

MEDICINE AND HEALTH

Sociology and the Study of Medicine and Health

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- Role of Sociology in the Study
- Study Influence of Self-Regulation, Bureaucracy and Profit Motive
- Study How Illness is More than Biology

Symbolic Interactionist Perspective

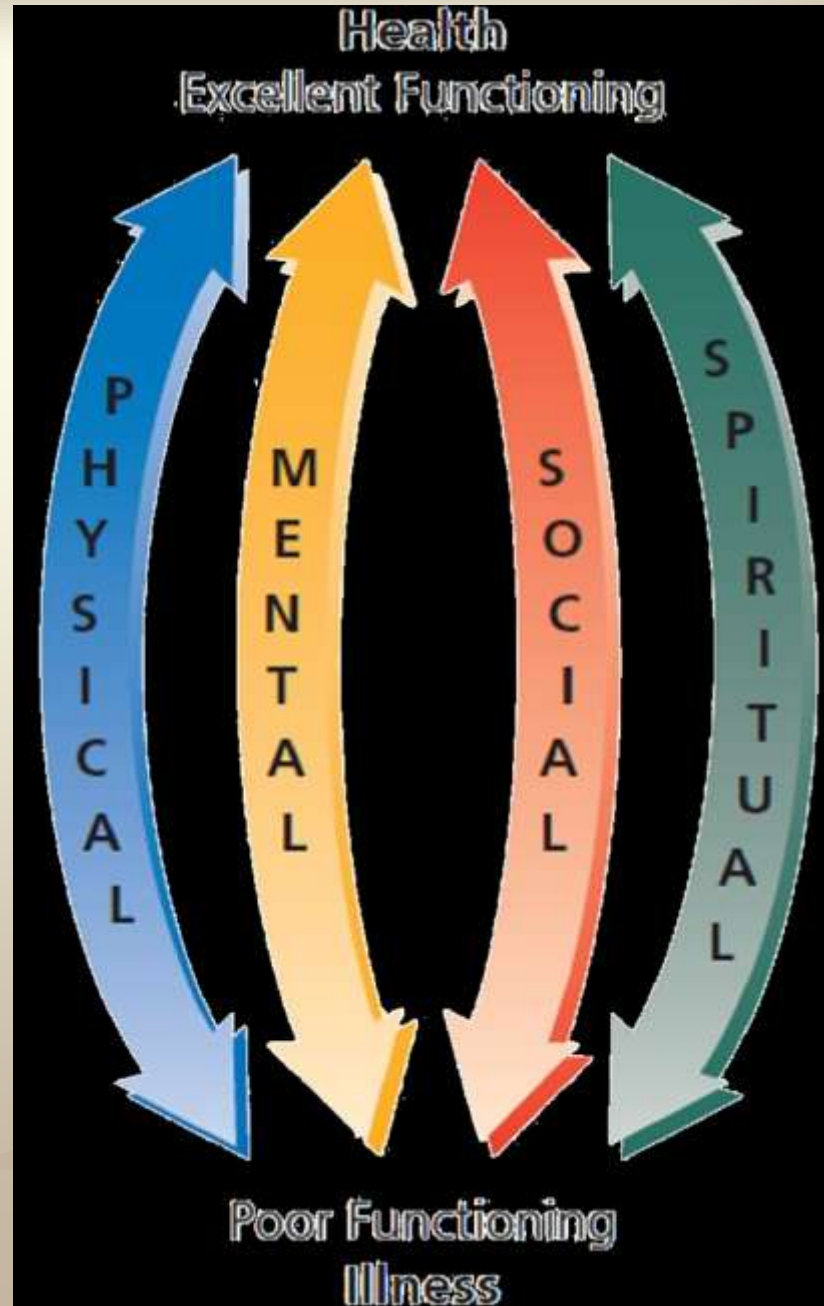
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- Role of Culture in Defining Health and Illness
- The Components of Health



A Continuum of Health & Illness

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The Functionalist Perspective

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The Sick Role

- Elements of the Sick Role
- Ambiguity of the Sick Role
- Gatekeepers to the Sick Role
- Gender Differences in the Sick Role

