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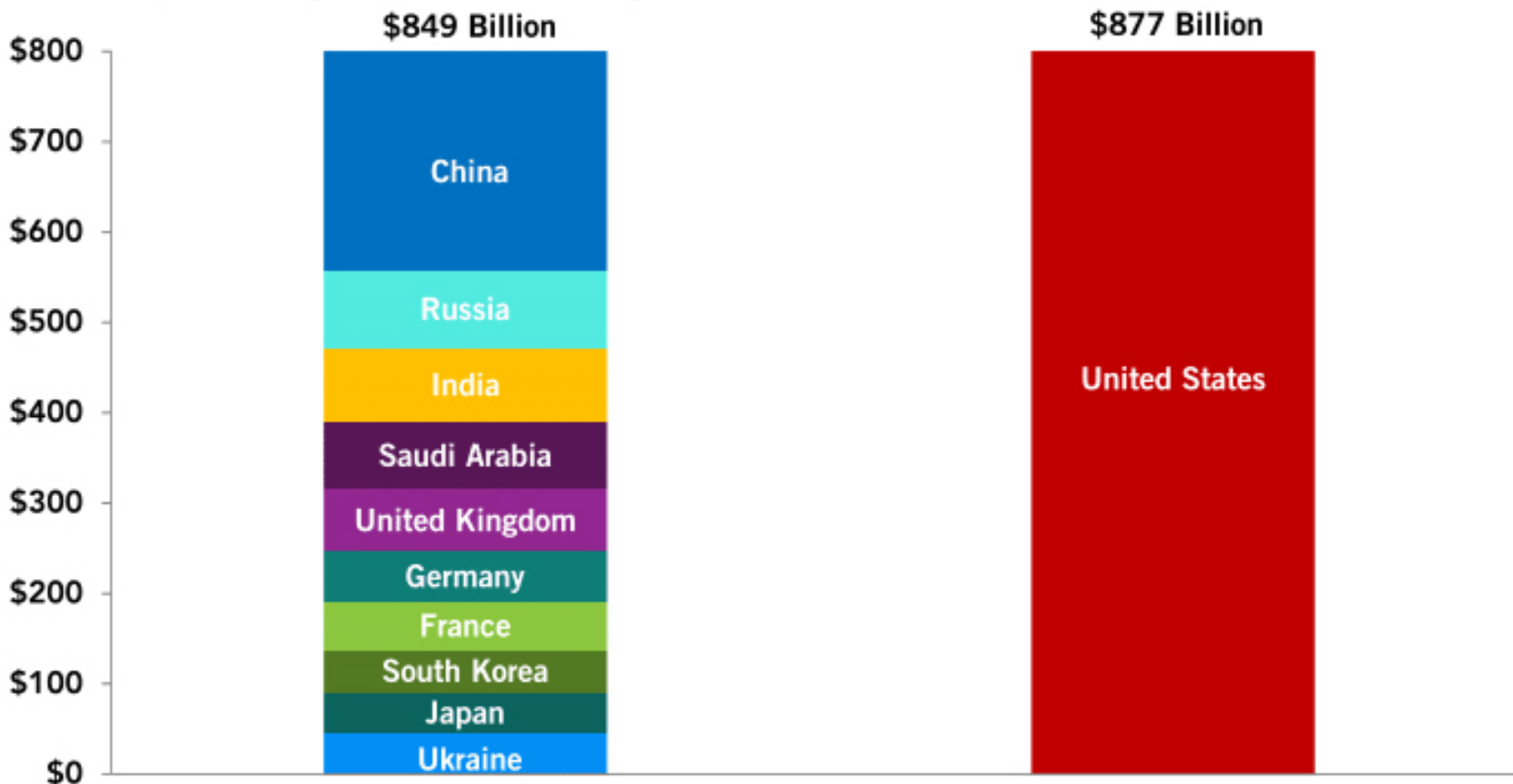


