

America's Health Care System is Broken

How do we fix it?

Medicare For All

1. Moral: Health care is a human right.
2. Fiscal: Medicare For All is the only health care reform that is sustainable.

Year in which each nation enacted Universal Health Insurance



Norway	1912	Austria	1967	Greece	1983
New Zealand	1938	UAE	1971	Spain	1986
Japan	1938	Finland	1972	So. Korea	1988
Germany	1941	Slovenia	1972	Iceland	1990
Belgium	1945	Denmark	1973	Hong Kong	1993
England	1948	Luxembourg	1973	Singapore	1993
Kuwait	1950	France	1974	Switzerland	1994
Sweden	1955	Australia	1975	Israel	1995
Bahrain	1957	Ireland	1977	Taiwan	1995
Brunei	1958	Italy	1978		
Canada	1966	Portugal	1979		
Netherlands	1966	Cyprus	1980		

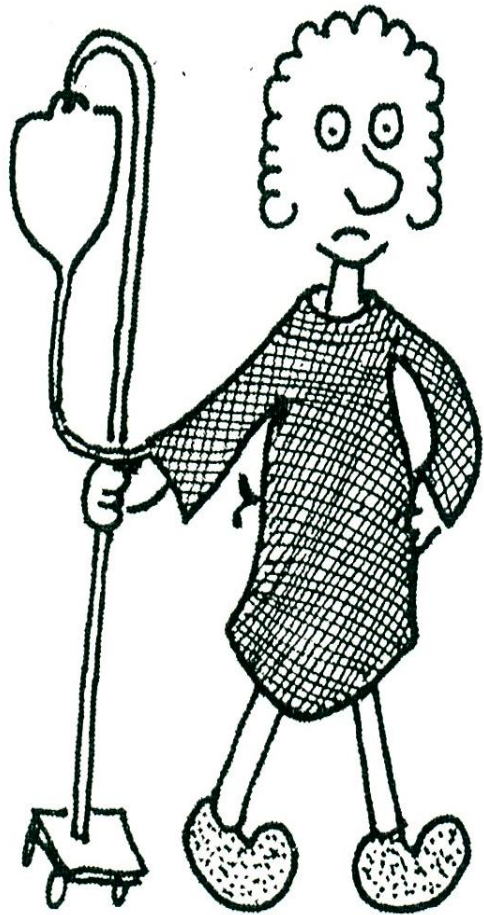
**When will America
join this list?**

Obamacare Has Helped Modestly

	2010	Obamacare 2016	Medicare For All (Australia, Canada)
• Uninsured:	50 Million	27 Million	0
• Underinsured:	31 Million	30 Million	0
• Life expectancy: & Measures of Health	Worst	Worst (27th) (below Slovenia)	6th & 13th
Americans(adults + their kids): with medical bankruptcies	2 Million yearly	1 Million yearly	0
• Health Care Costs:	Highest in World	Highest in World	Half USA Costs

CDC, National health interview survey, Sept 2016,
 OECD Better life index, 2016. OECD report: Health statistics, 2016

MORALITY QUIZ:



ALLOWING **57** MILLION PEOPLE
TO GO WITHOUT DECENT ACCESS
TO HEALTH CARE
IN THE RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD
IS (CHOOSE ONE):

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A) MORAL

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B) IMMORAL

America's Health Care: For-Profit, Health Care is a Commodity



All other Wealthy
Nations on Earth:
Health Care is
a Human Right



And
many
more

Let's Explain in detail this difference:

Some Examples of Public Systems

“Public Goods” we don’t leave to the free-market

Paid for by taxes = “Socialized”

Police Departments

Libraries

Fire Departments

Public Schools

National Defense

In all other modern nations

Health Care is on this list!

CRAZY IDEAS



PRIVATIZED FIRE DEPT.S



PRIVATIZED POLICE



PRIVATIZED FOOD SAFETY



PRIVATIZED HEALTH-CARE

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Now In USA

Under Obamacare
(worse if Trumpcare)

- 27 million Uninsured, 30 million Underinsured
- Large deductibles and co-pays (often % of bill)
- Limited “networks” out of network costs not covered
- Minimal strategic planning

Medicare For All

And in all other wealthy nations

- Universal Insurance
- No deductibles and small co-pays, No %
- Free choice of doctor or hospital
- Planning by regional health boards

Now in USA

- Dozens of Insurance Entities
- Pursuit of profit is first priority
- Hospitals bill for each patient
- Free market prices

