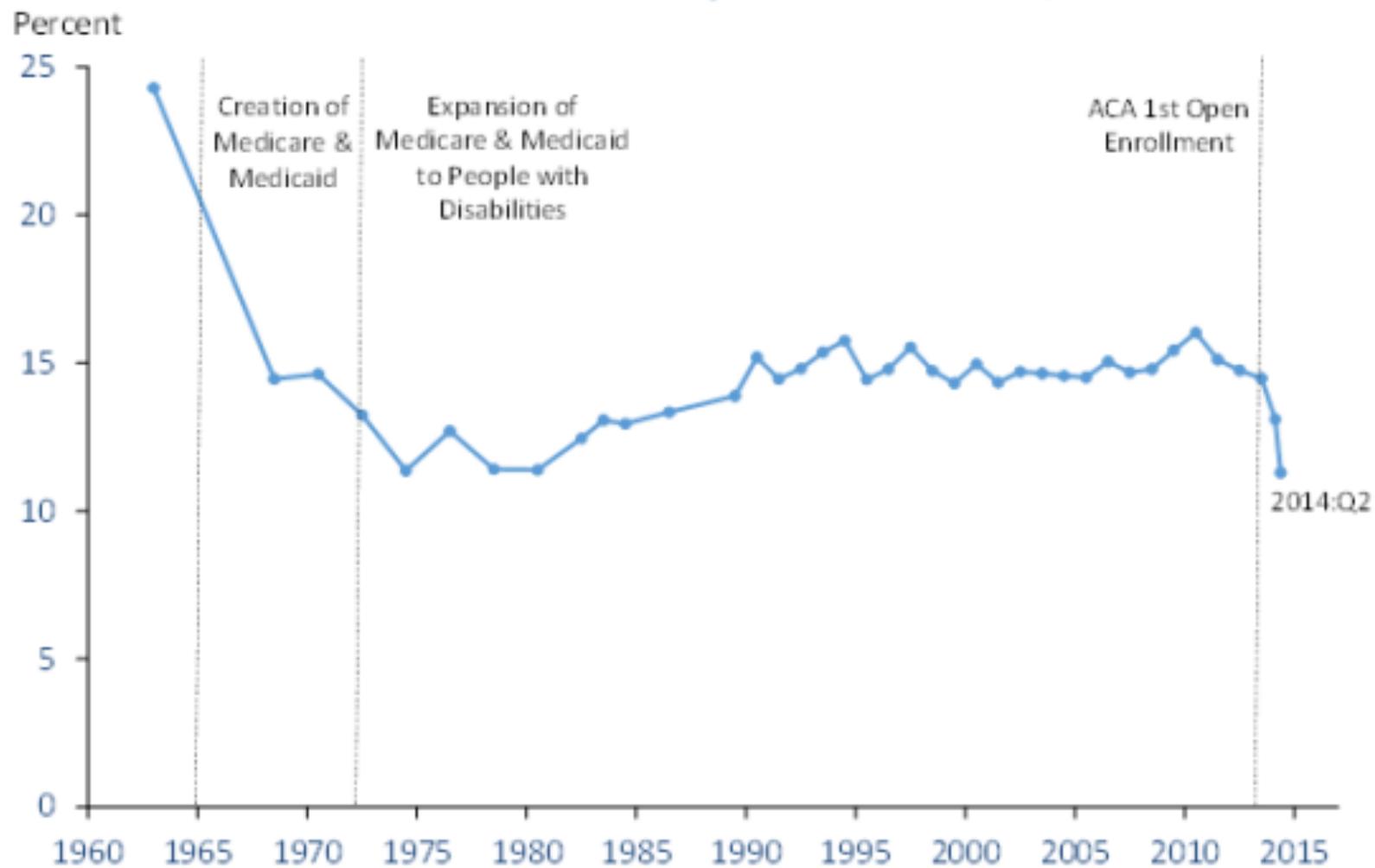
- Immunizations
- Mammograms and Pap Smears
- Hepatitis B, Diabetes and HIV Screenings

**ALL AT NO COST**

## PROJECTED ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE SUBSIDY



## Uninsured Rate, 1963-2014:Q2



Source: NHIS; Cohen et al. (2009); Klemm (2000); CMS (2009); CEA calculations (see appendix).