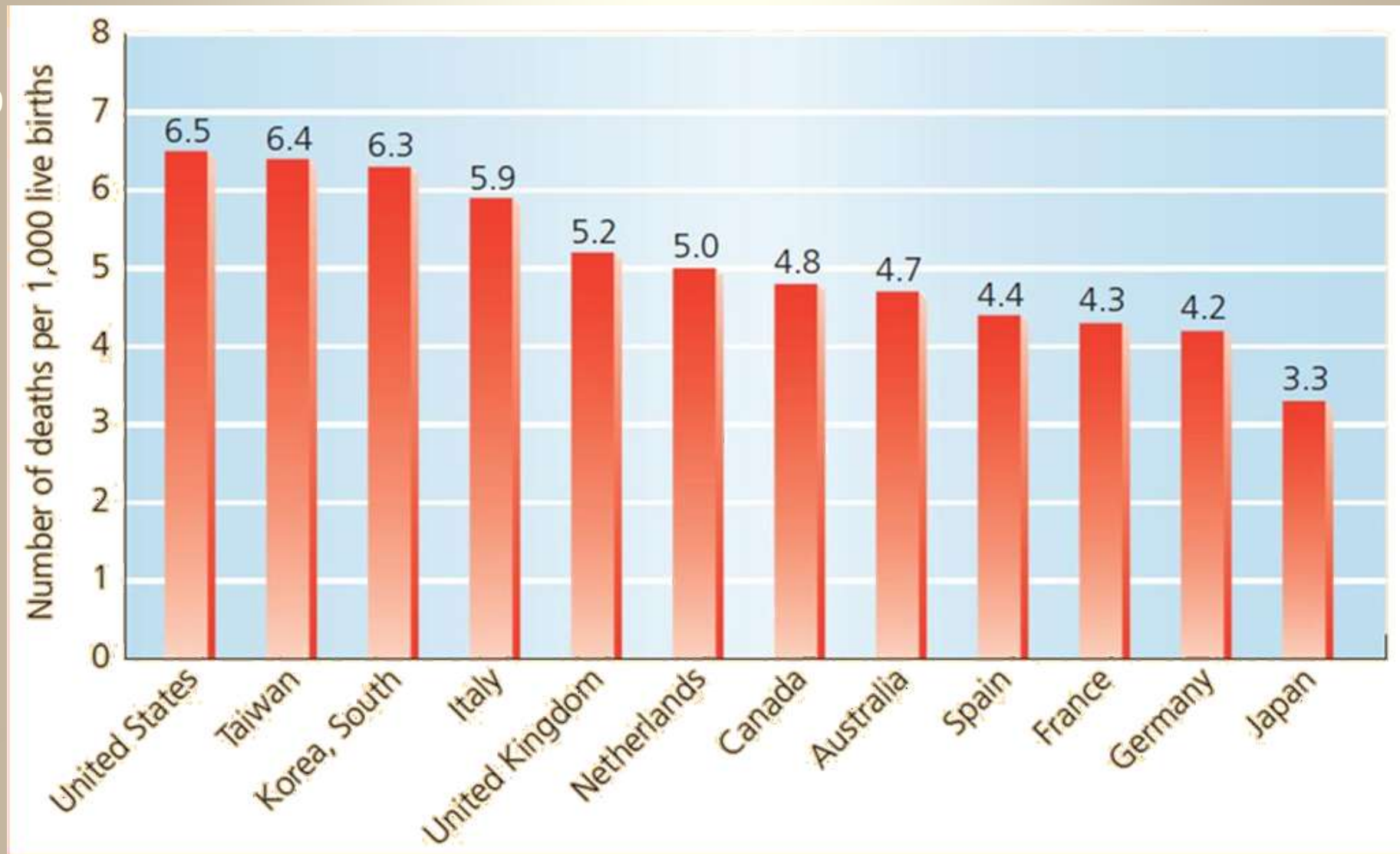
The Conflict Perspective

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- Effects of Global Stratification on Health Care



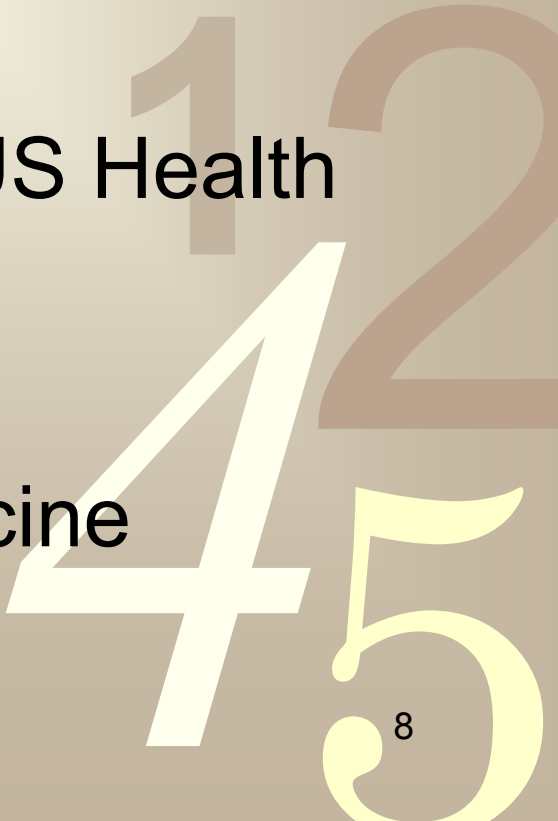
How Many Babies Die Before Their 1st Birthday?



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- Effects of Global Stratification on Health Care
- Establishing a Monopoly on US Health Care
- The Professionalism of Medicine
 - The Monopoly of Medicine

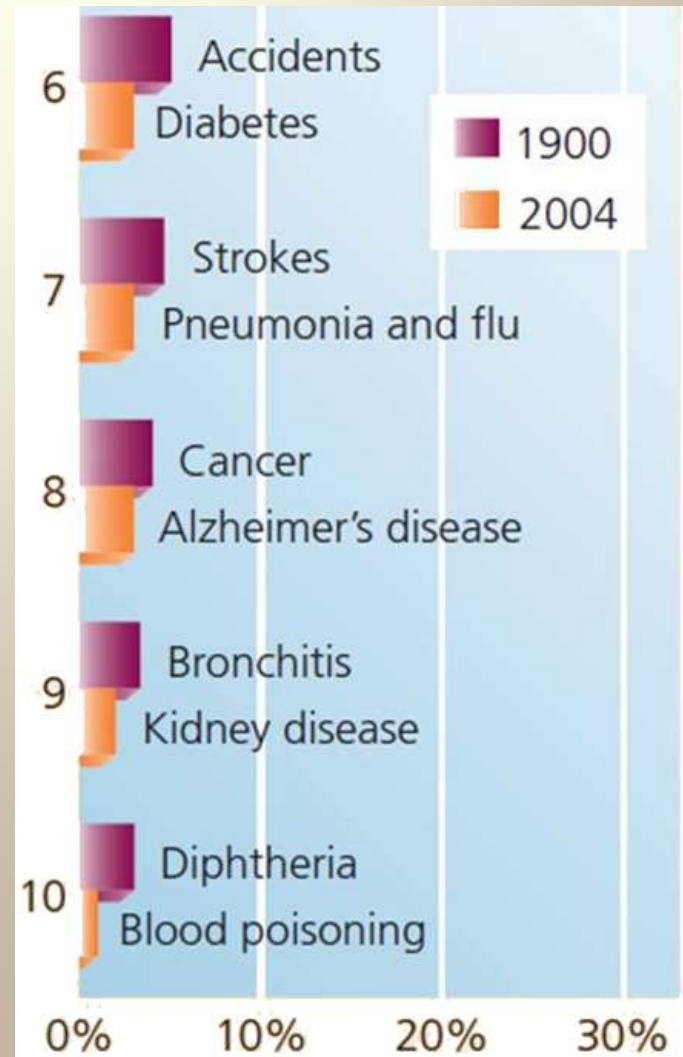
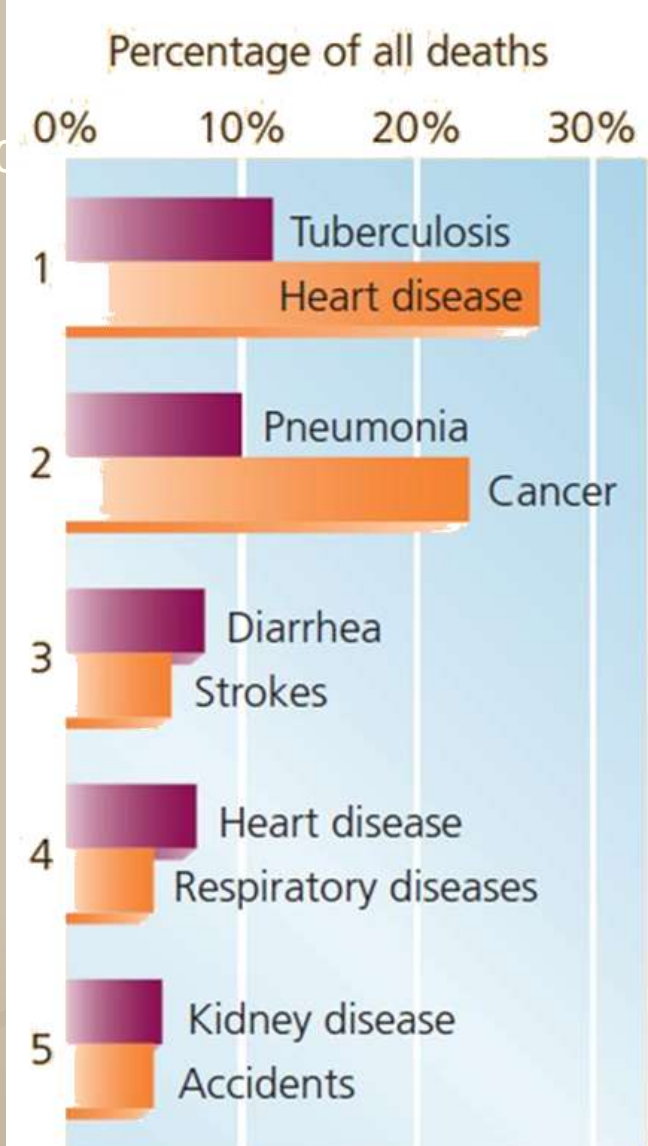