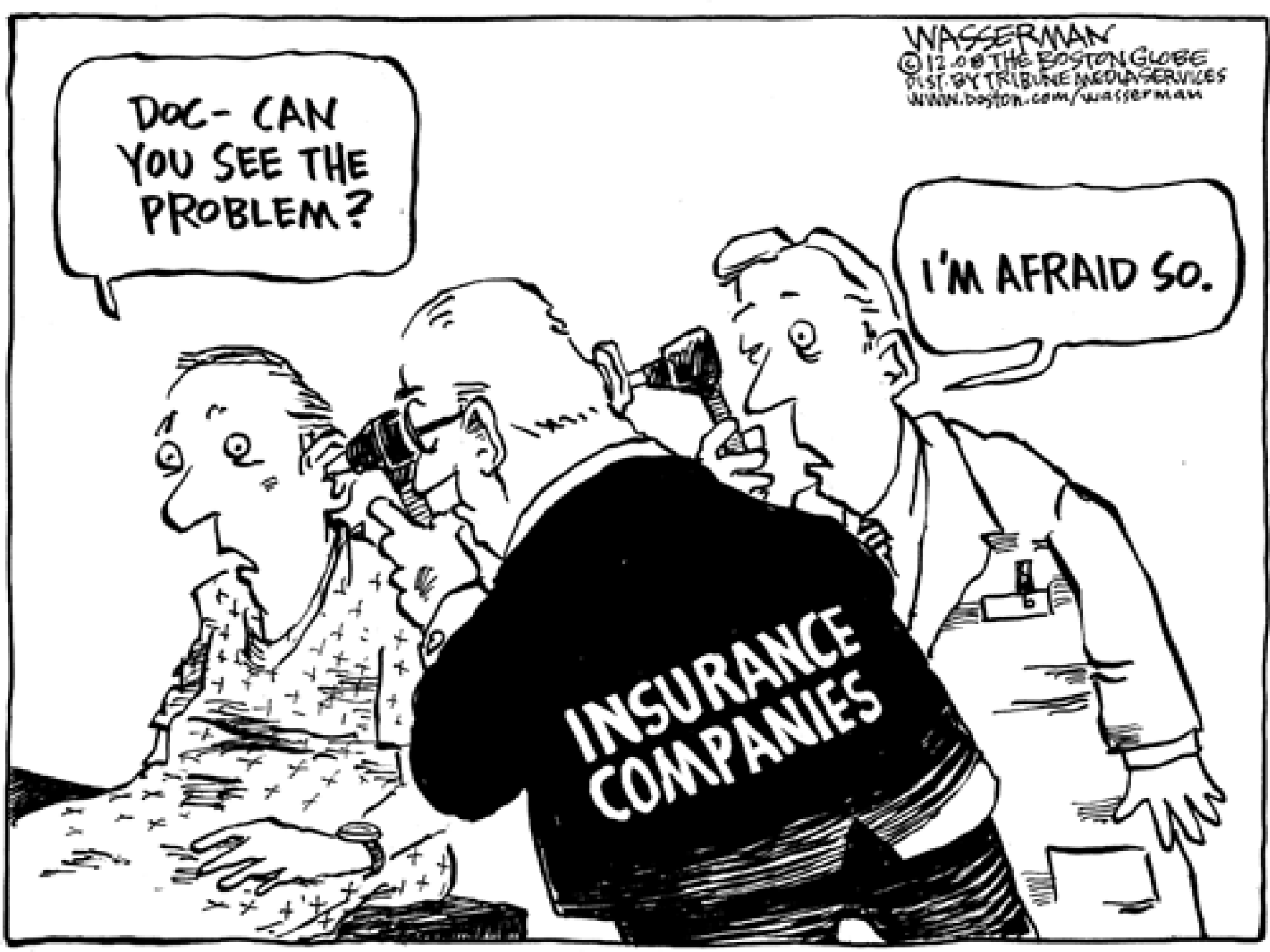
Medicare For All

- Single Insurance Entity
- Non-profit
- Hospitals on budgets
- Prices negotiated or regulated

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YOU SEE THE
PROBLEM?

I'M AFRAID SO.

INSURANCE
COMPANIES



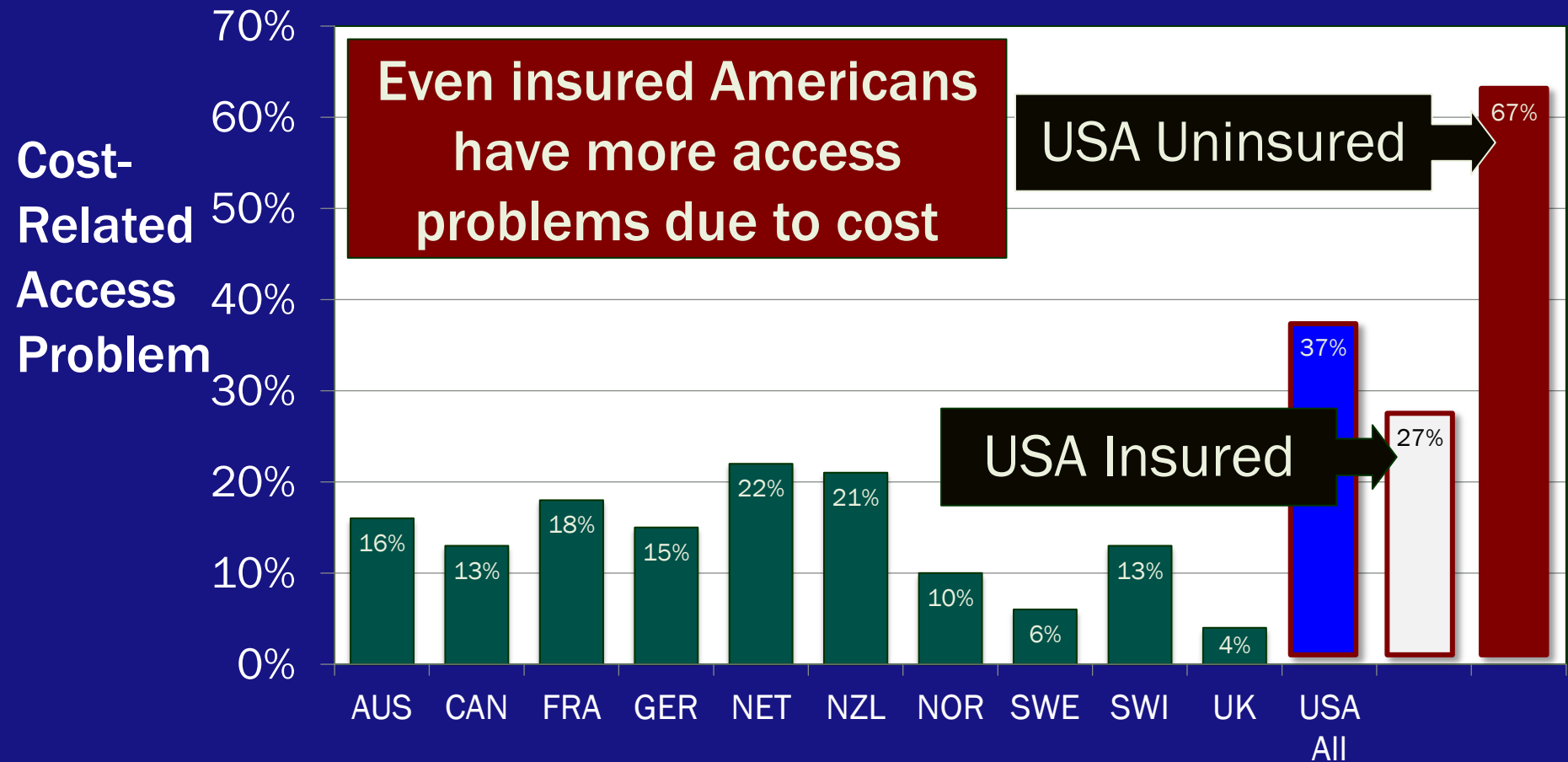
Some choices are better than others:

While citizens of other nations decide which doctor to see,
Americans “choose” to buy health insurance or pay for food or rent