Note: Data for 2014 are quarterly. Data for earlier years are generally either annual or bi-annual.

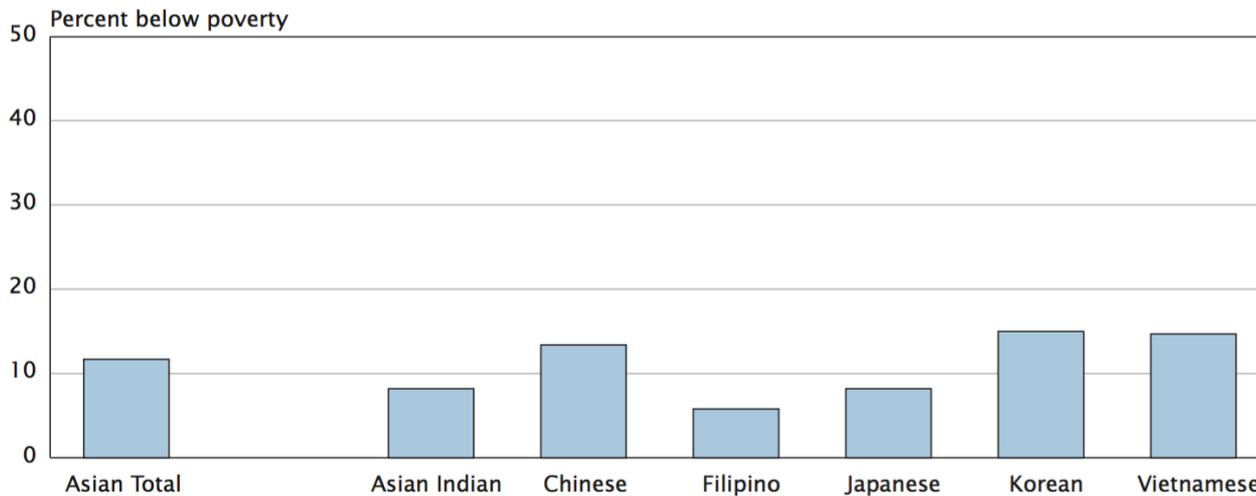
# Medicaid Expansion

- People with incomes up to **138% (\$32,499 for a family of four in 2012)** of poverty will now be eligible for Medicaid.

Figure 3.

## U.S. Poverty Rates for the Asian Alone Population and Selected Detailed Groups: 2007–2011

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/acs/www/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/))



Note: Persons who report only one race among the six defined categories are referred to as the race-alone population, while persons who report more than one race category are referred to as the Two or More Races population. This figure shows data using the race-alone approach. Use of the single-race population does not imply that it is the preferred method of presenting or analyzing data. The Census Bureau uses a variety of approaches.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007–2011 American Community Survey.

**1 in 6 AAPIs are now medicaid eligible**

# Medicaid Expansion

- Reduced the cost of caring for the uninsured by **\$7.4 billion** in 2014.
- The level of uncompensated care was **21%** lower than the year before.
- Refusal of 25 states to expand Medicaid will result in **5 million** without affordable coverage.

