Asian American Health Initiative 2009 Health Conference: A Call for Leadership

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Questions

Who is in our audience?

Goals

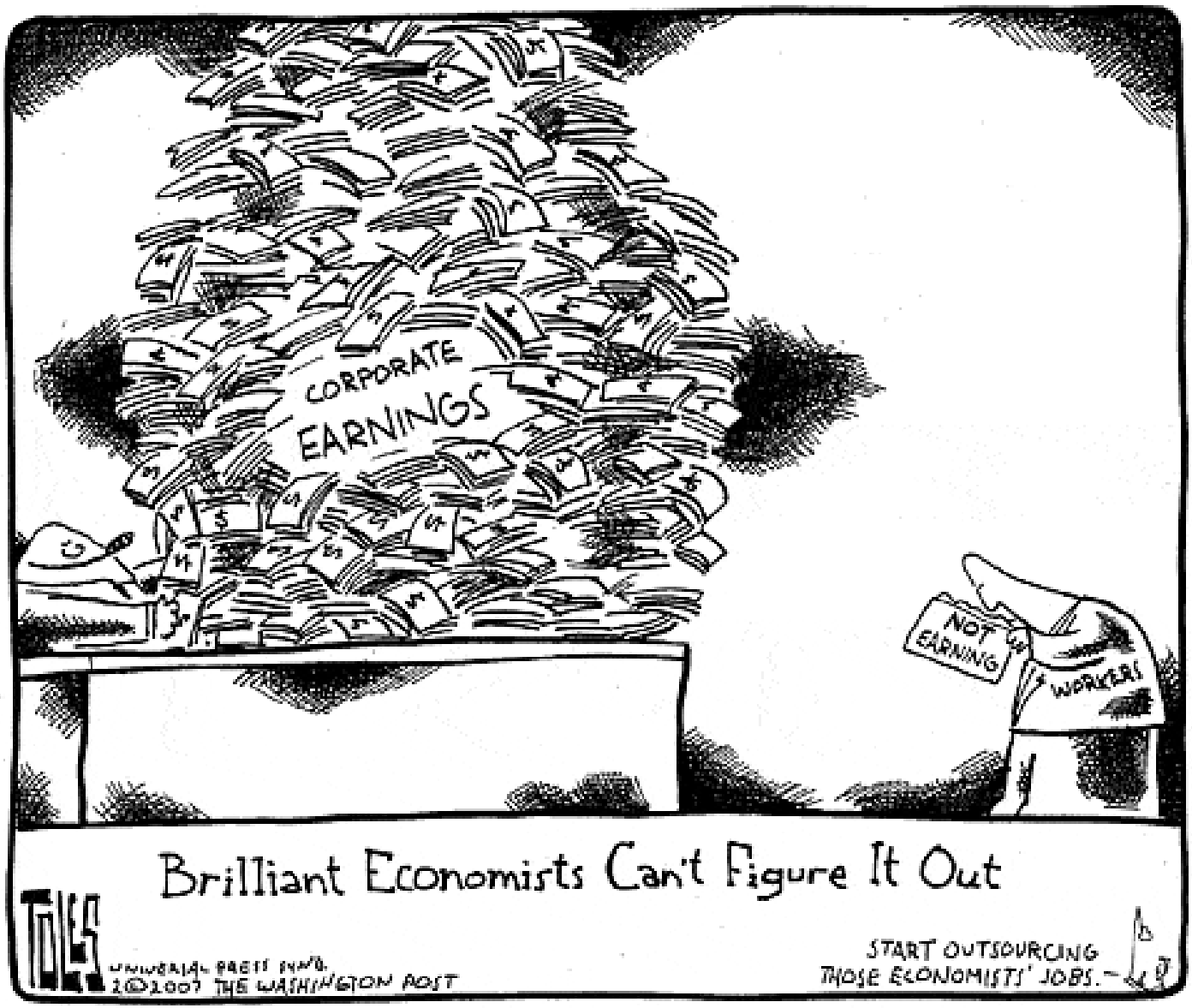
- Expand traditional sources of information and analysis on current events
- Expand your personal involvement in policy influence and civic engagement
- Expand your role in promoting the practice of democracy

Assumptions: Life Lessons

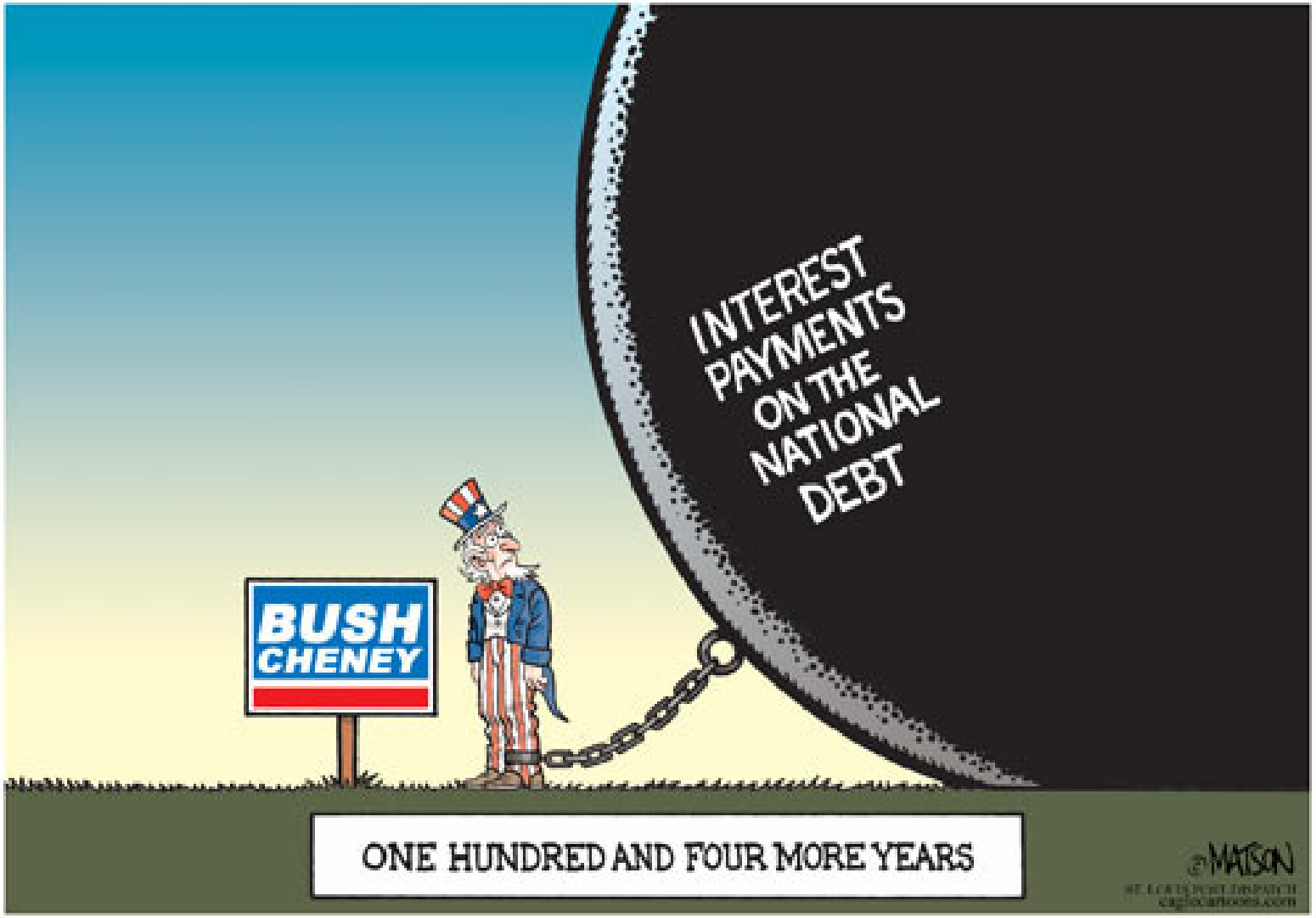
- Our policy makers are weakened/corrupted by campaign financing and lobbying policies heavily weighted towards supporting the interests of the wealthy.
- Accountability system of “public will” and oversight is underutilized at all levels

Are We Feeling Secure?