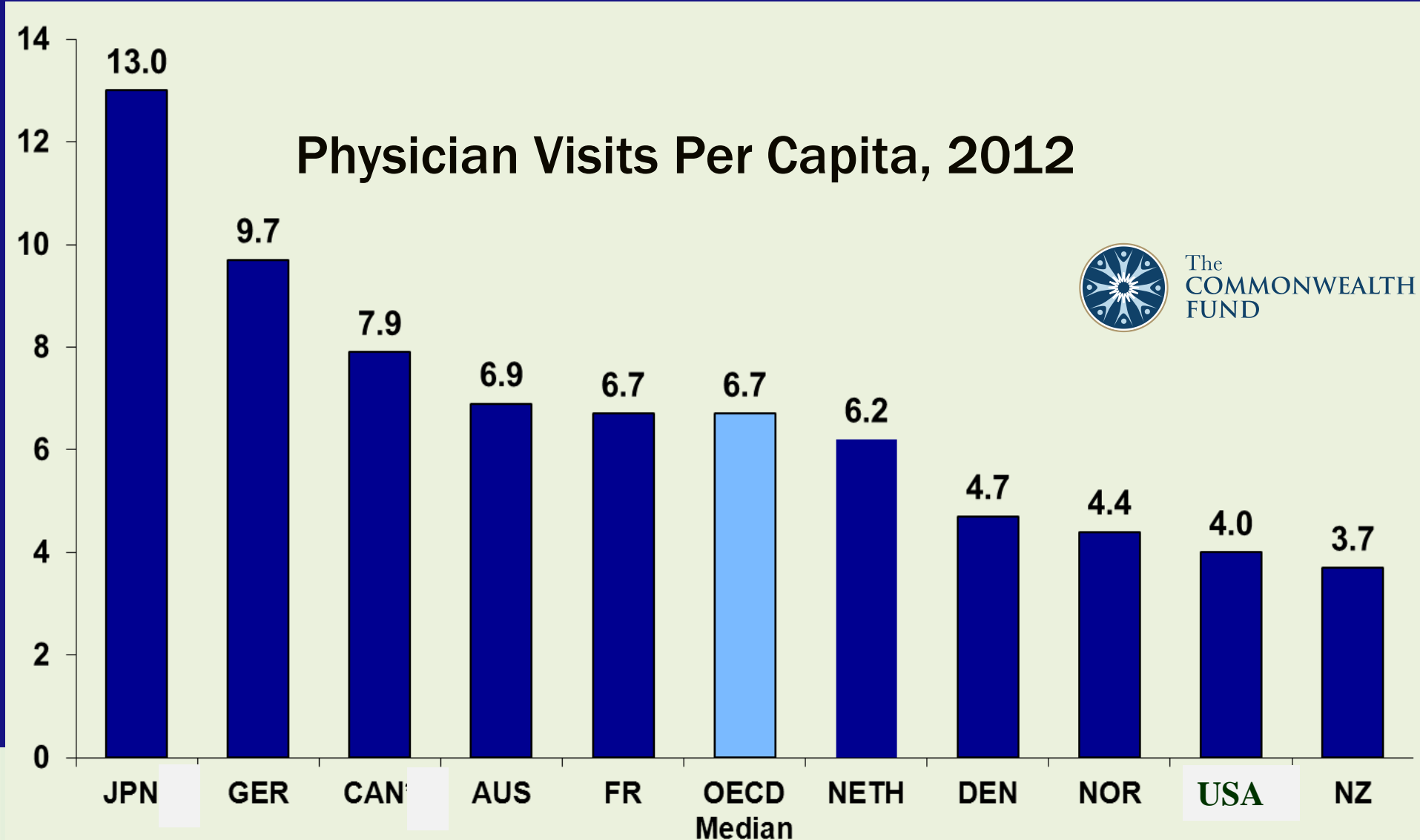
"Paper or plastic?"

Our High Costs Impede Our Care



Did not see a doctor when sick or did not get recommended care because of cost, did not fill Rx or skipped doses because of cost, Commonwealth Fund data reported in Schoen, C et al. Health Affairs 32,No.12 (2013):2205-2215

We Get Less Health Care



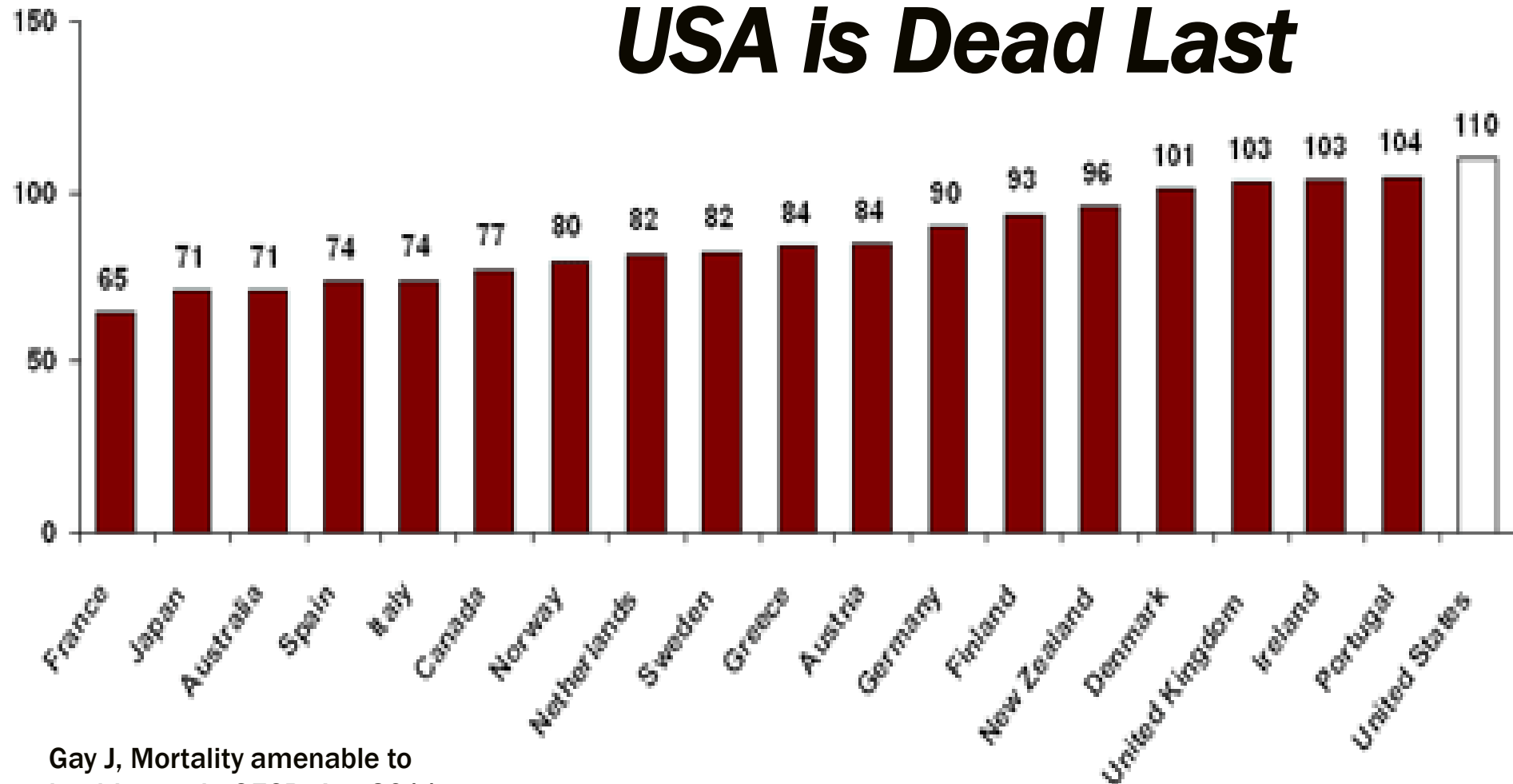
Source: OECD Health Data 2014.