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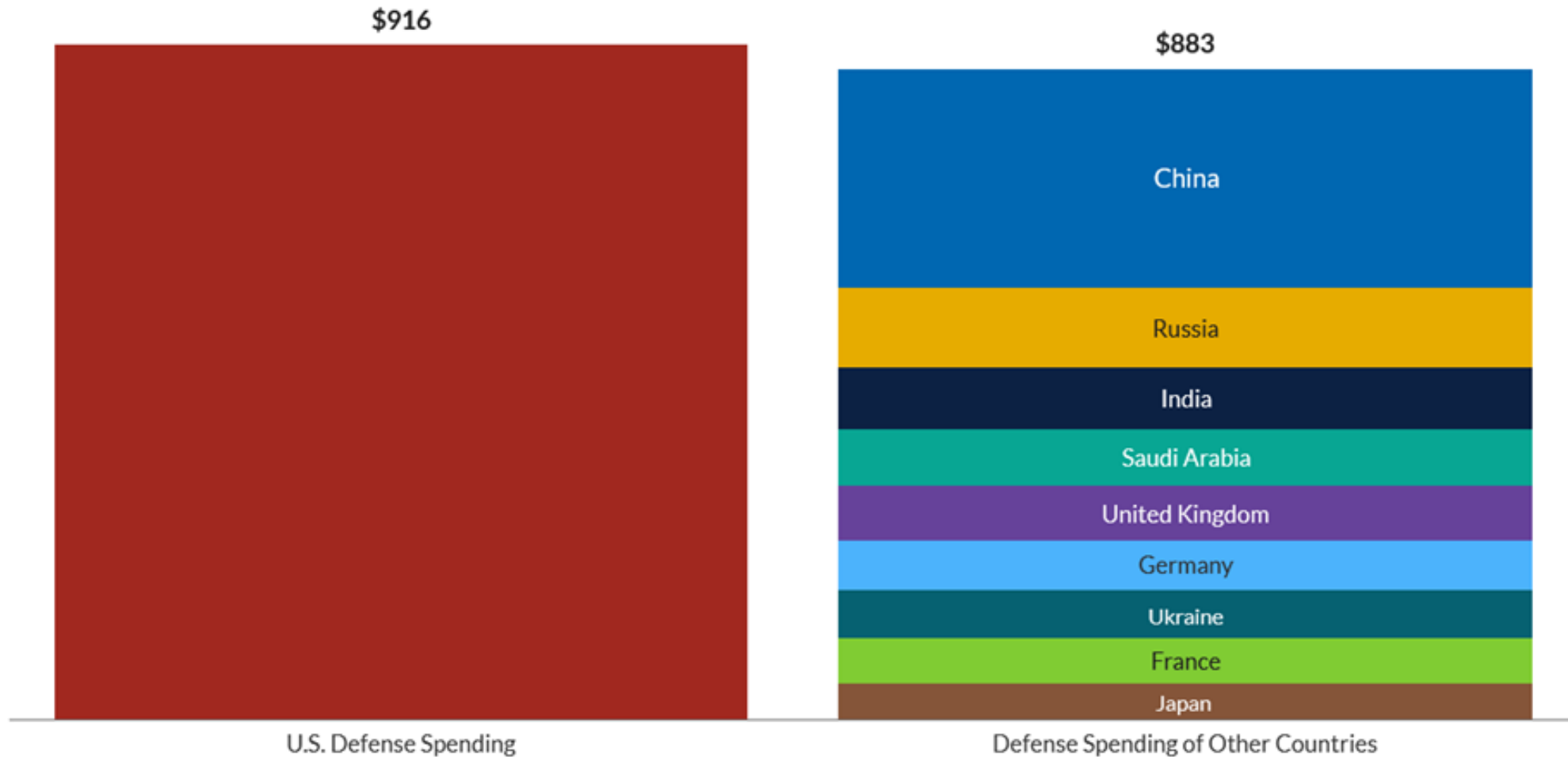
SOURCE: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, *SIPRI Military Expenditure Database*, April 2023.