- Food
- Clothing
- Housing
- Employment
- Health Coverage
- Discrimination
- Community Health Equity
- Democracy



Brilliant Economists Can't Figure It Out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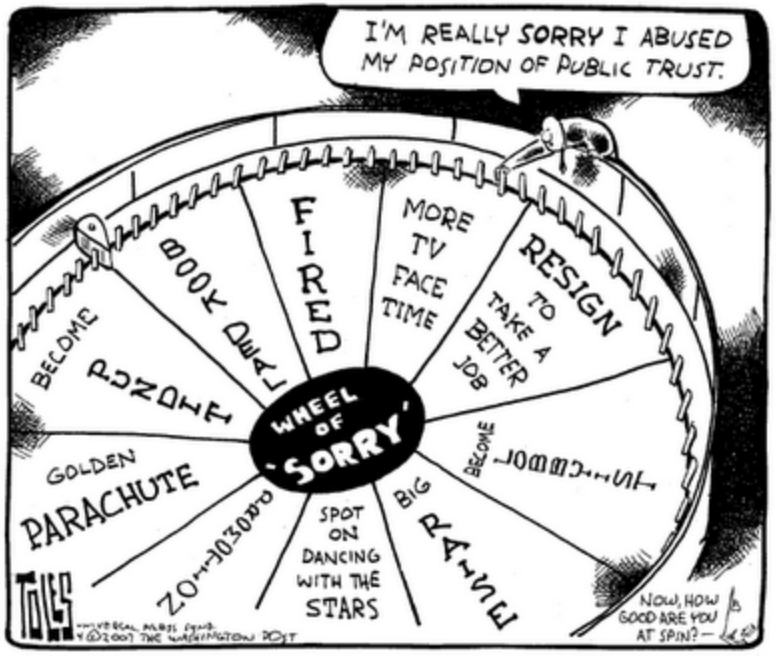
"WHEN SHALL WE THREE MEET AGAIN?"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RESIGN TO TAKE A BETTER JOB
BECOME A LOBBYIST
BOOK DEAL
GOLDEN PARACHUTE
SPOT ON DANCING WITH THE STARS
BIG RAISE
BECOME A COMMENTATOR
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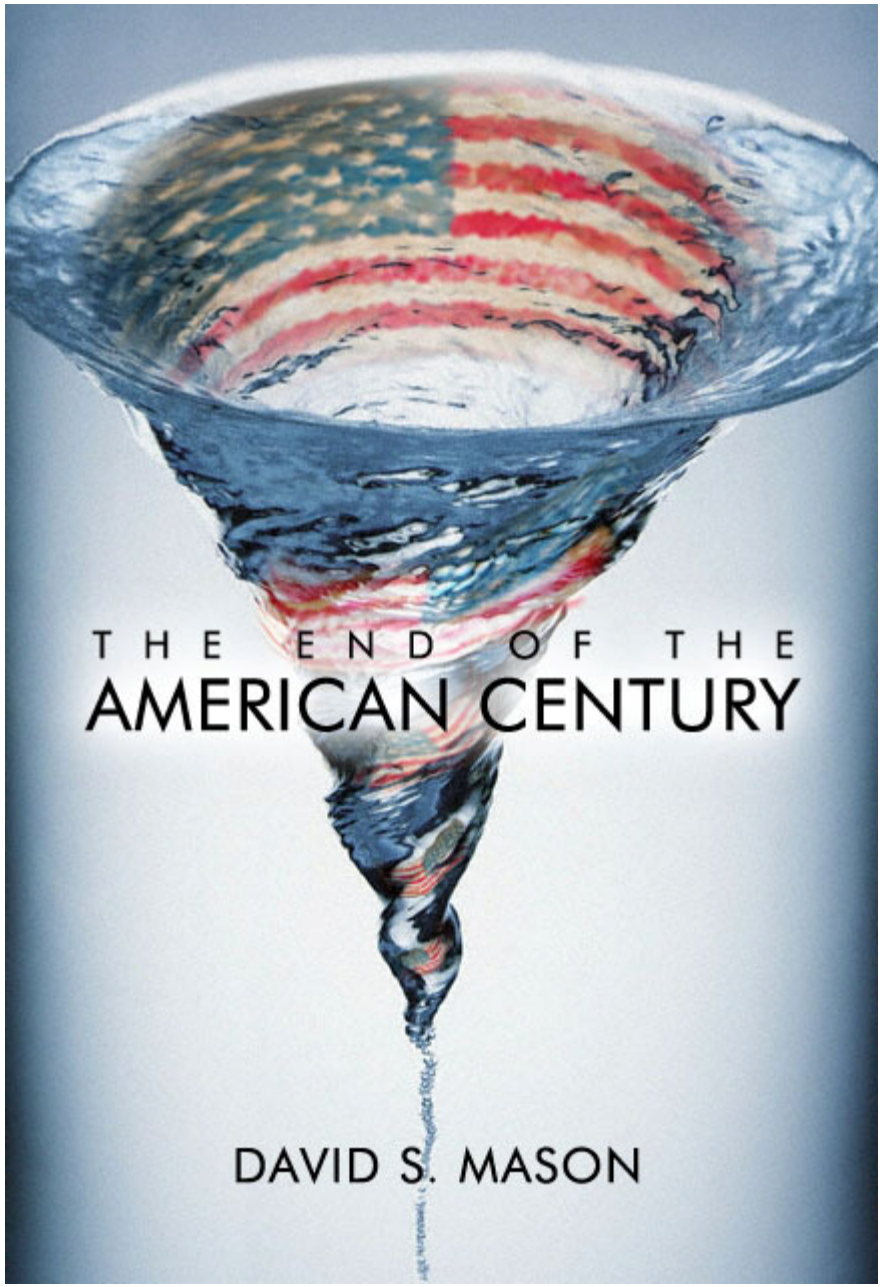
Unprecedented Point in US/World History