Mortality Amenable to Health Care

More Americans die from easily treatable illnesses like asthma

Deaths per 100,000 population*

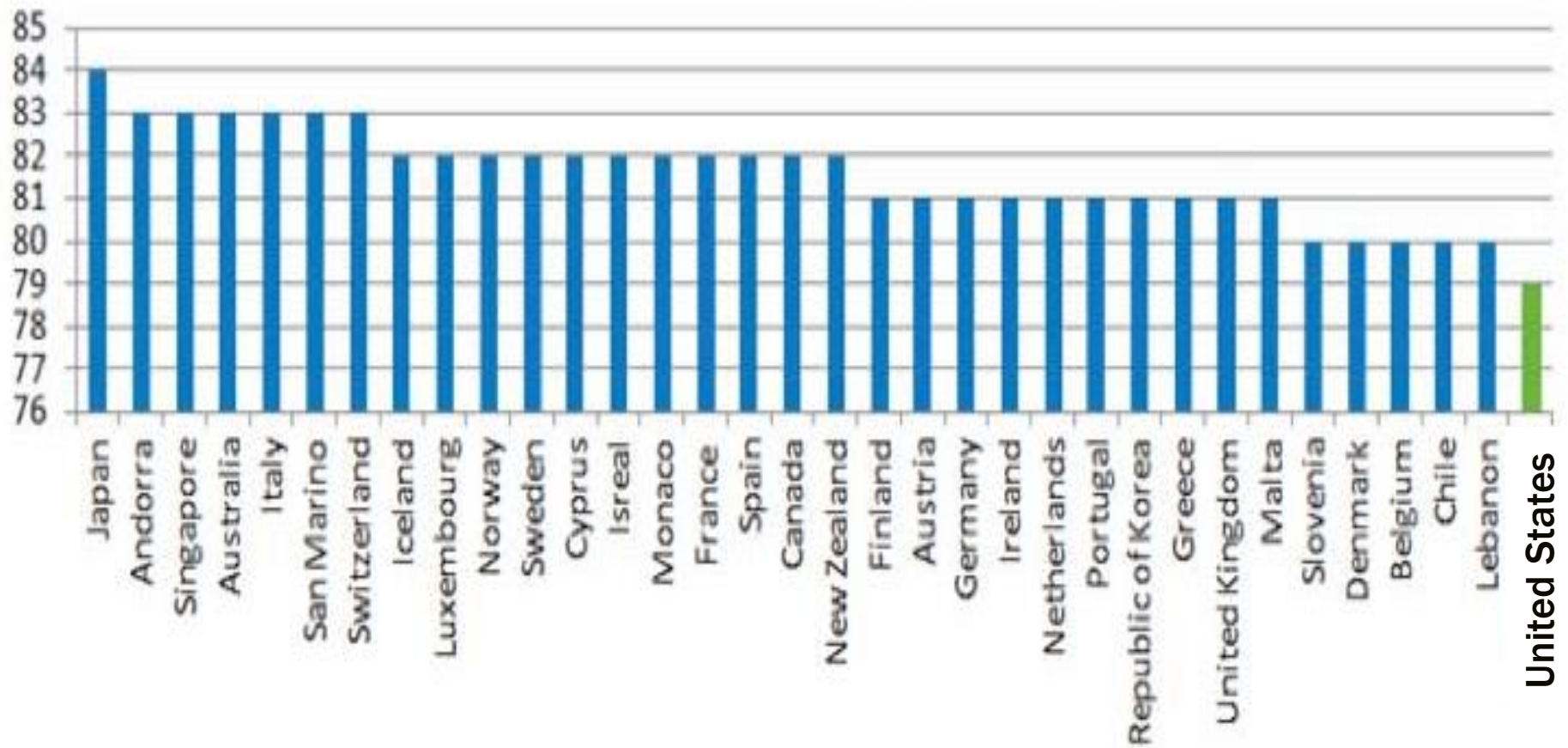
USA is Dead Last



Gay J, Mortality amenable to health care in OECD, Jan 2011

We are Less Healthy and We Die Younger

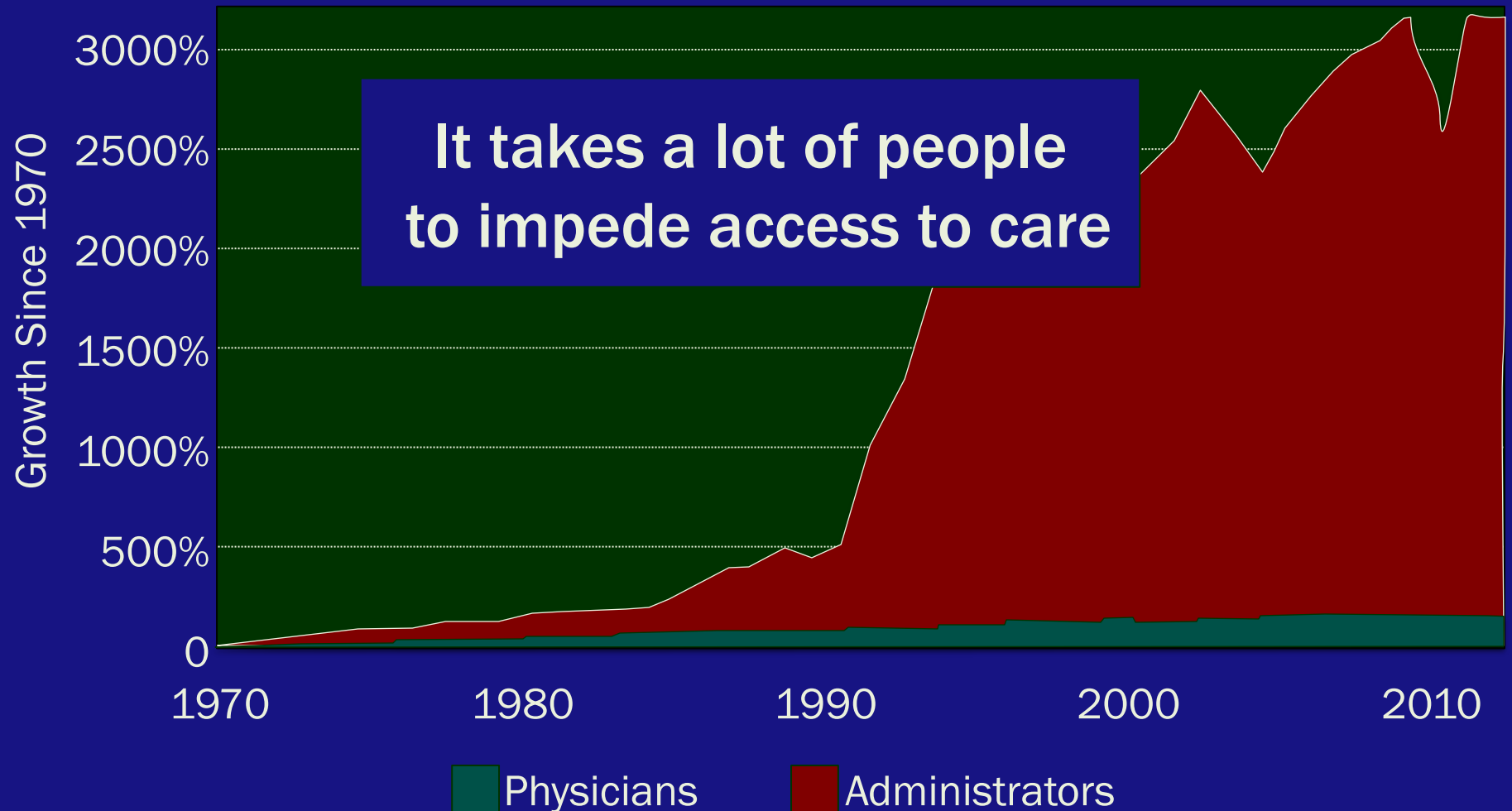
U.S. ranks 34th in life expectancy at birth