Historical Patterns of Health

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- Physical Health
 - Leading Causes of Death
 - Were Americans Healthier in Past?

The Top Ten Causes of Death in the US, 1960-2004



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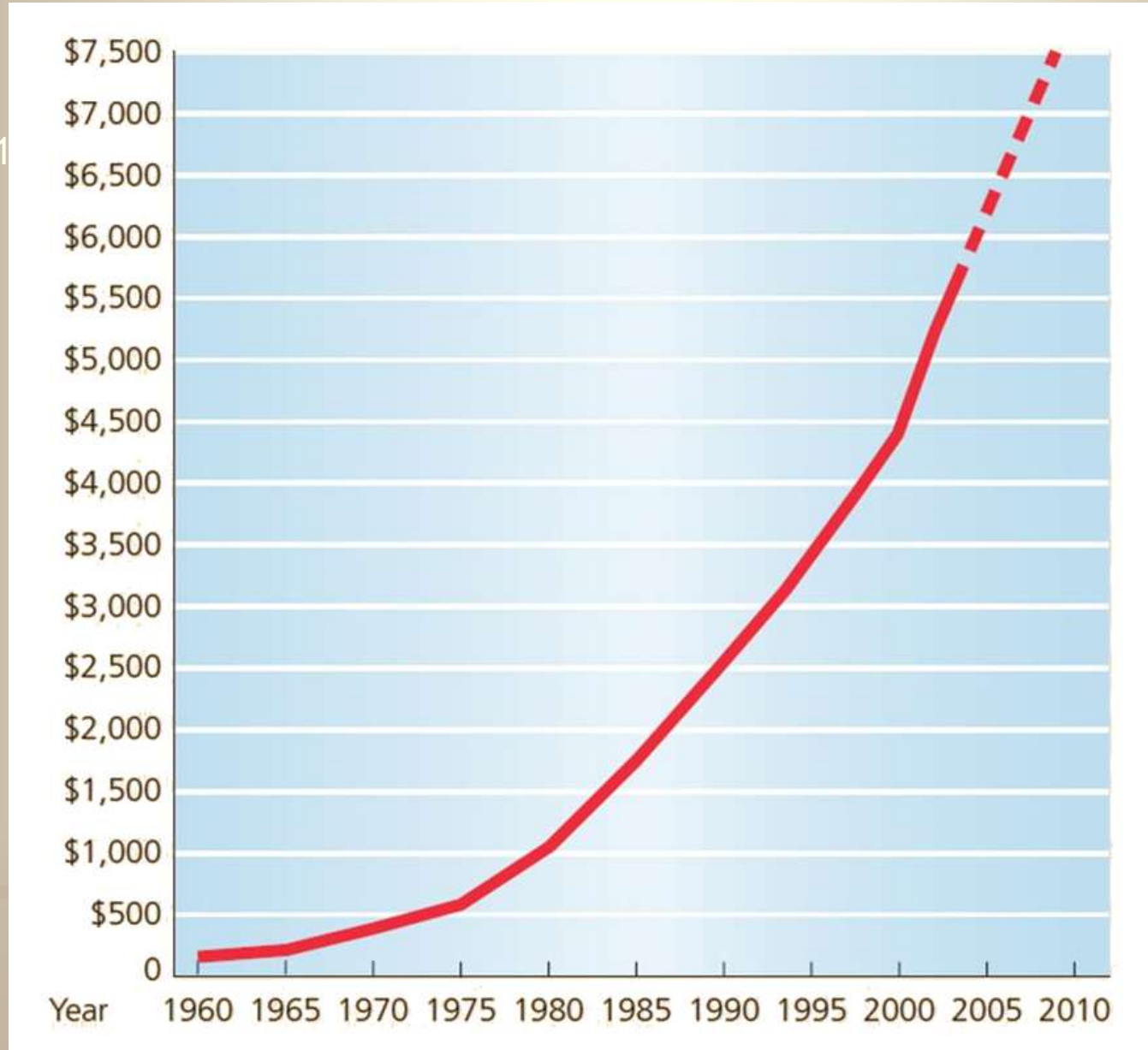
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- Medical Care: Right or Commodity?