- Global Financial Institutions At Risk
- Massive Unemployment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AFGHANISTAN
BIN LADEN
AUTOMAKERS BAILOUT
FINANCIAL CRISIS
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Consumer Price Inflation
Average Hourly Earnings*
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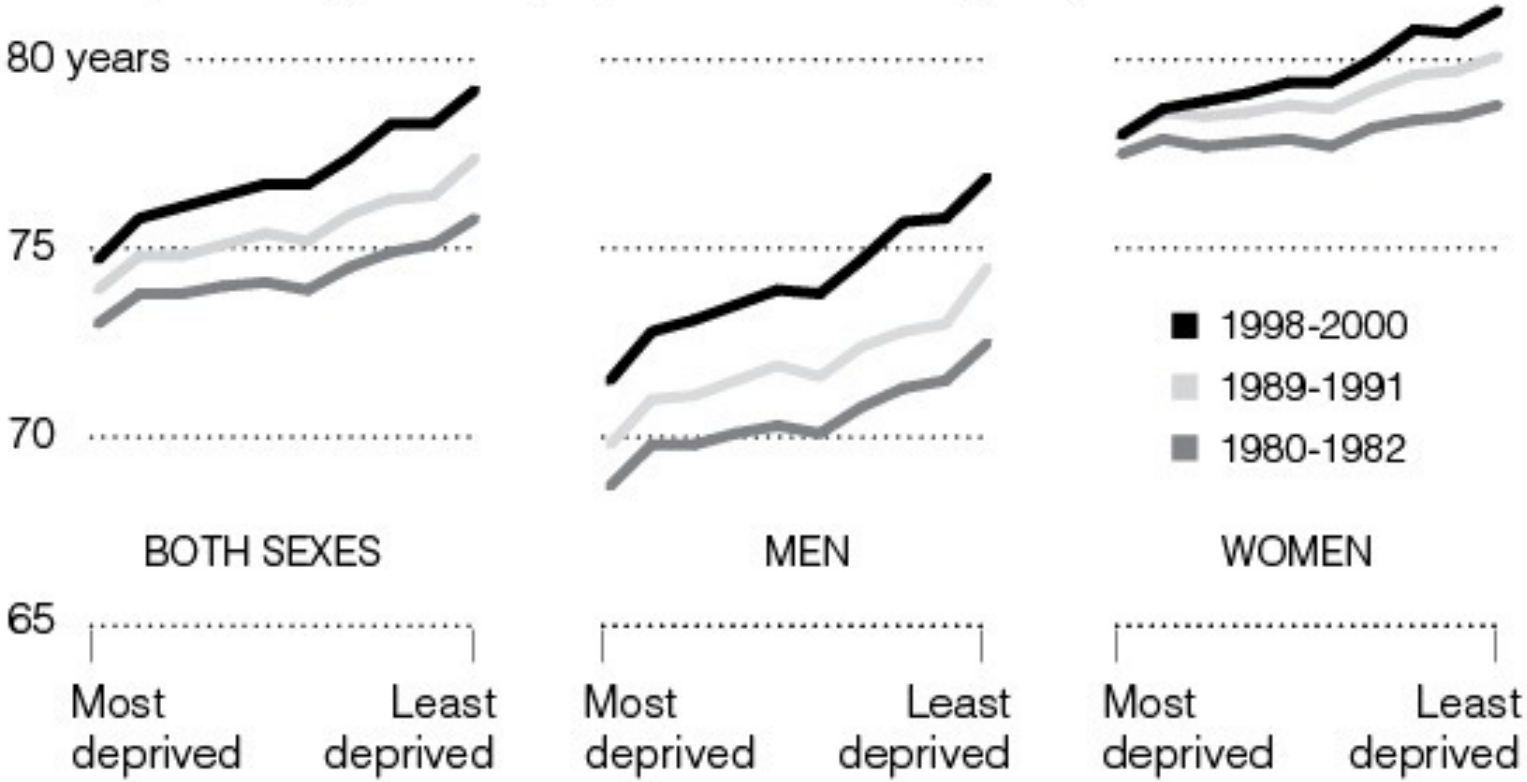
*Average wage per hour worked for production of non-supervisory workers in private sector.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 3

Growing Disparities

New research has found that differences in life expectancy for richer and poorer Americans have grown in the last two decades.

Life expectancy at birth, by socioeconomic groups



Source: Gopal K. Singh and Mohammad Siahpush, using data from Department of Health and Human Services

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APRIL 2009 UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

(U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS)

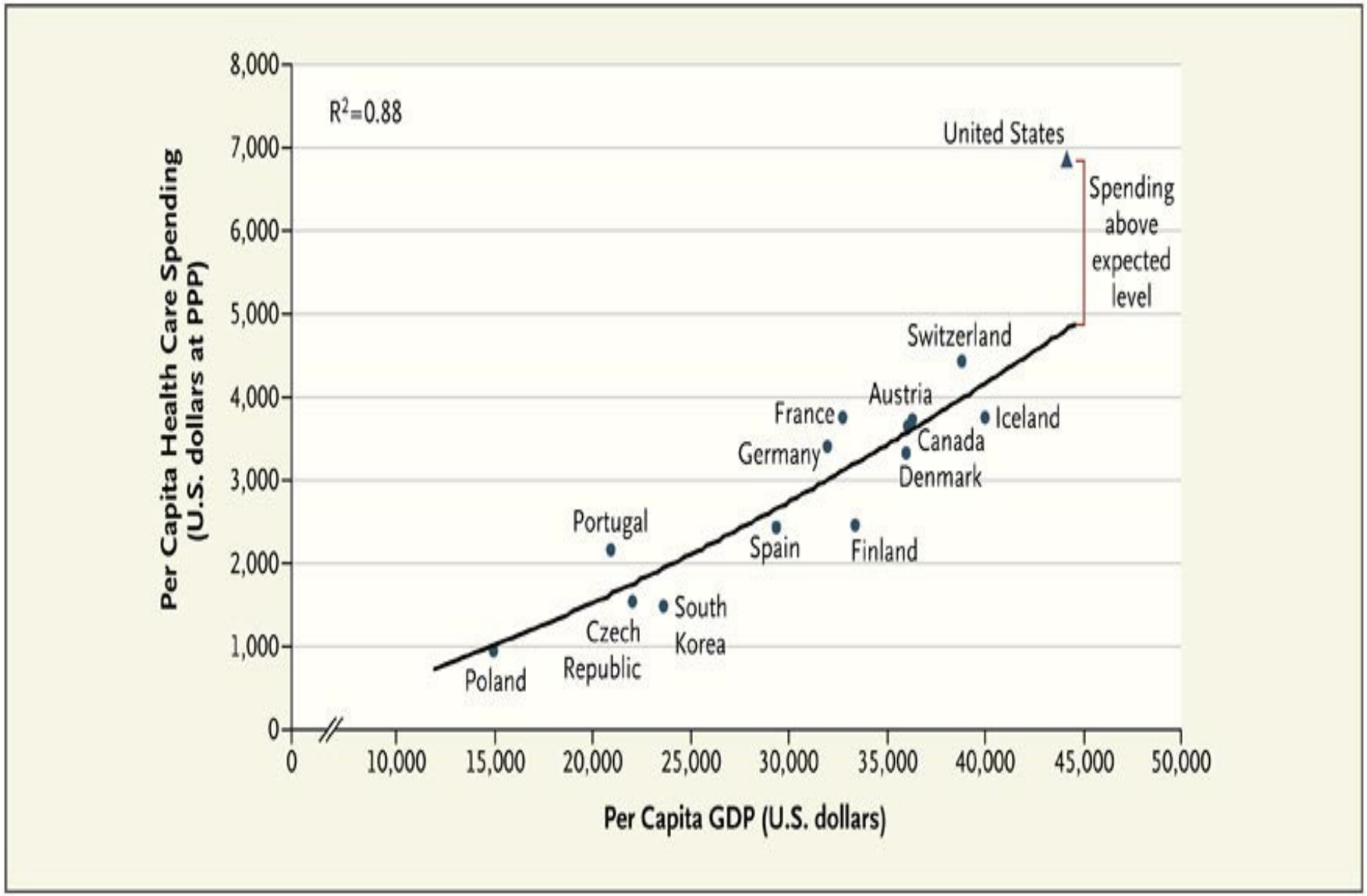
Officially unemployed: 13.7 million (8.9%)

Hidden unemployment: 14.8 million

Total: 28.5 million (17.7% of the labor force)

[There are now more than 10 job-wanters* for each available job.]

***changed:BLS has revised methodology**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United States
Spending above expected level
Switzerland
Austria
France
Iceland
Germany
Canada
Denmark
Portugal
Spain
Finland
South Korea
Czech Republic
Poland
Per Capita Health Care Spending (U.S. dollars at PPP)
8,000
7,000
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2,000
1,000
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15,000
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25,000
30,000
35,000
40,000
45,000
50,000
Per Capita GDP (U.S. dollars)