NOTES: Figures are in U.S. dollars converted from local currencies using market exchange rates. Data for the United States are for fiscal year 2022, which ran from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Data for the other countries are for calendar year 2022. The source for this chart uses a definition of defense spending that is more broad than budget function 050 and defense discretionary spending.

# The United States spends more on defense than the next 9 countries combined



Defense Spending (Billions of Dollars)



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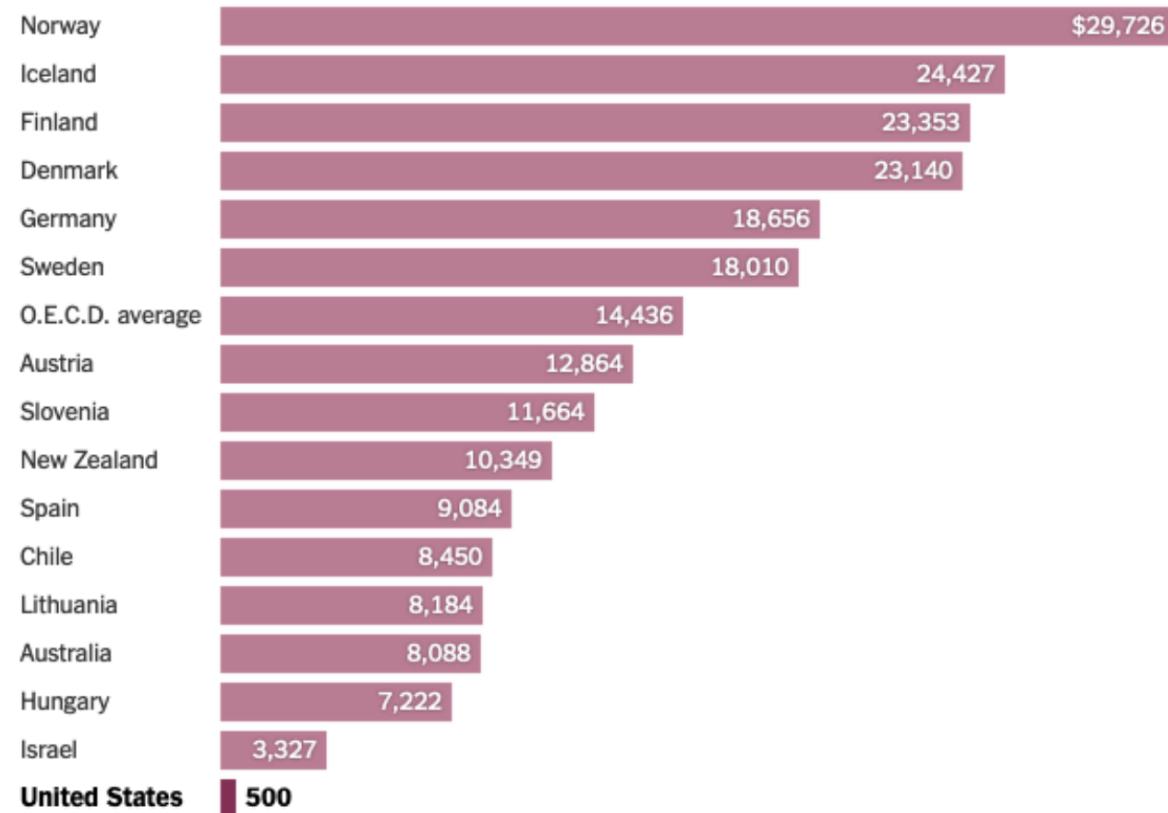
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# Revealed preferences on child care

A society's spending tells us a lot about its priorities:

## How Much Governments Spend on Child Care for Toddlers

Annual public spending per child on early childhood care.



Source: *New York Times*. Read the story [here](#).