Source: America's Health Rankings, 2014

Sad, Shameful, and Immoral

We Have the Most Wasteful Health System

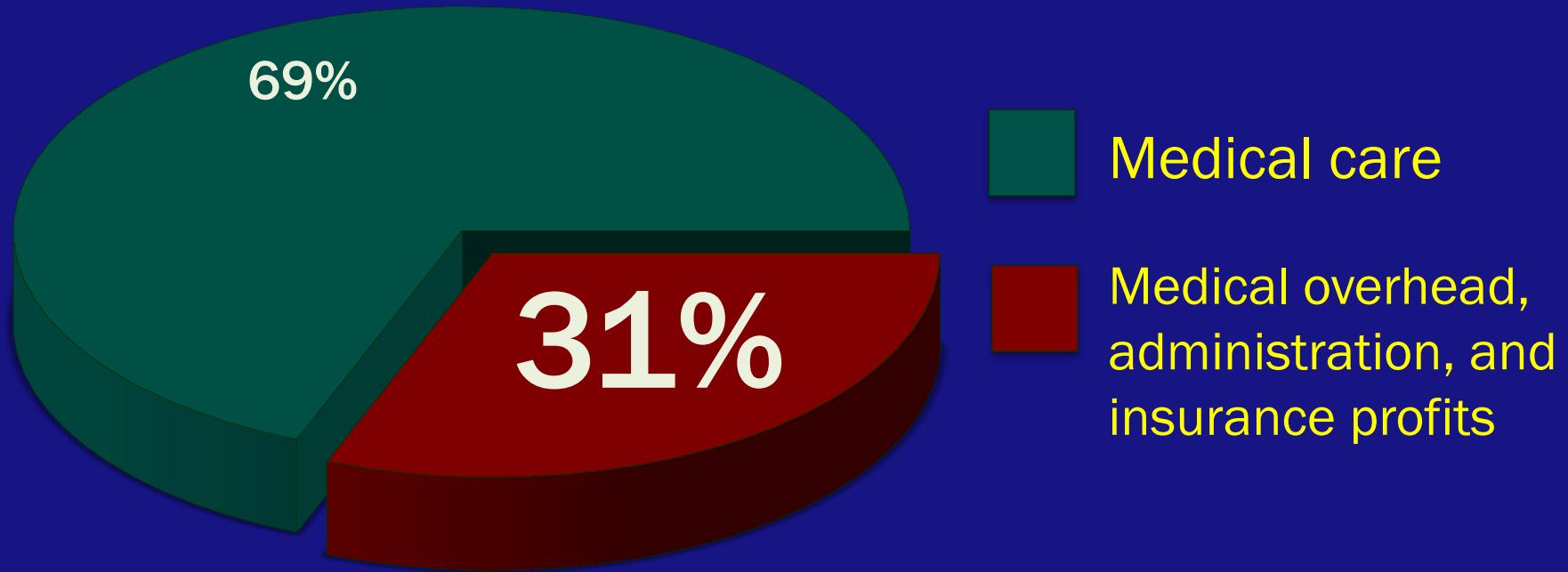


Data updated through 2013

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; NCHS;
Himmelstein/Woolhandler analysis of CPS

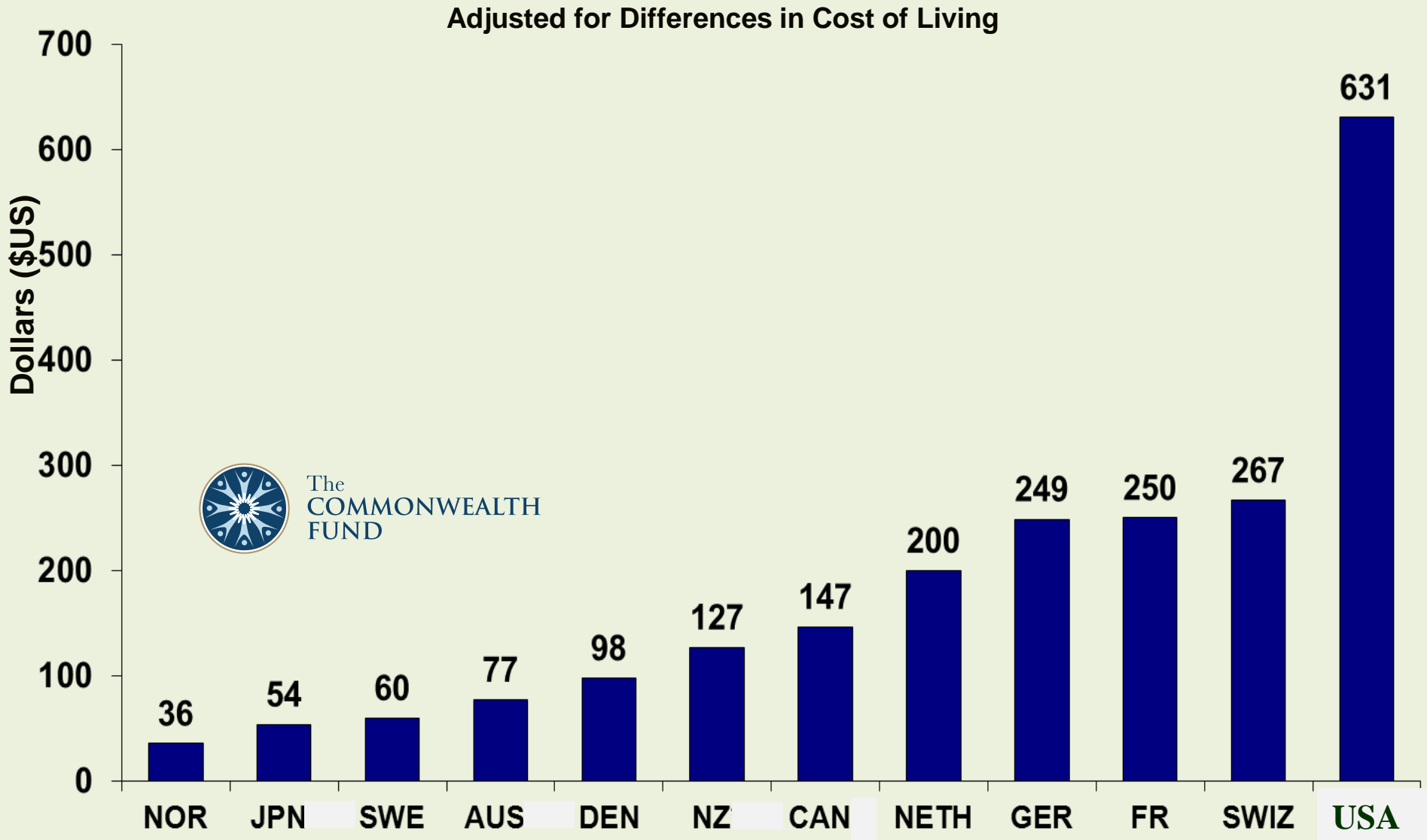
10 administrators for every physician in USA