Satisfaction With Personal Health Among OECD Nations

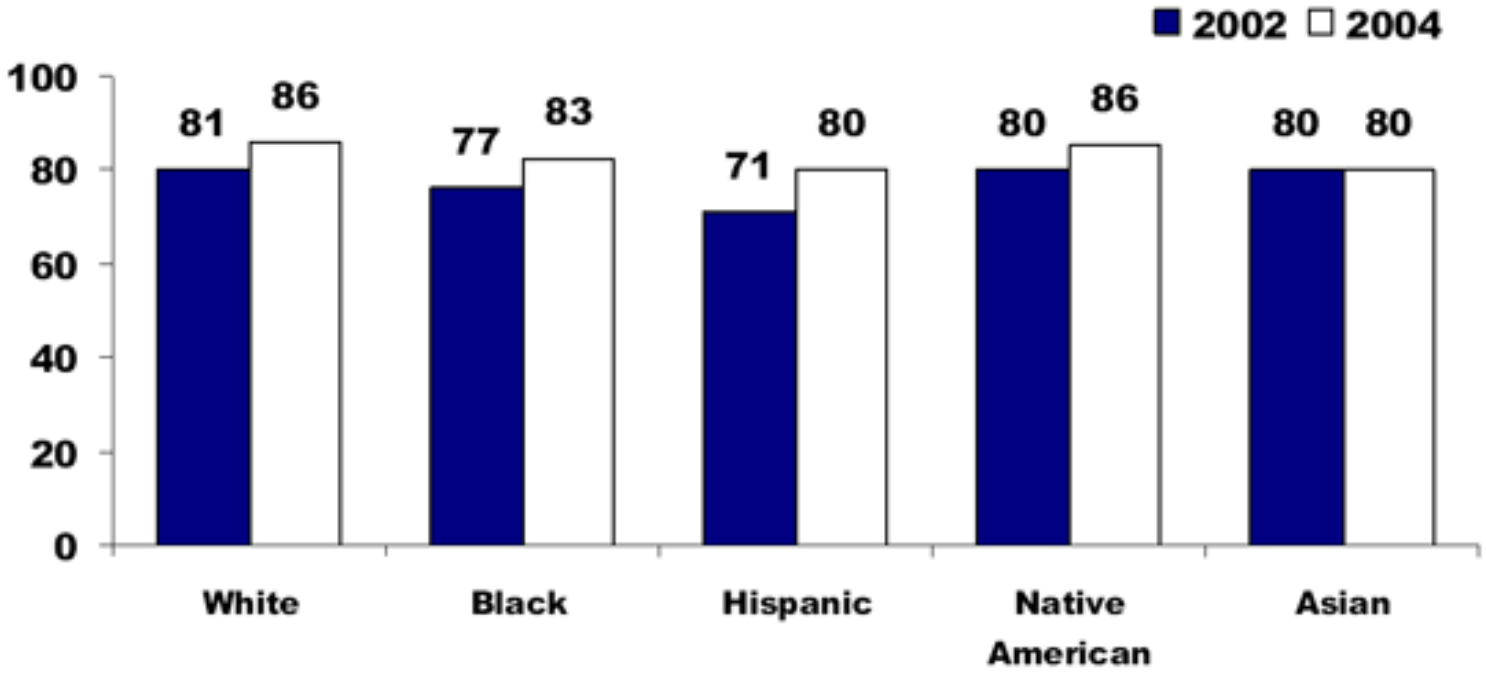
	% Satisfied	% Dissatisfied	Gallup Personal Health Index score	GDP per capita (2008 est.)
Ireland	90	9	86	$47,800
Switzerland	89	10	80	$40,900
Belgium	88	11	77	$38,300
Luxembourg	87	12	79	$85,100
Italy	86	13	79	$31,000
Mexico	86	14	80	$14,400
New Zealand	85	14	80	$28,500
Spain	85	14	78	$34,100
Netherlands	85	14	79	$41,300
United Kingdom	85	15	79	$37,400
Austria	85	15	80	$39,600
Canada	85	15	79	$40,200
France	85	15	78	$32,700
Greece	84	16	79	$32,800
Finland	84	15	79	$38,400
Denmark	84	16	79	$38,900
Iceland	84	16	80	$42,600
United States	83	16	78	$48,000
Norway	82	15	80	$57,500
Australia	82	17	79	$39,300
Germany	82	18	77	$34,800
Sweden	80	18	78	$39,600
Portugal	80	20	72	$22,000
Czech Republic	77	20	74	$26,800
Turkey	76	23	73	$12,900
Poland	76	22	73	$17,800
Hungary	72	27	72	$20,500
Slovakia	72	27	71	$22,600
Japan	68	26	76	$35,300
South Korea	67	31	72	$27,100

Personal Health Index scores range from 0 to 100.

Data collected in 2006 in Slovakia and Switzerland; in 2007 in Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, and Poland; otherwise data collected in 2008.

The percentage of heart attack patients who have received recommended hospital care has increased; however, racial and ethnic disparities persist.

Percentage of acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients who received recommended hospital care, Medicare beneficiaries, 2002 and 2004



Note: Recommended hospital care for AMI includes administrations of aspirin and beta-blocker within 24 hours of hospital arrival and at discharge, receiving a prescription of angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor at discharge for patients with left ventricular systolic dysfunction, and giving smoking cessation counseling for smoking patients.

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. National Healthcare Quality Report. 2006.

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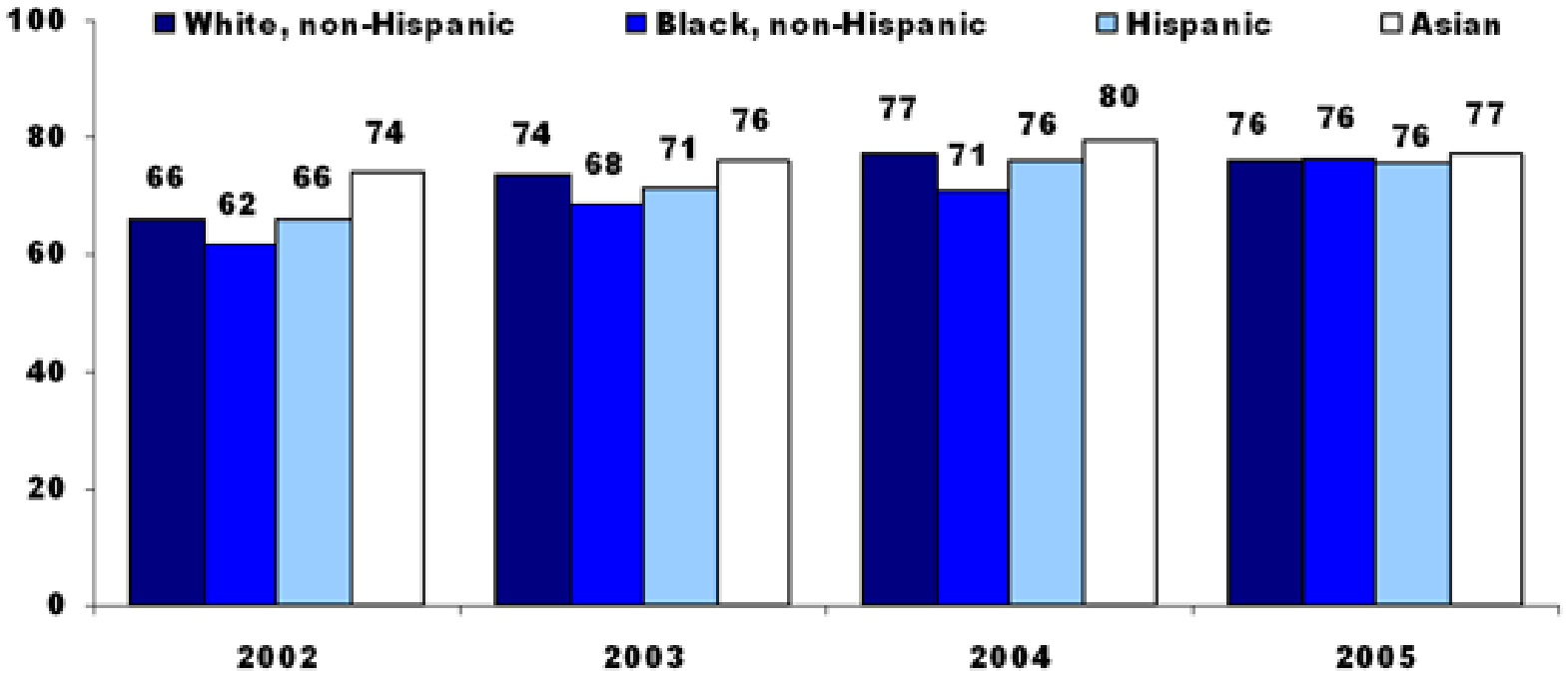
General Health Status among US Adults*, by Race or Ethnicity

Race or Ethnicity	Excellent/ Very Good Health Status	Good Health Status	Fair/Poor Health Status
Non-Hispanic White	59.3%	27.8%	12.9%
Non-Hispanic Black	44.4%	34.6%	21.1%
Hispanic	33.6%	35.4%	31.1%
Asian	55.8%	33.8%	10.4%
Hawaiian/PI^	55.4%	29.7%	14.8%
Native American+	42.7%	32.8%	24.5%

*Aged 18 years or older, ^Pacific Islander,
+Includes American Indians and Alaska Natives

Racial and ethnic disparities in childhood immunization rates have declined as overall coverage increased.