What the Average American Pays Each Year for Medical Care



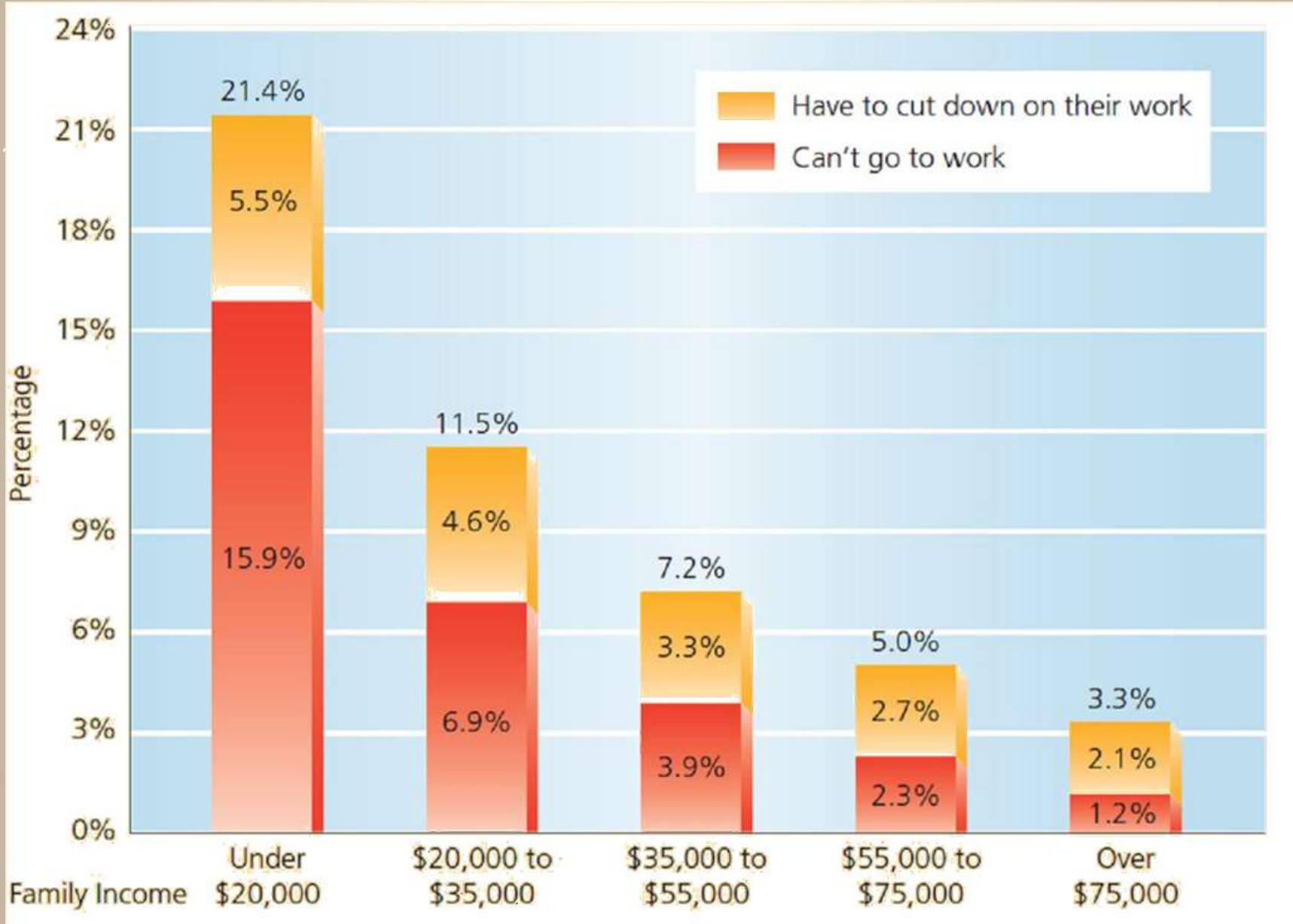
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People So Sick That They ...



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- Medical Care: Right or Commodity?
- Social Inequality
- Malpractice Suits & Defensive Medicine
- Medical Incompetence

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- Depersonalization: The Medical Cash Machine
- Conflict of Interest
- Medical Fraud



Issues in Health Care

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- Sexism in Medicine
- The Medicalization of Society
- Medically Assisted Suicide