# But...

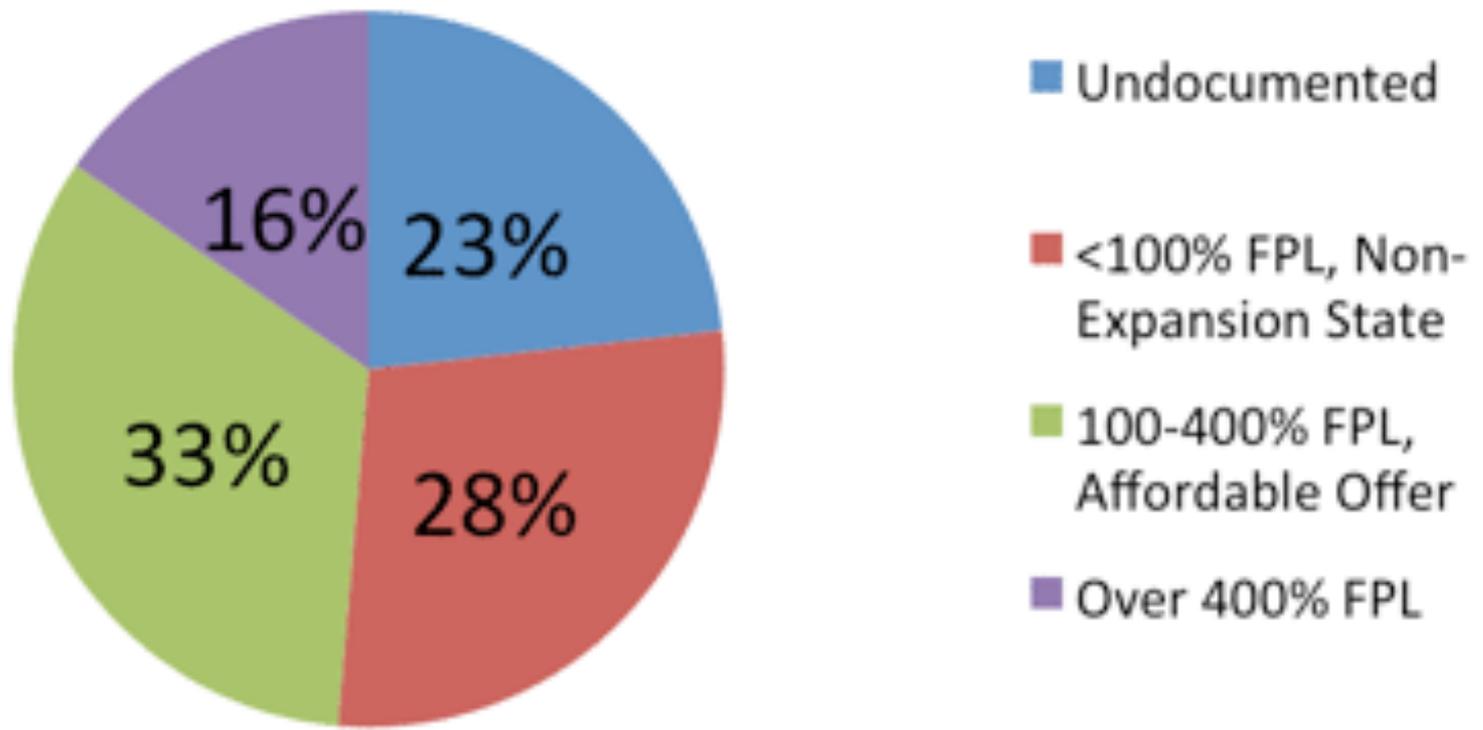


# Inconvenient Truth

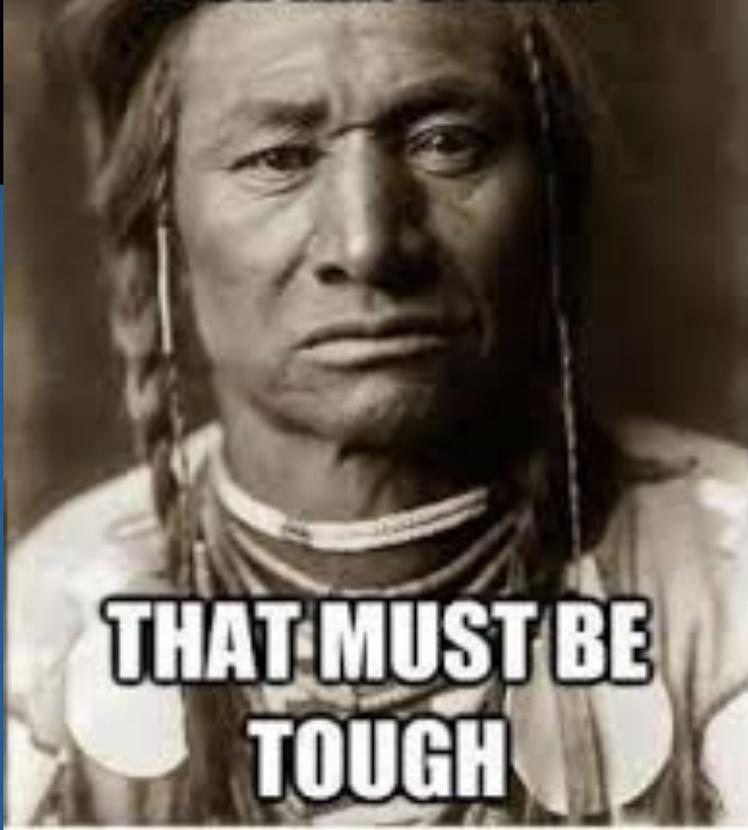
- Family premiums already are at **\$15,500** per year and rising, with employees having to contribute more every year.
- Premiums, copays, and out-of-pocket costs will continue to increase as insurance companies continue to maximize their profits under the ACA.
- **36%** still are delaying seeking care.
- **35%** still cannot pay their medical bills.
- **No provisions to regulate excessive insurance premium hikes.**