Percentage of children ages 19 to 35 months who received complete 4:3:1:3:3:1 vaccine series, 2002–2005



Note: The 4:3:1:3:3:1 vaccine series includes four or more doses of diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and pertussis vaccine (DTP), three or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, one or more doses of any measles-containing vaccine (MCV), three or more doses of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine (Hib), three or more doses of hepatitis B vaccine (HepB), and one or more doses of varicella vaccine.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Immunization Surveys. 2002–2005.

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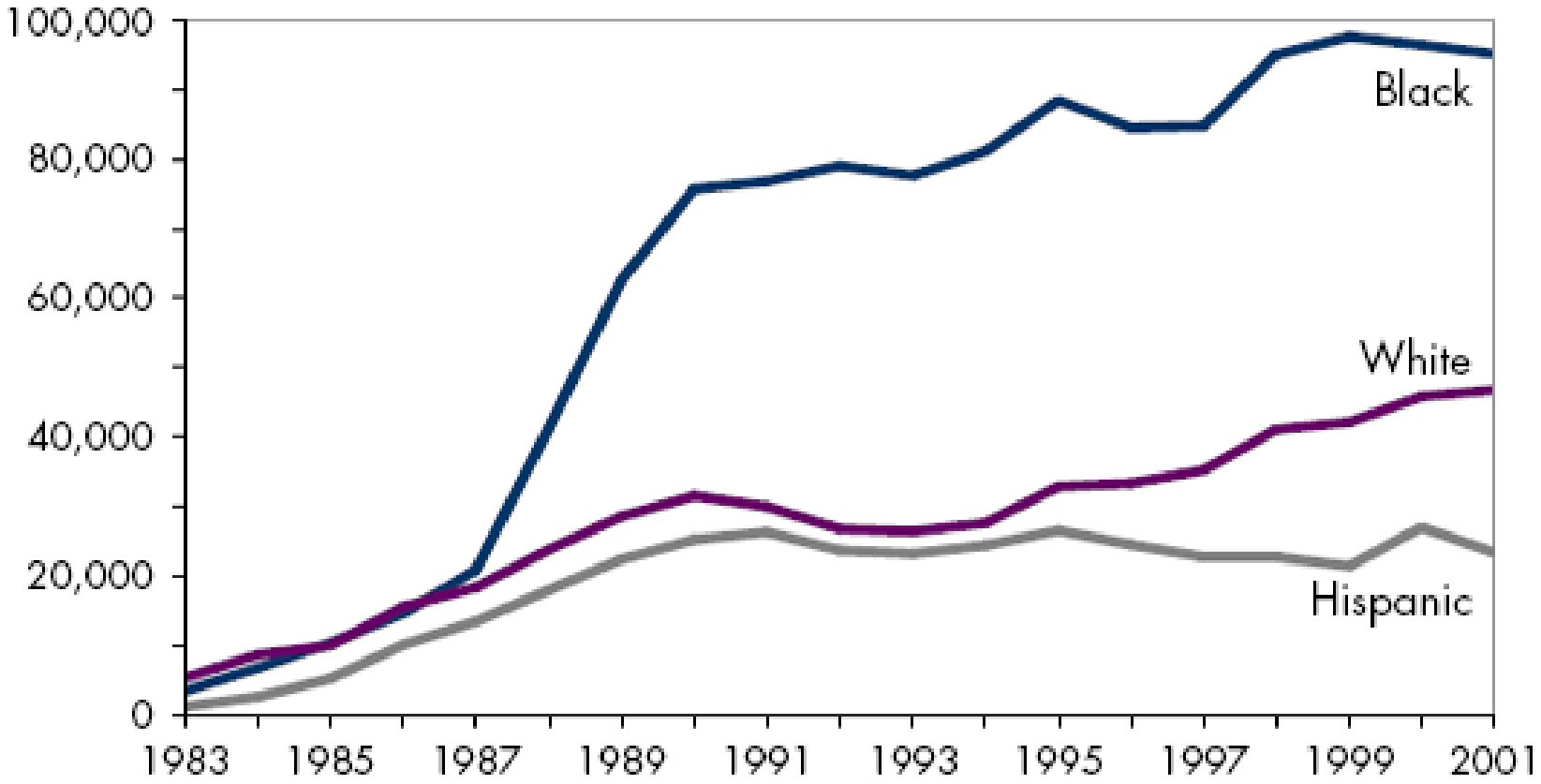
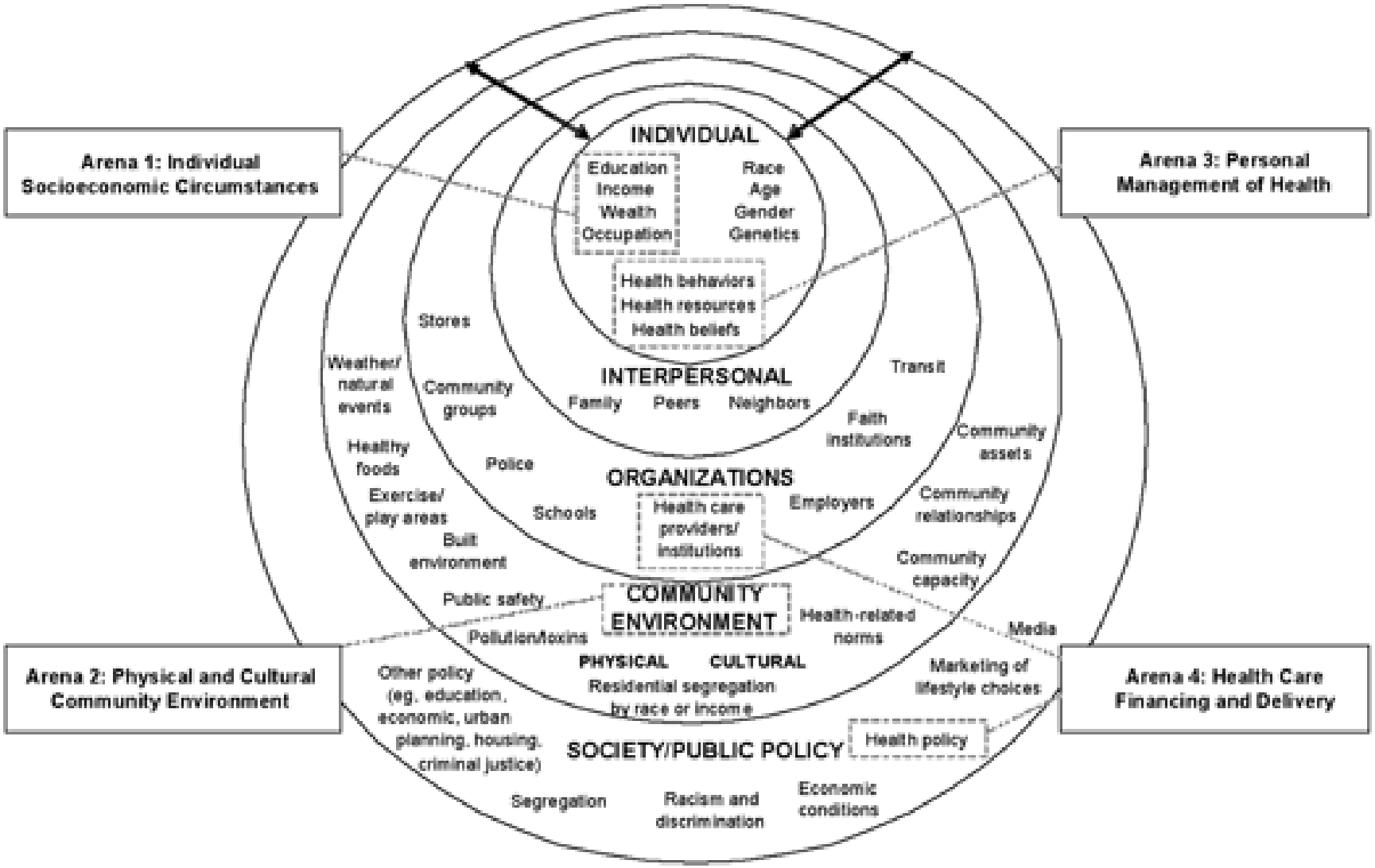
Number of Reported Admissions to Prison for a Drug Offense, by Race/Ethnicity