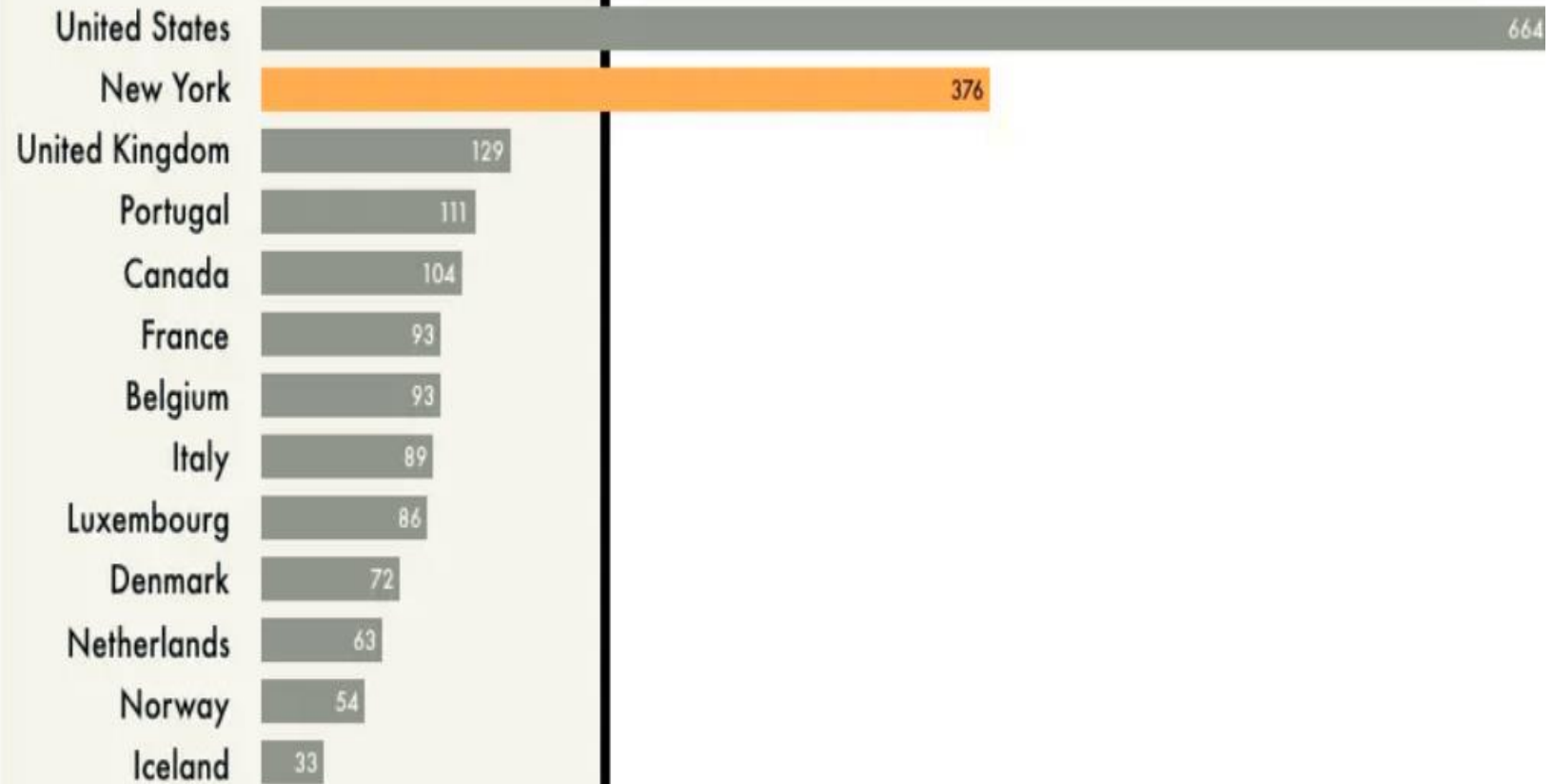
**Table 1. Extent of Poverty across 26 OECD Countries**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Poverty Gap</i>
Iceland	5.4	5.8	27.2
Denmark	5.5	2.9	31.0
Finland	6.3	3.6	21.0
France	8.3	11.5	23.9
Netherlands	8.3	10.9	31.6
Norway	8.4	8.0	34.3
Switzerland	9.1	9.5	26.2
Sweden	9.3	9.3	22.5
Belgium	9.7	12.3	21.6
Austria	9.8	11.5	35.4
Ireland	9.8	10.8	3.3
Hungary	10.1	11.8	29.2
Poland	10.3	9.3	28.4
Germany	10.4	12.3	26.5
New Zealand	10.9	14.1	26.2
Luxembourg	11.1	13.0	28.9
United Kingdom	11.1	11.8	35.5
Australia	12.1	12.5	28.7
Canada	12.4	14.2	30.4
Portugal	12.5	15.5	29.4
Italy	13.7	17.3	40.8
Greece	14.4	17.6	35.3
Japan	15.7	13.9	33.7
Mexico	16.6	19.8	33.5
Korea	17.4	14.5	35.5
25 country average	10.7	11.7	29.6
United States	17.8	20.9	39.8