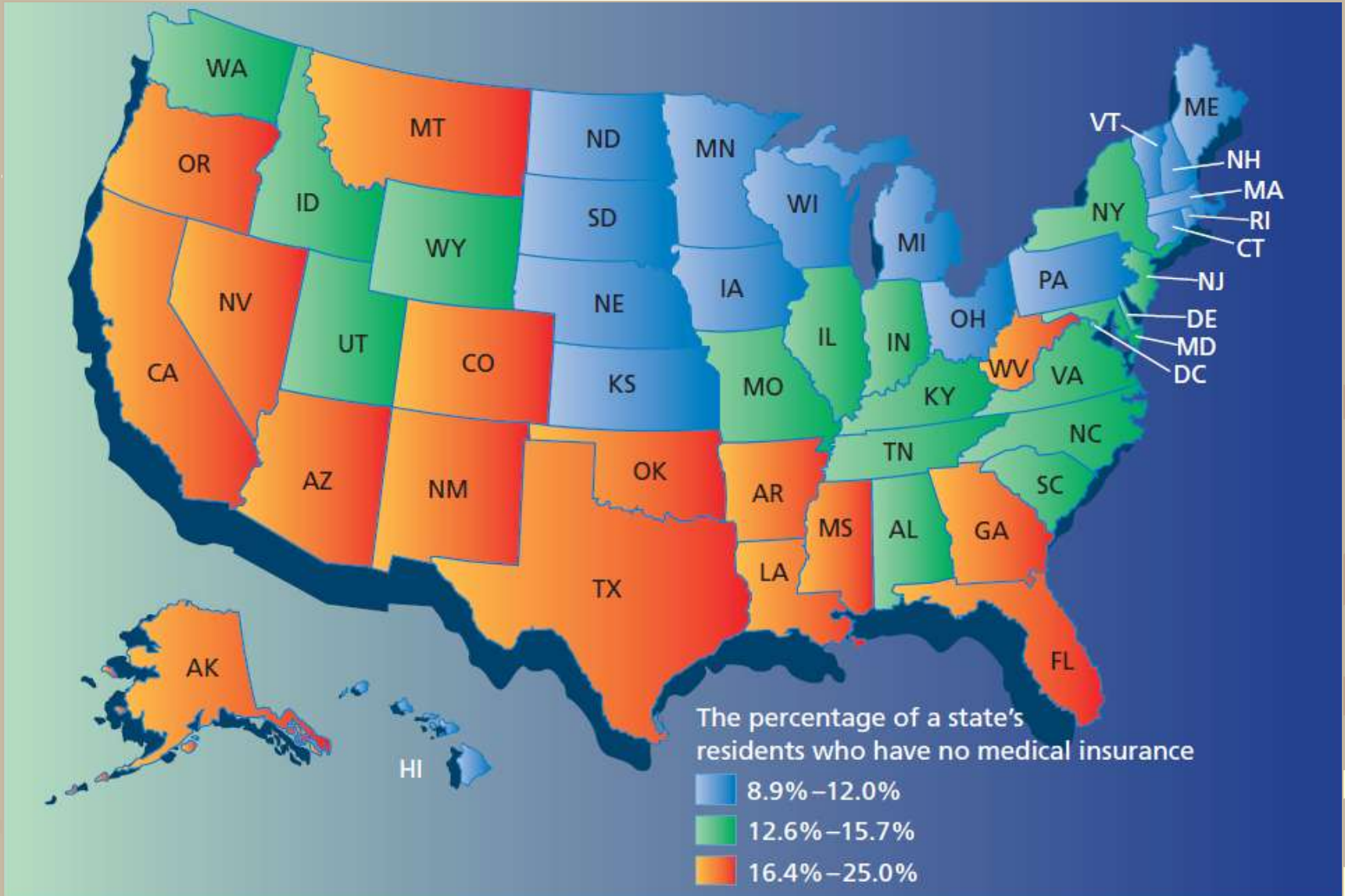
Curbing Costs: From Health Insurance to Rationing Medical Care

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- HMOs - Health Maintenance Organizations
- Diagnosis-Related Groups
- National Health Insurance
- Maverick Solutions
- Rationing Medical Care



Who Lacks Medical Insurance?



Note: The range is broad, from a low of 8.9 percent who lack medical insurance in Minnesota to a high of 25.0 percent in Texas.

Source: By the author. Based on *Statistical Abstract 2007*:Table 145.

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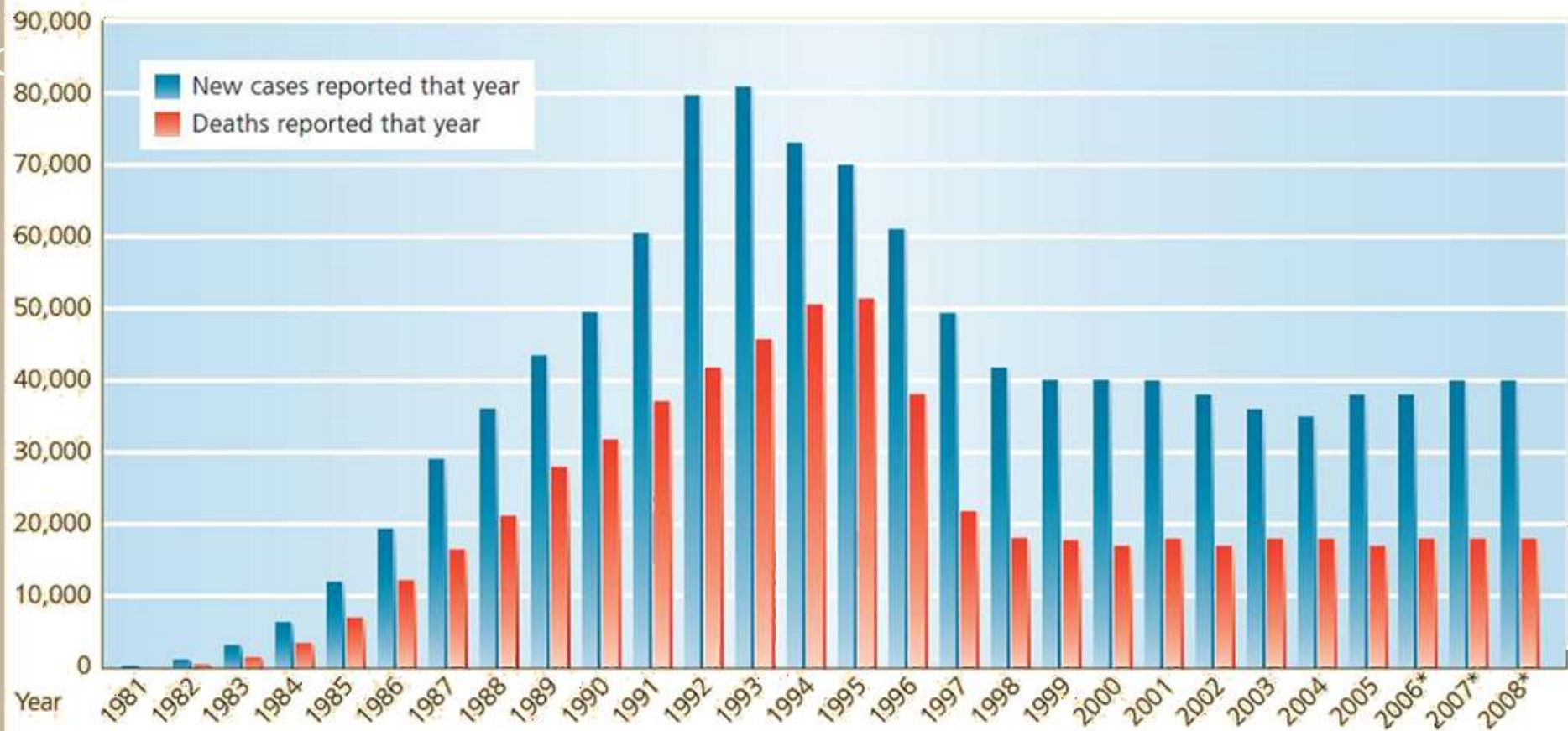
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HIV/AIDS