Arena 1: Individual Socioeconomic Circumstances
Arena 3: Personal Management of Health
Arena 2: Physical and Cultural Community Environment
Arena 4: Health Care Financing and Delivery
INDIVIDUAL
Education
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Wealth
Occupation
Race
Age
Gender
Genetics
Health behaviors
Health resources
Health beliefs
INTERPERSONAL
Family
Peers
Neighbors
ORGANIZATIONS
Health care providers/ institutions
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT
PHYSICAL
CULTURAL
Residential segregation by race or income
SOCIETY/PUBLIC POLICY
Health policy
Stores
Weather/ natural events
Community groups
Transit
Faith institutions
Community assets
Healthy foods
Police
Exercise/ play areas
Schools
Employers
Community relationships
Built environment
Community capacity
Public safety
Health-related norms
Media
Pollution/toxins
Other policy (eg. education, economic, urban planning, housing, criminal justice)
Marketing of lifestyle choices
Segregation
Racism and discrimination
Economic conditions

World Health Organization
Commission on Social Determinants of Health

Closing the gap in a generation

Health equity through action on the social determinants of health

Comparison of Military Budgets by Country and for the World with Plan B Budget

Country	**Budget** (billion dollars)
United States	492
Russia	65
China	56
United Kingdom	49
Japan	45
France	40
Germany	30
Saudi Arabia	19
India	19
Italy	18
All other	142
World Military Expenditure	**975**
Plan B Budget	**161**

Note: The U.S. number is the budget estimate for FY2006 (including $50 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan); Russia and China data are for 2003.

Source: ***Error! Bookmark not defined.****, 2007.*

STUFF your poor, your tired, your huddled masses...
We're FULL UP!
David Parkins 2005

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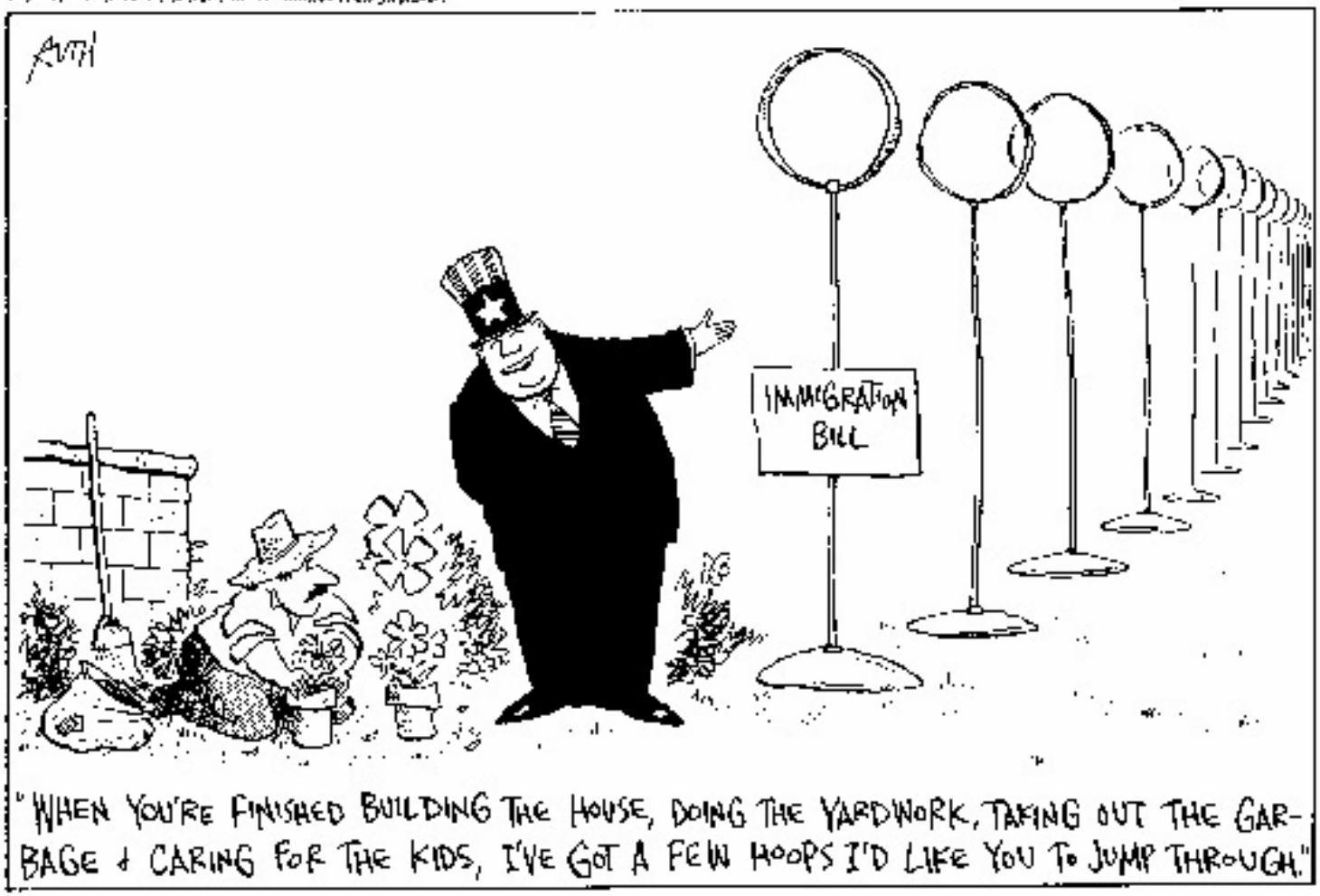
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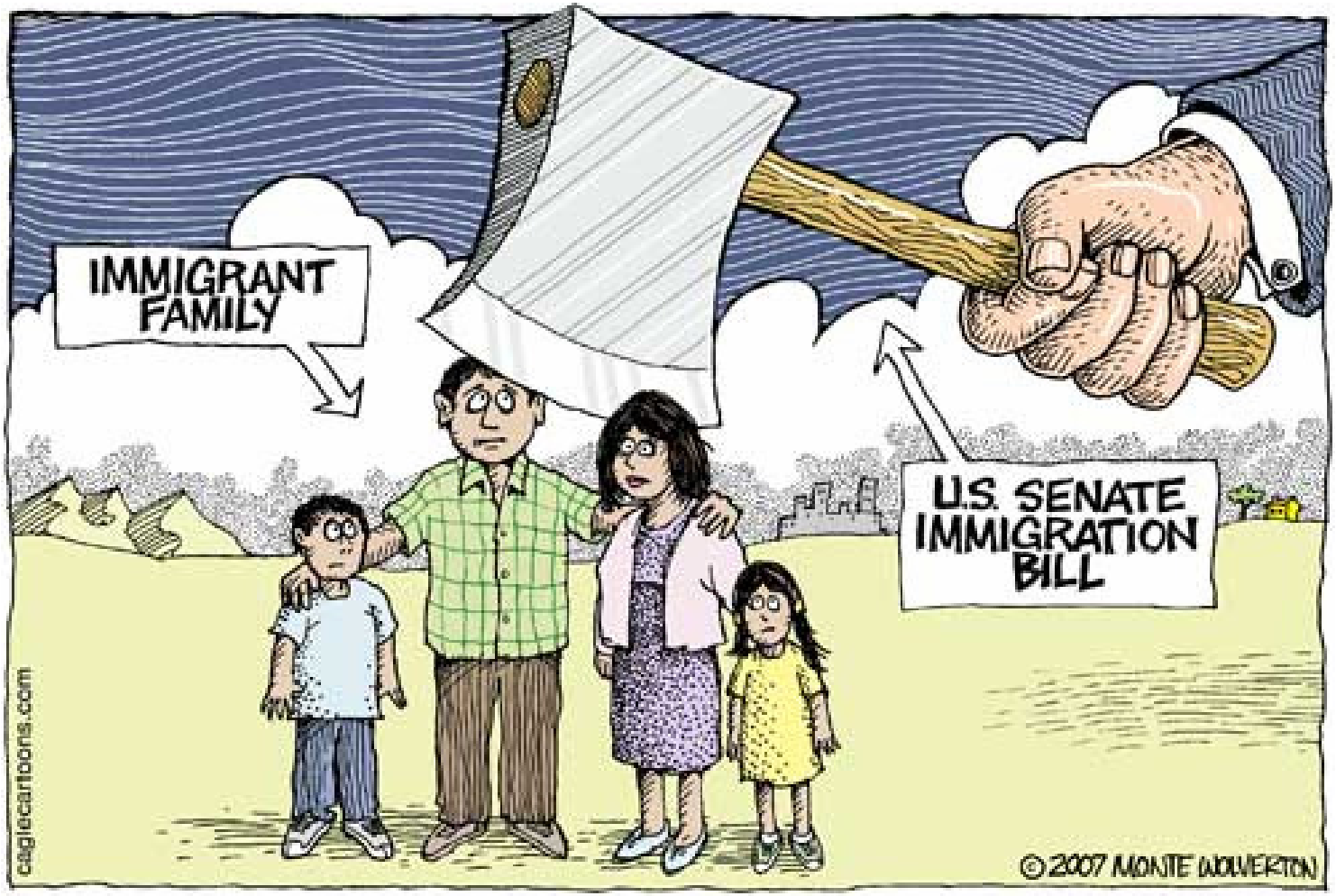
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STOP THE