# 29 Million will still be uninsured in 2016!

Figure 2: Reasons for Lacking Access to Medicaid or Marketplace Tax Credits



**IMMIGRANTS THREATENING  
YOUR WAY OF LIFE?**

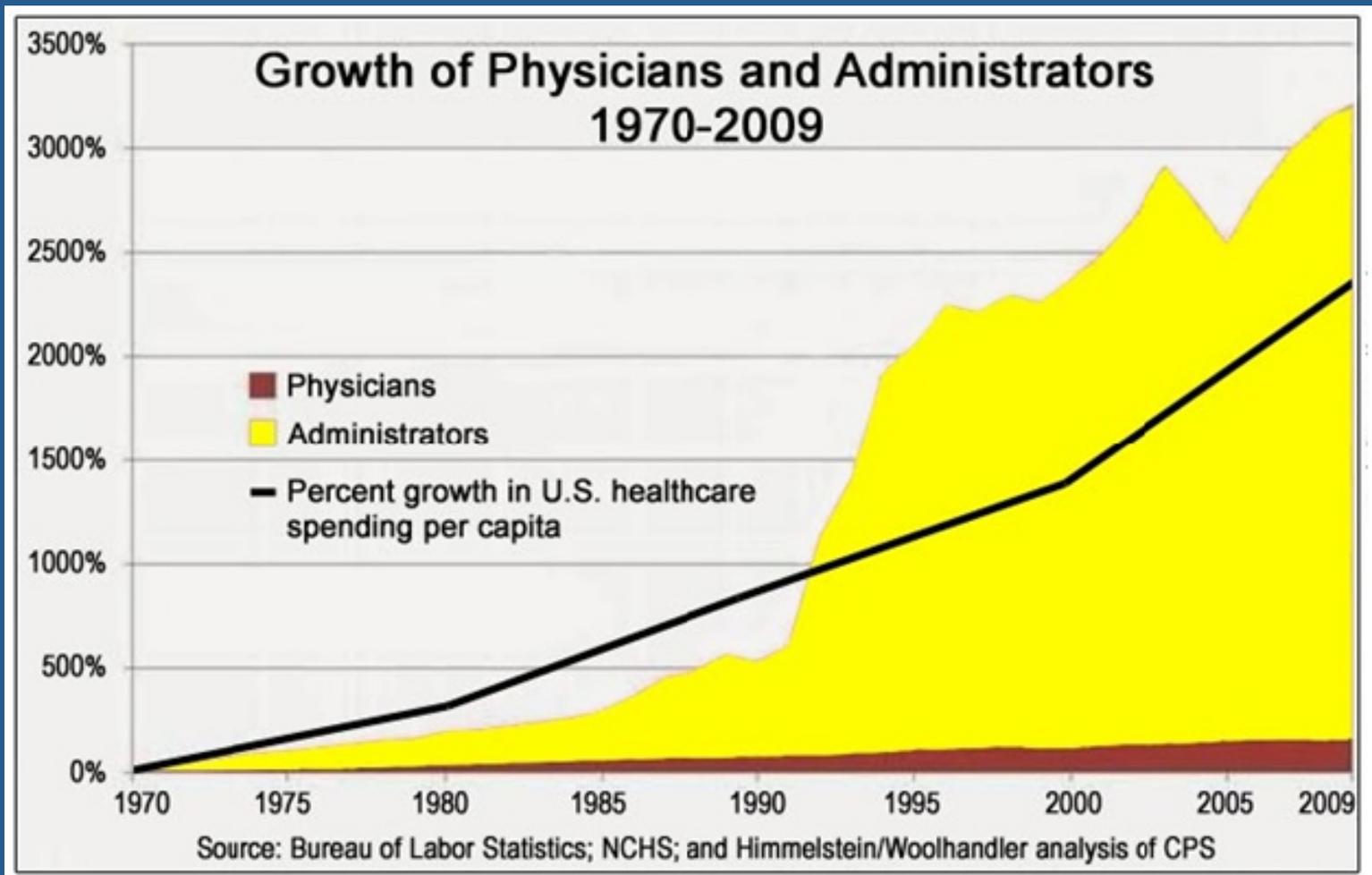


**THAT MUST BE  
TOUGH**

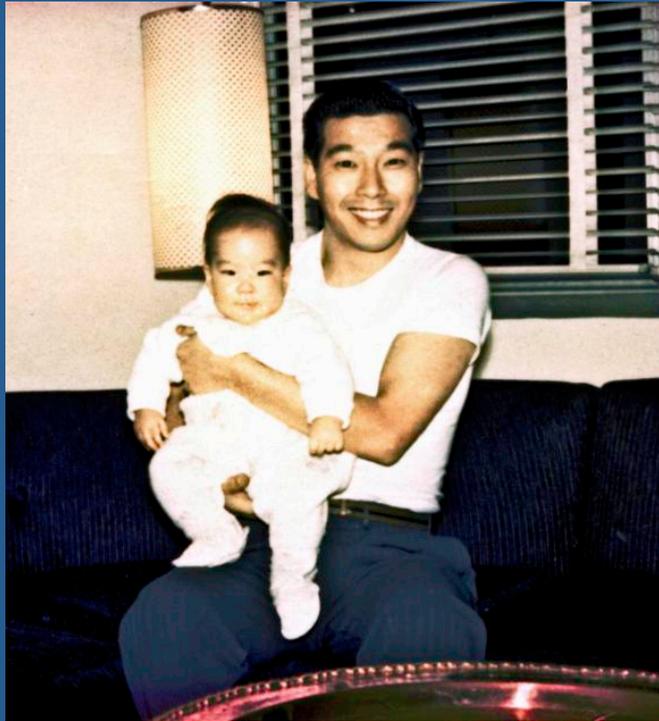
*The foreigner residing among you  
Must be treated as your native-  
born. Love them as yourself, for  
you were foreigners in Egypt. I am  
the Lord your God.*

***Leviticus 19:34***

Private Insurers waste about **\$475 billion** a year of our premiums on **non-patient** costs like administrative overhead, sales and marketing, lobbying, billing, underwriting, and exorbitant executive compensation.