Source: OECD Data, 2019.

# INCARCERATION RATES

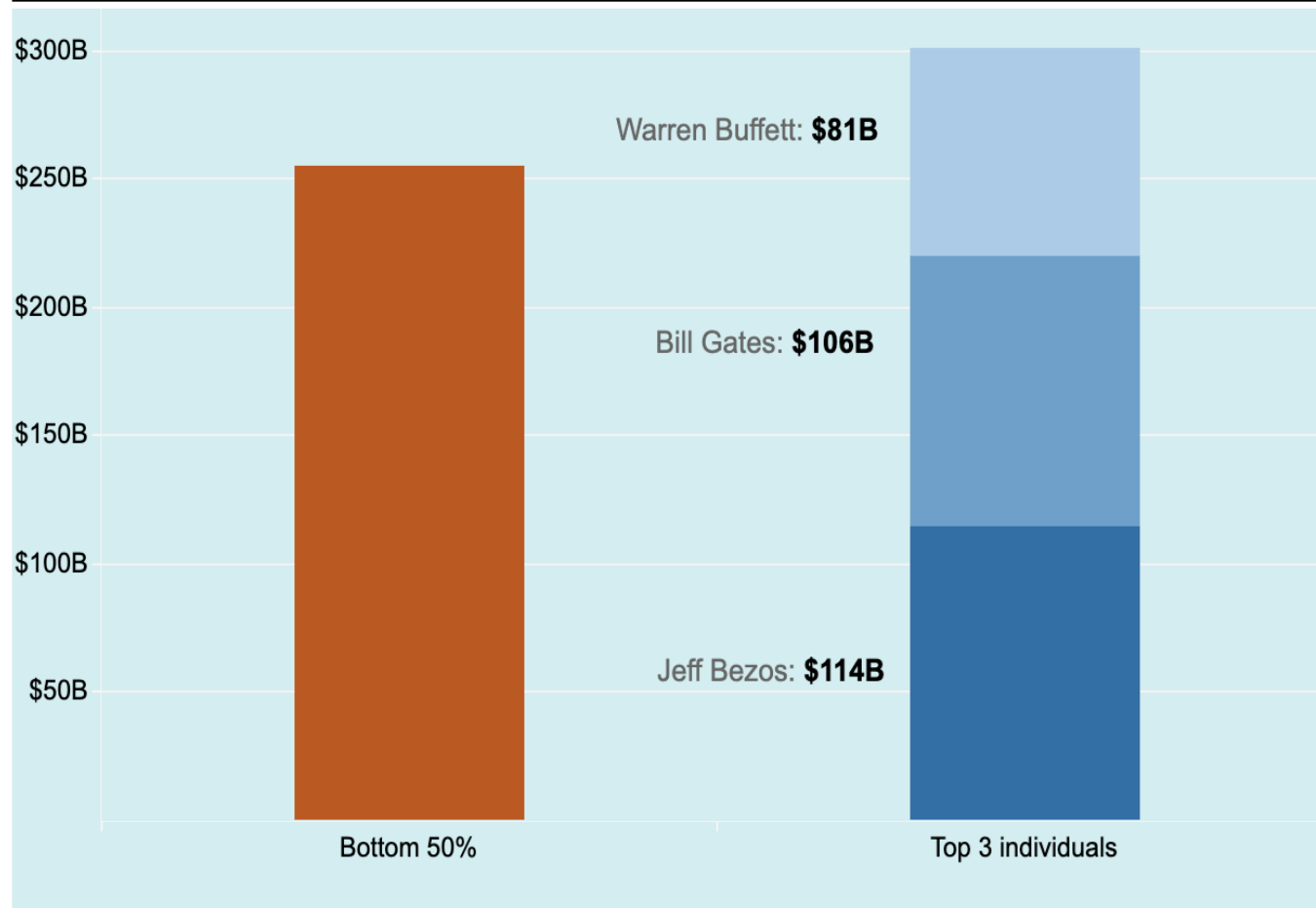
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Incarceration rates per 100,000 population