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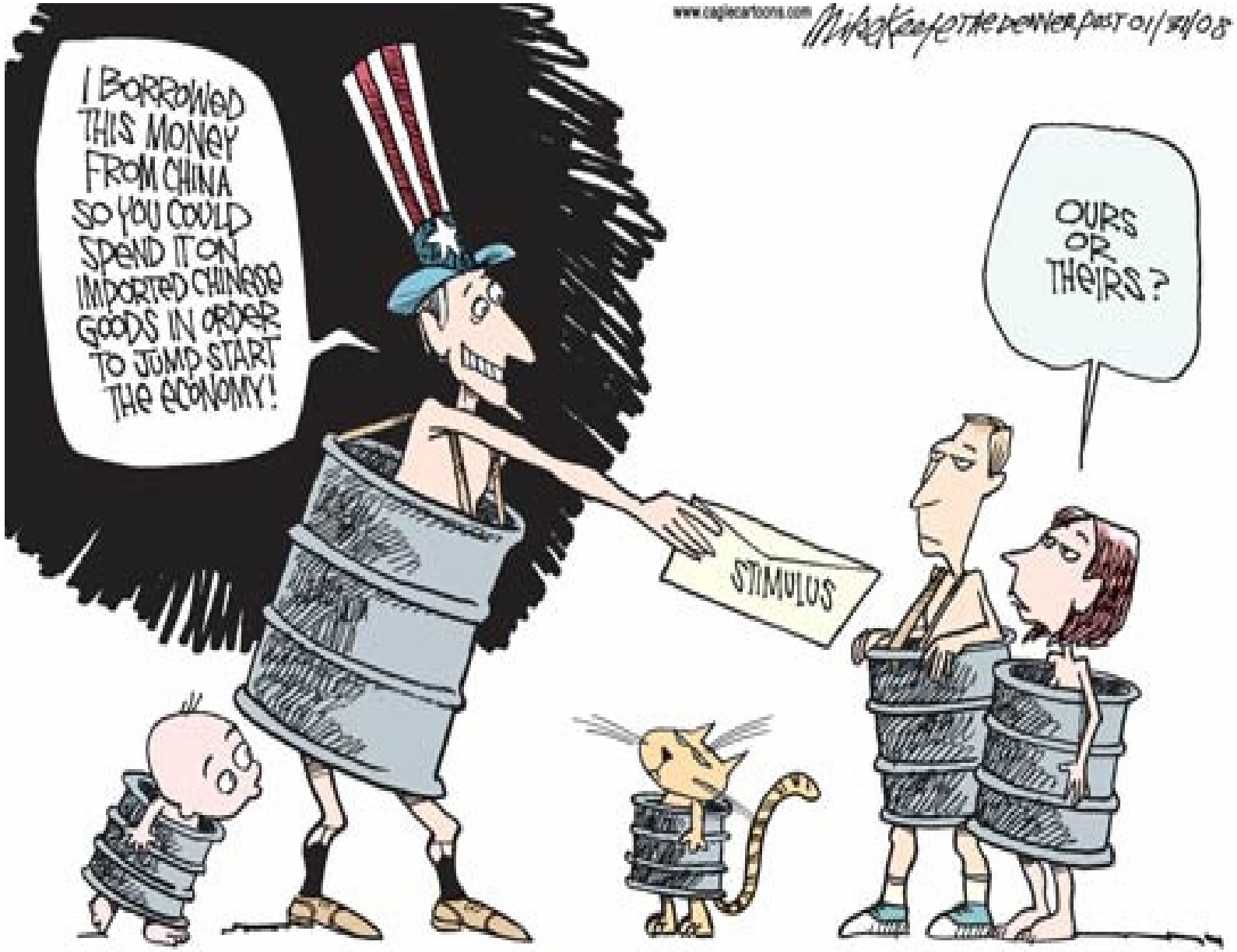
MR.FISH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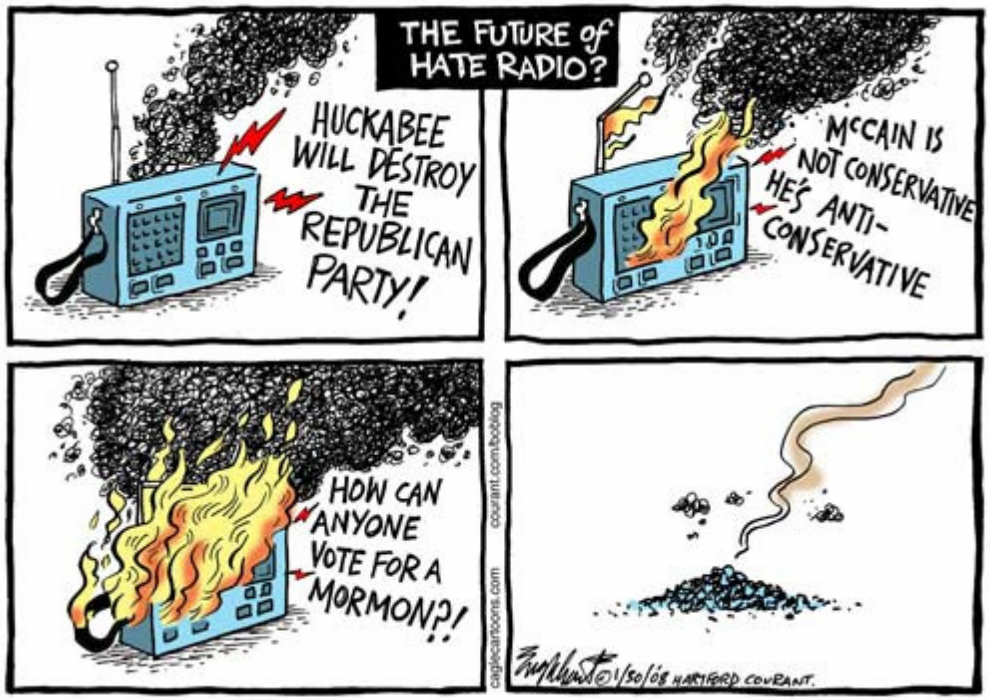
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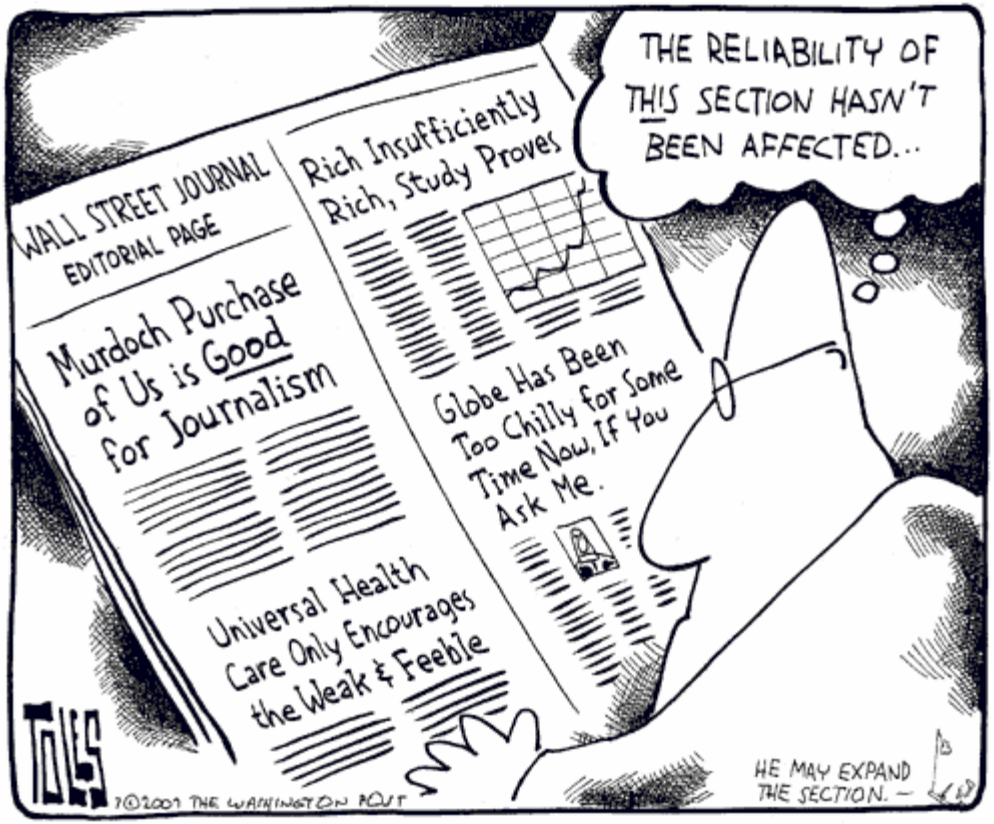
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Minds are like parachutes. They work best when they are wide open