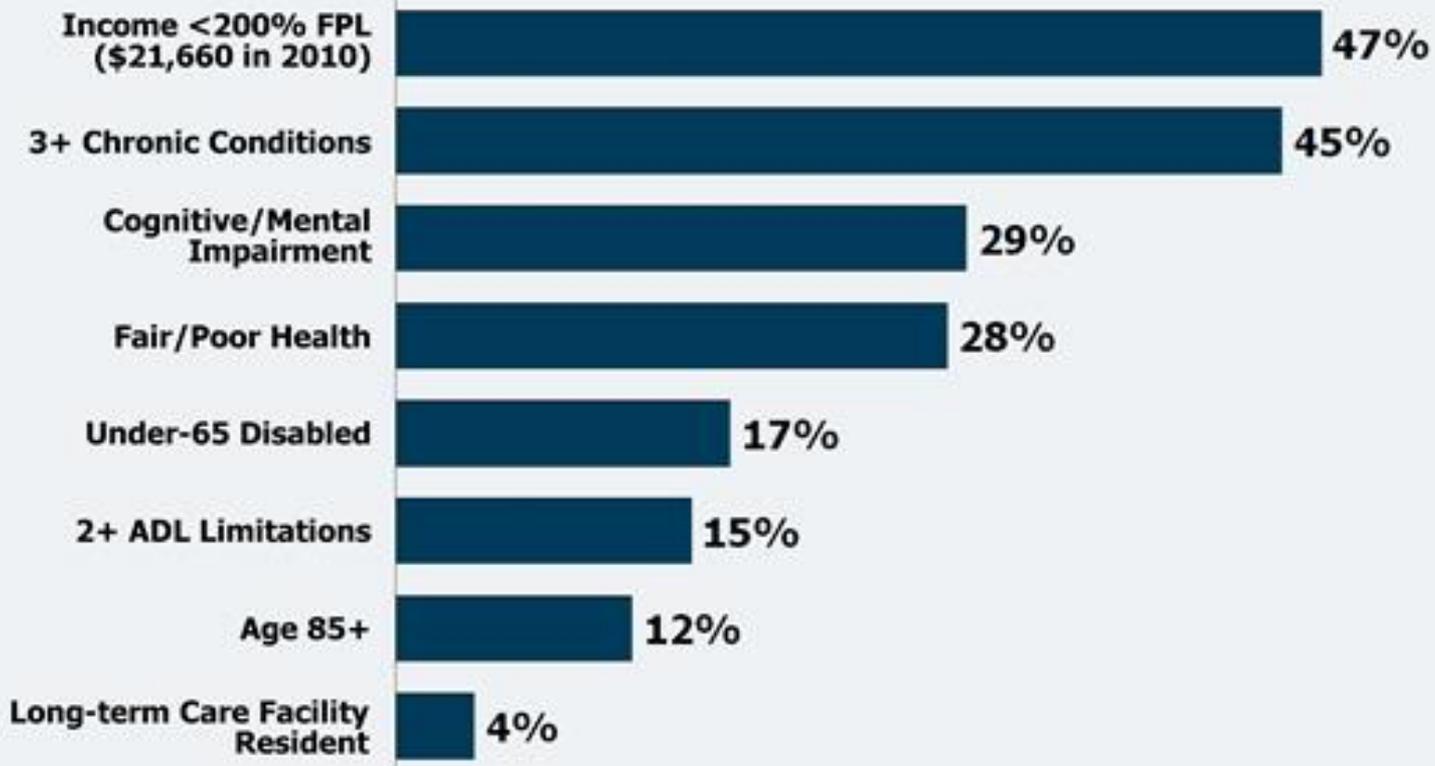


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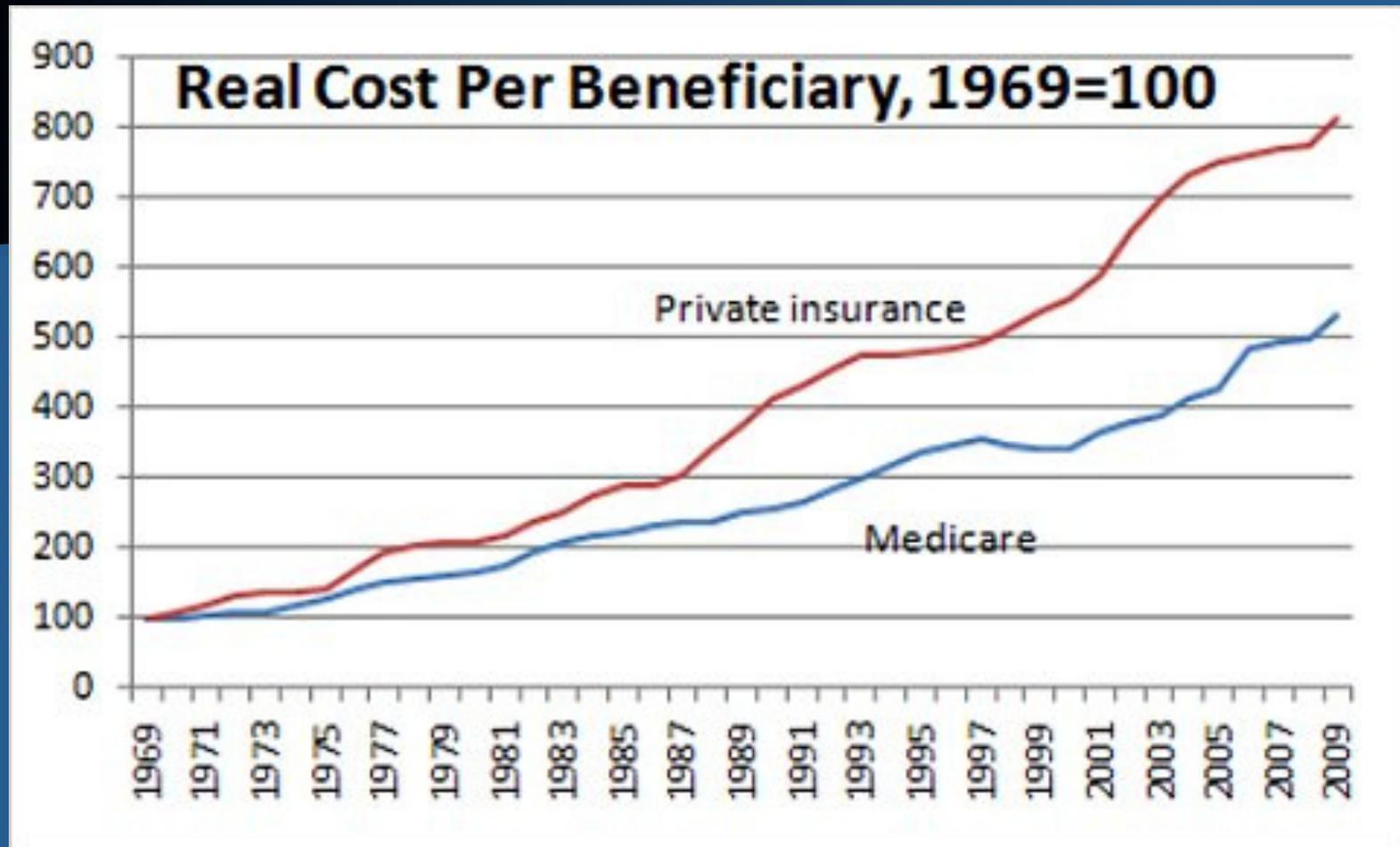
# Characteristics of the Medicare Population

*Percent of total Medicare population:*



NOTE: ADL is activity of daily living.

SOURCE: Income data for 2009 from U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplement. All other data from Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicare Current Beneficiary 2008 Access to Care file.



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services