We Waste 31% of Every Healthcare Dollar



**Medicare for All would save \$476 Billion
each year in paperwork alone**

Spending on Health Insurance Administration per Capita, 2012

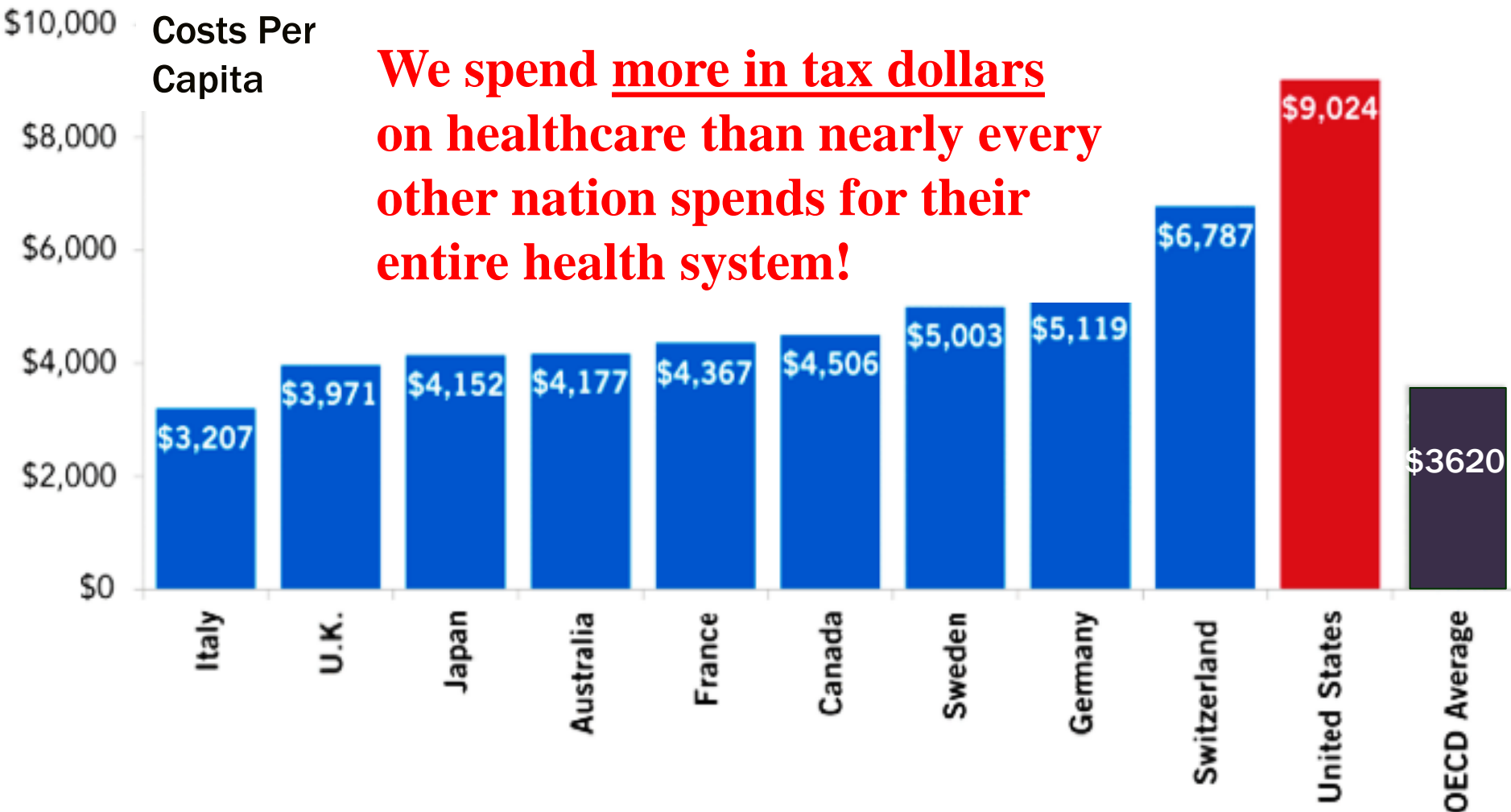


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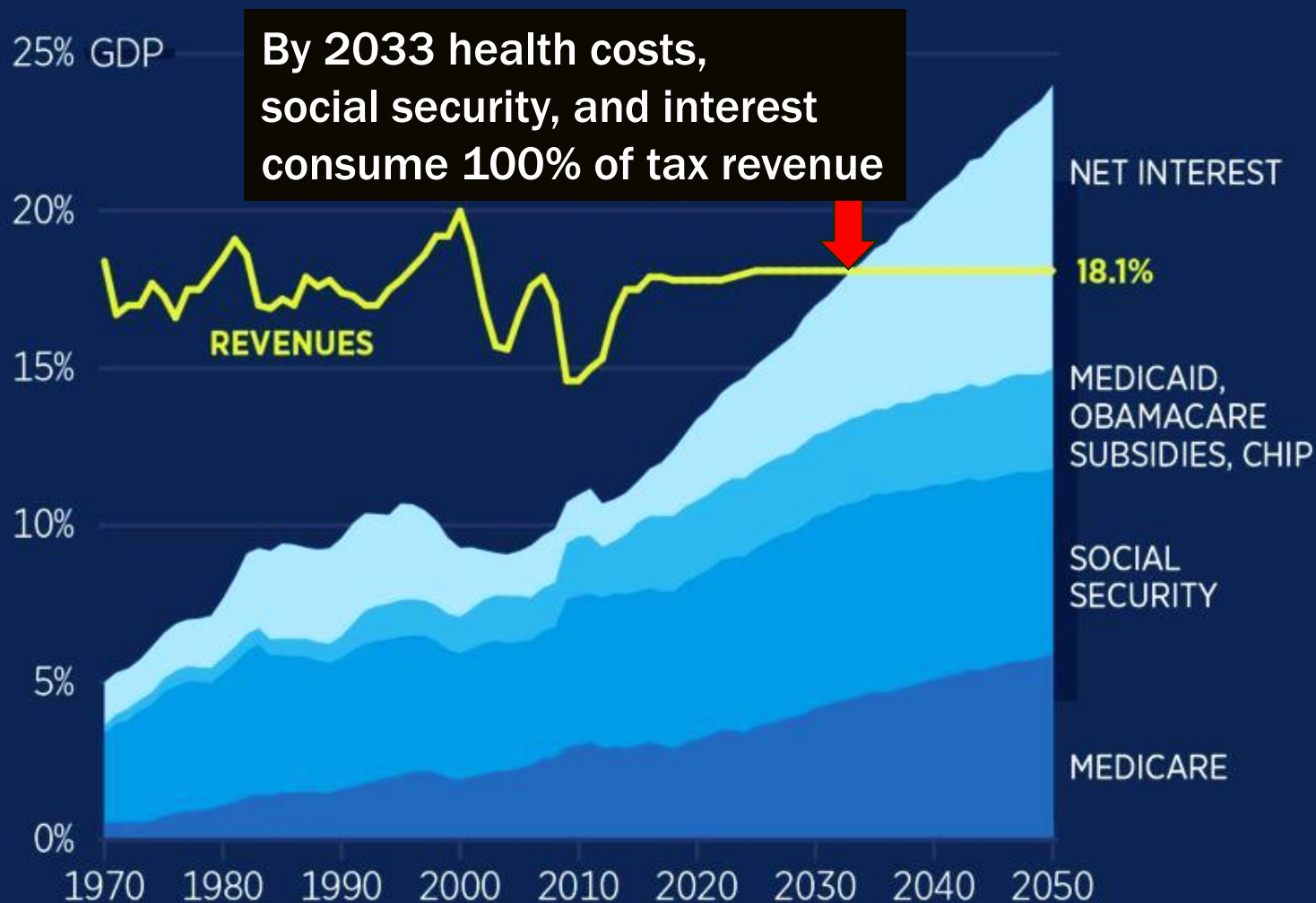
America Spends More Than Double Most Other Modern Nations