- Seek out alternative voices, philosophies, beliefs, points of view
- Do not discount information based on labels or stereotypes
- Read street political literature and attend demonstrations and protests

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“money in politics is like water running down a mountain. It will find its way around, inside, under and through any obstacles”.

SO, WHAT'S ON FOR TOMORROW?
YOUR GUY INSULTS OUR GUY
OR OUR GUY INSULTS
YOUR GUY?
TOGETHER
WE CAN DO
ANYTHING

“the most harm will not come from the words of your enemy, but from the silence of your friends”

MLK

"Vision without action is
merely a dream.
Action without vision just
passes time.
Vision with action can change
the world."

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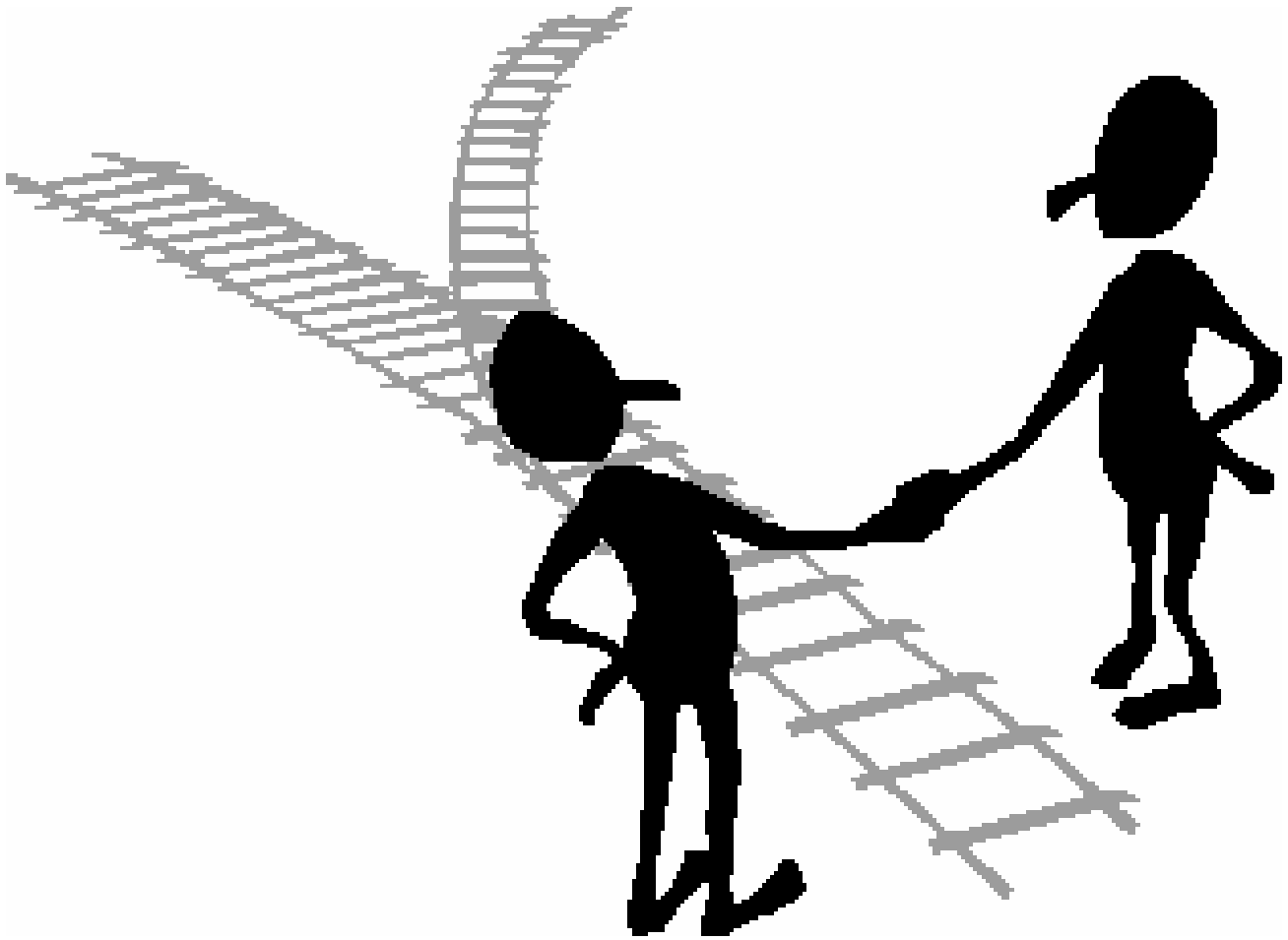

The Pursuit of Happiness

self-indulgence

materialism

social responsibility

making the world better

Yes
No
Maybe
Precontemplation
Contemplation
Prep time
Preparation
Maintenance/
Relapse Prevention
Action

Organize Your Community

- Think up –Imagine a group in your town committed to something important to you
- Step up – Find and join the right local group OR start one!
- Meet up – Plant your flag online or deliver flyers. Schedule a meeting and they will come.
- Build up – Hold regular meetings to plan action and make change happen.
- meetup.com

The Power of Slow – Finding balance and fulfillment beyond the culture of speed

By Carl Honore
UC Berkeley, 2009

“strange how a single conversation can change you”

“Communities had to be created, fought for, tended like gardens”

“We’re the ones we’ve been waiting for”

President Barack Obama