- Origin of AIDS



The Path of Aids in the US



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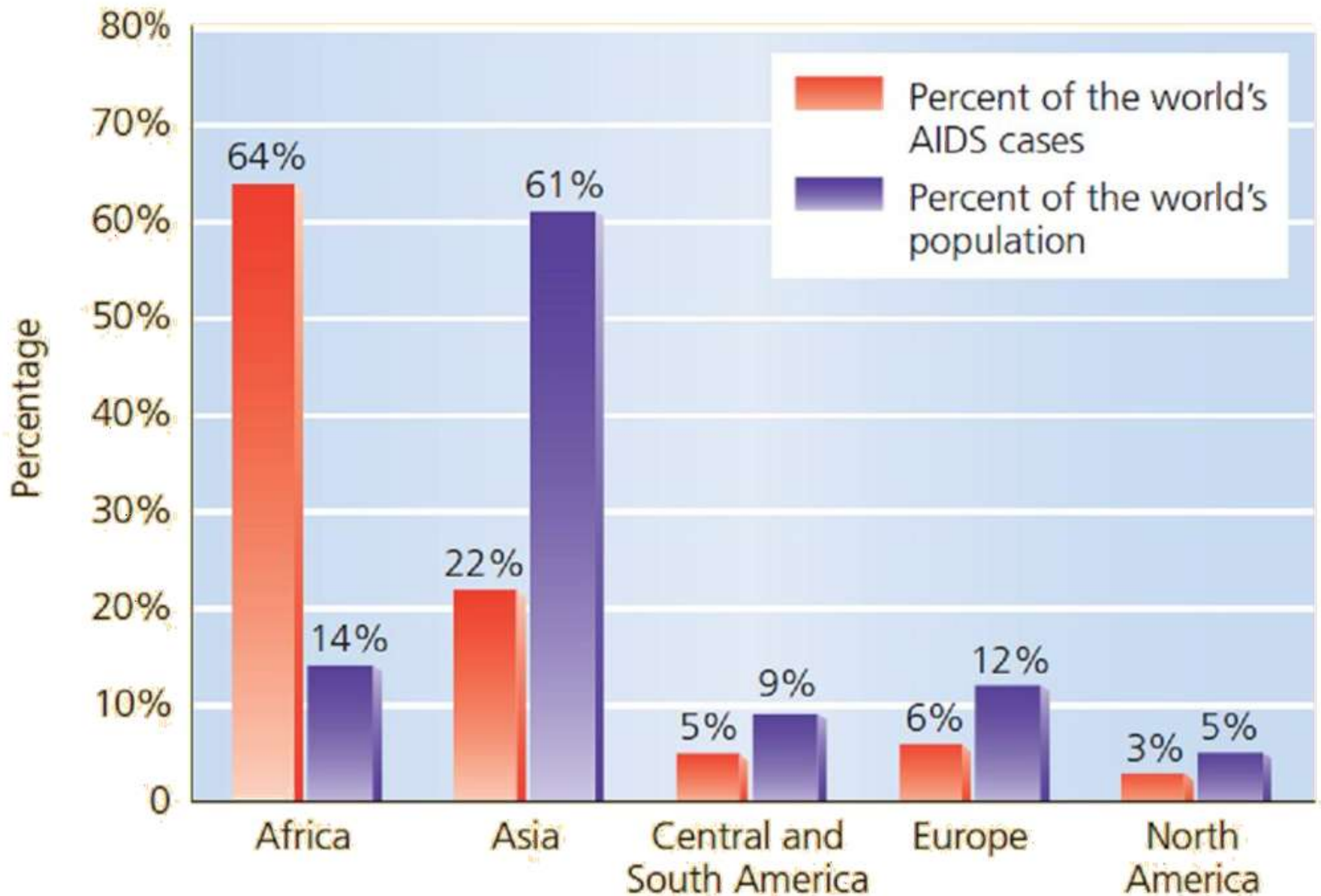
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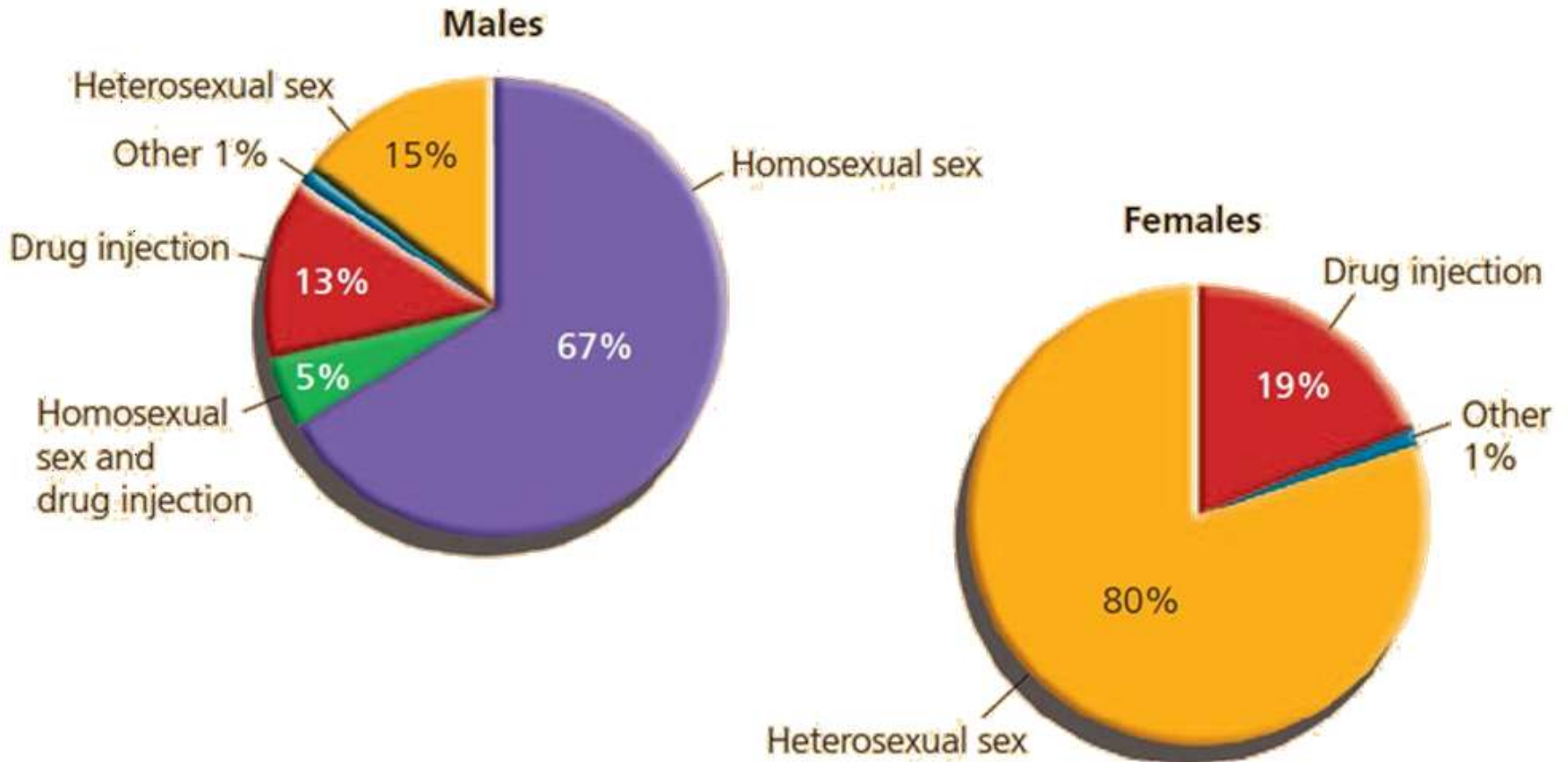
- Origin of AIDS
- **Transmission of AIDS**