Healthcare
Costs Per
Capita

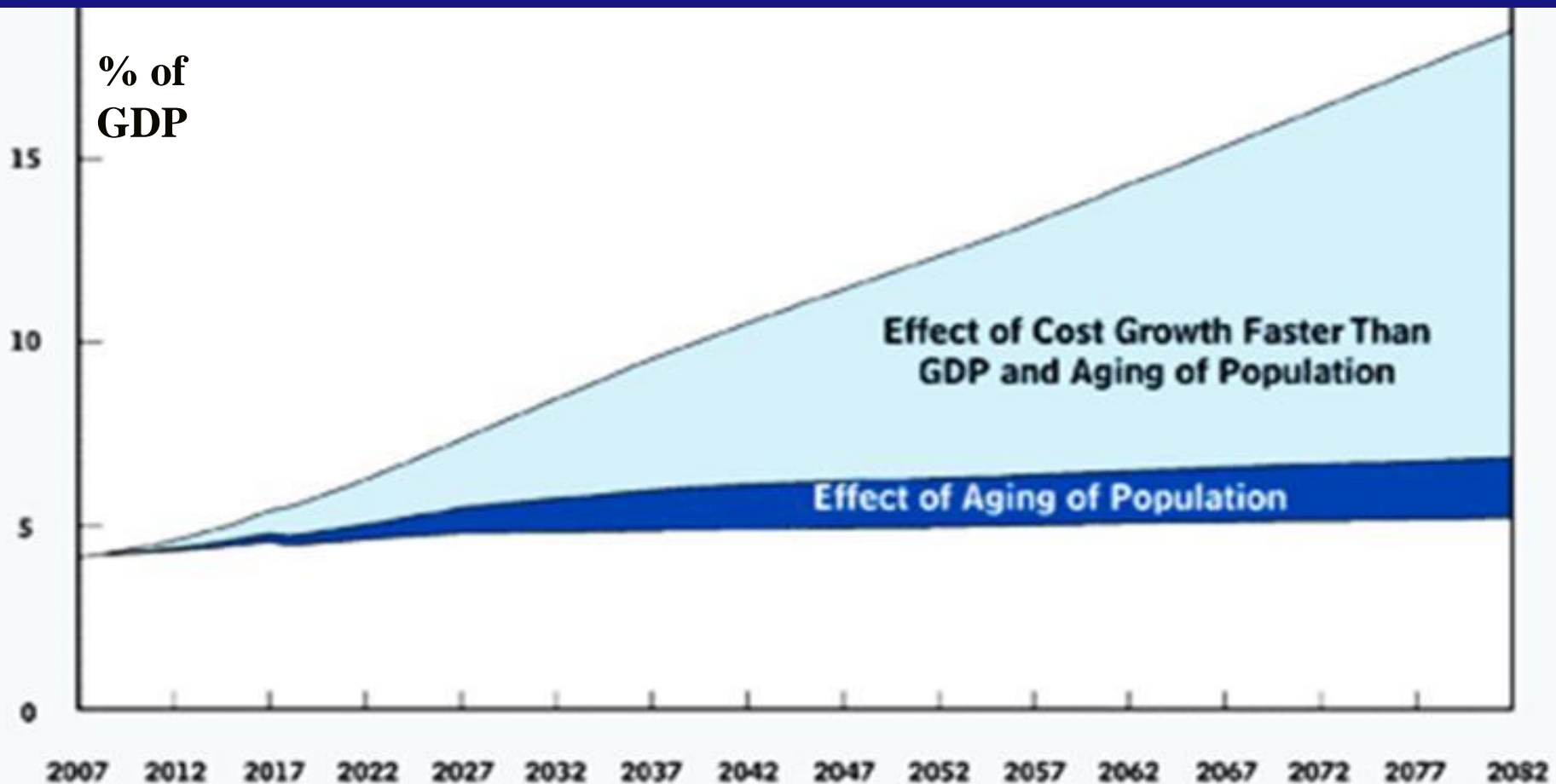
**We spend more in tax dollars
on healthcare than nearly every
other nation spends for their
entire health system!**



Increasing healthcare costs are exploding the federal budget (Social Security much less so)

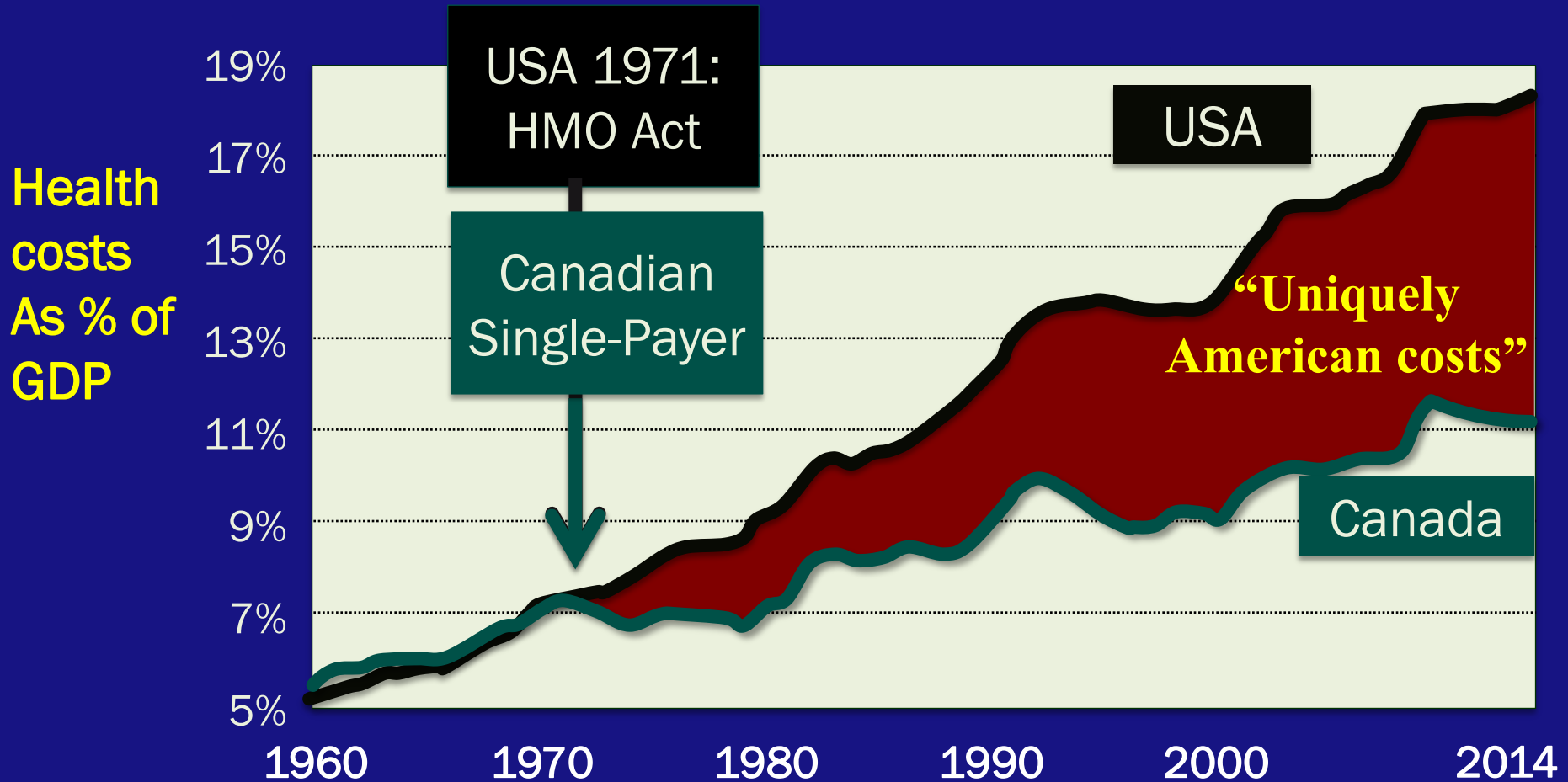


But it is mostly because our free-market healthcare system doesn't control costs!