AIDS Globally



How Americans Get AIDS



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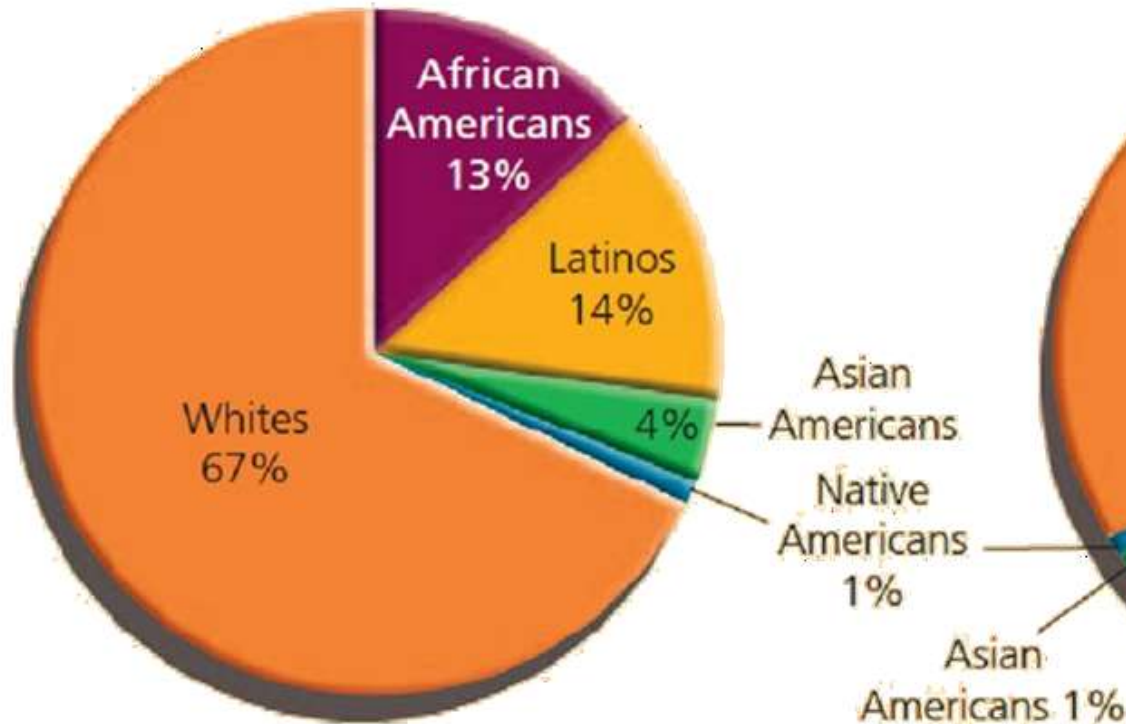
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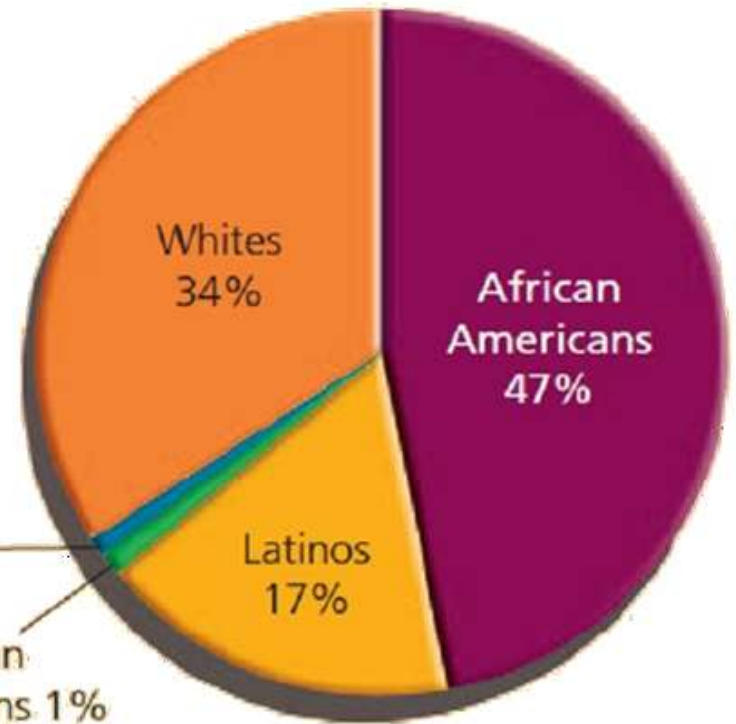
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- **Gender, Race-Ethnicity and AIDS**