Sources of Growth in Projected Federal Spending on Medicare and Medicaid

Canada Figured This Out Already



Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Institute for Health Info, and NCHS/Commerce Dept.

Medicare for All is the Most Conservative Health Reform:

1. Cuts bureaucracy in half
2. The only sustainable reform proposal
3. Reduces Fraud (10% of all health costs)
4. Makes American business more competitive
5. Friedrich Hayek, Nobel Prize winning conservative economist: “for those common hazards of life” which individuals cannot prepare for, “the state should act.” He advocates for government health insurance
6. Families are more independent with health care covered: less need for other government assistance (food stamps, housing, TANF..)

**No wonder Conservative parties in all other
free-market economies: Germany, Taiwan, Japan...
strongly support universal healthcare**

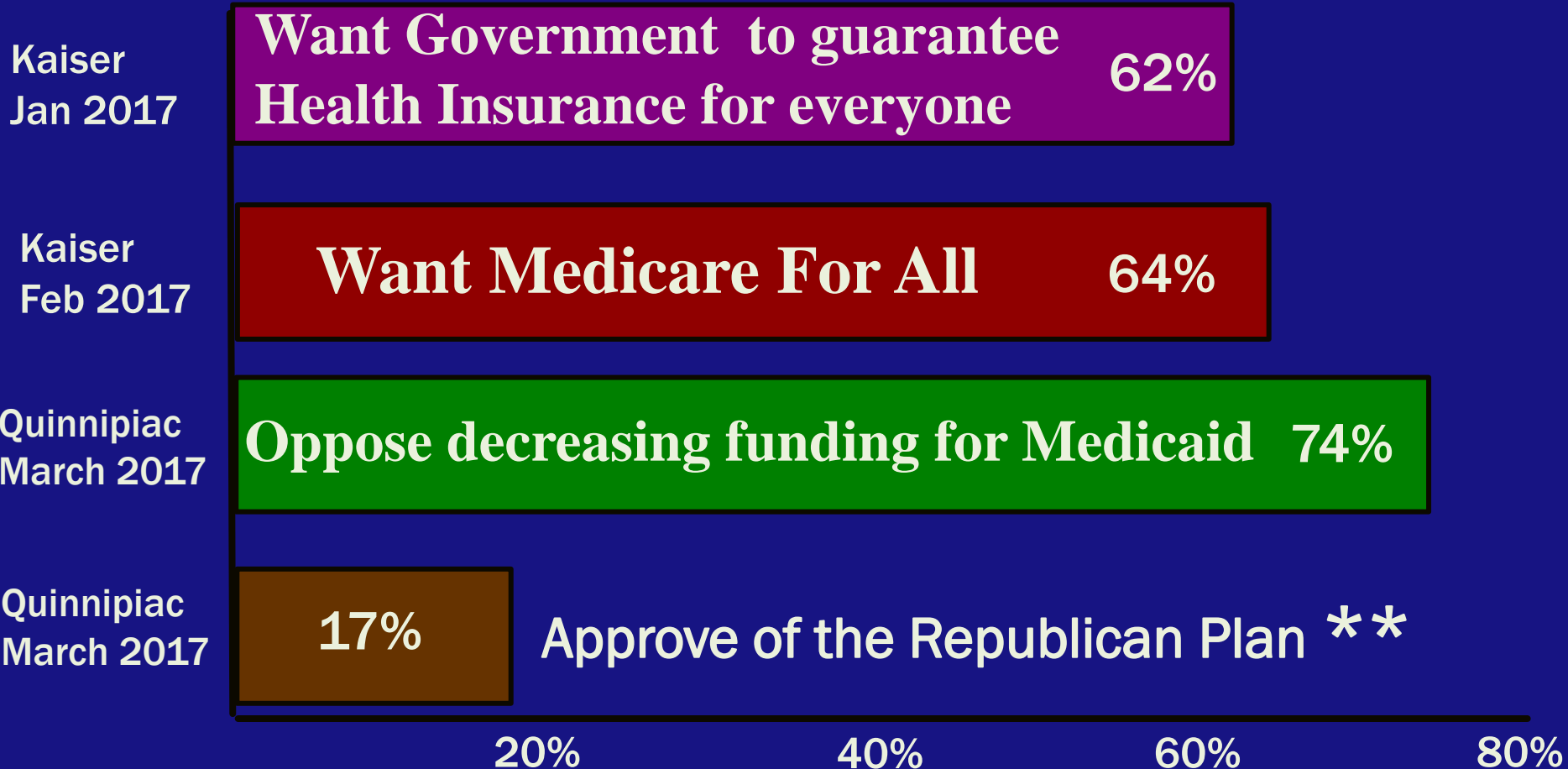
A National Health Program for the USA



Single-Payer Medicare For All!

Polls show Americans want government to be involved in healthcare

Polls



*Almost half of all Republicans want Medicare for All: Economist poll, April 2-4 2017

**Trump/Ryan plan is much more free-market oriented with less government involvement.

America Needs Medicare For ALL!

Single-Payer (socialized Insurance)

First – A Moral Reason!

- **Health Care is a Human Right! Not a Commodity**
- **Universal: Everybody in, Nobody out! Cradle to Grave, Great health insurance for every American.**

Second- A Fiscal Reason!

- **One Insurance Entity: Supercharged Medicare For All**
- **Cuts nearly \$1 Trillion each year in Health Costs when fully implemented.**

What Can YOU Do?

- History shows that when 3.5% of Americans actively fight for an issue, it becomes law. Medicare needs us to fight for it!
- Become more knowledgeable
e.g. “socialized insurance” is just Medicare for all!
- Watch the health care movie (I prefer the short version)
www.nowisthetimemovie.com
- Go Online: pnhp.org, healthcare-now.org, medicareforall.org ...
- Watch out for inaccurate information:
NPR, PBS, major channels, etc.. All get major funding from corporations and their news tilts toward the corporate status quo and against Medicare For All

What Can YOU Do?

- Invite a Speaker to your church or group.
- Join organizations: League of Women Voters, Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, + many others
- Protest, march, write letters, call congress and state reps, and write editorials.
- Get involved with State Races, School Board, City Council, and Ballot Initiatives: We need people in office at every level fighting for what is right.