People Living with HIV/AIDS by Race-Ethnicity

Percentage of U.S. population



Percentage of AIDS cases



Threats to Health

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HIV/AIDS

- Origin of AIDS
- Transmission of AIDS
- Gender, Race-Ethnicity and AIDS
- The Stigma of AIDS
- Is there a Cure for AIDS?



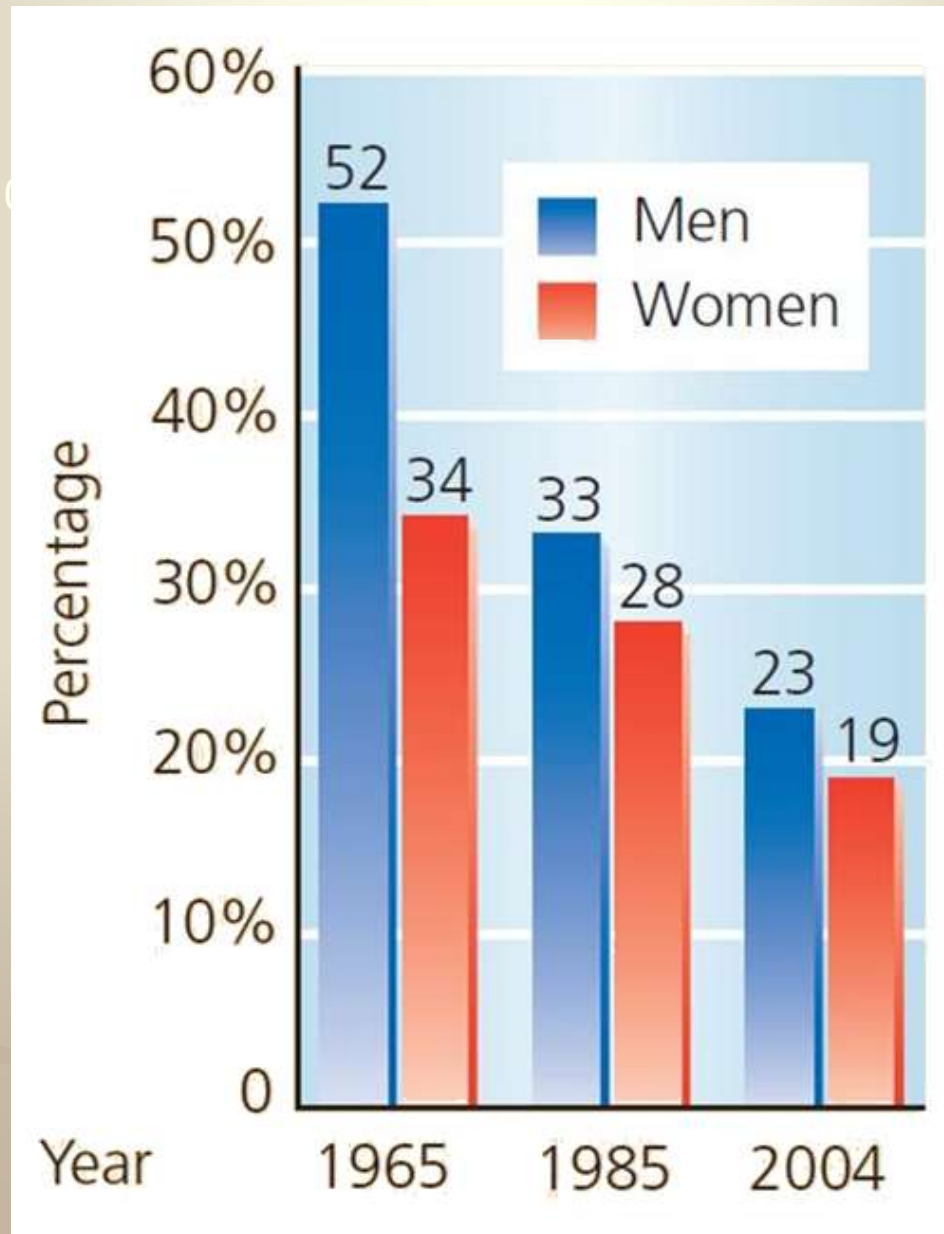
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- Weight: Too Much & Too Little
- Drugs
 - Alcohol
 - Nicotine



Who Is Still Smoking?



Threats to Health

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- Obesity and Skinniness
- Drugs
 - Alcohol
 - Nicotine
- **Disabling Environments**



Threats to Health

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- Callous & Harmful Medical Experiments
 - Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment
 - Cold War Experiments
 - Playing God
- Globalization of Disease

The Search for Alternatives

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- Treatment or Prevention?
- Alternative Medicine
- Health Care in Global Perspective

Indicators of Health

	Sweden	United States	Russia	China
Life Expectancy	80.0 years	77.7 years	65.8 years	72.3 years
Infant mortality rate	3.7	6.5	11.5	24.2
Birth Rate	11.1	14.1	10.6	13.1
Death Rate	10.5	8.3	15.9	6.9
Health costs as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product	9.2	15.0	2.3	4.8

¹ Deaths of children under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

² Number per year per 1,000 population.