# Three Men Own as Much as the Bottom Half of Americans

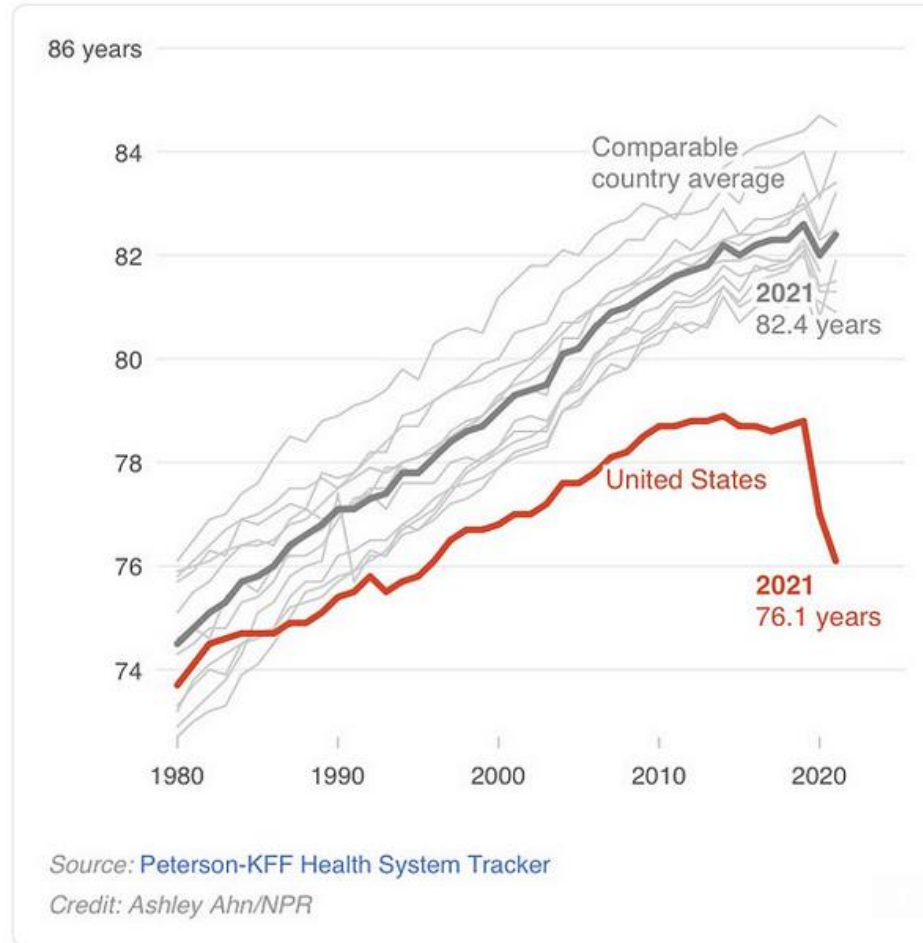
Total wealth in \$ billions



Sources: Institute for Policy Studies and Forbes. Bottom 50% data from 2016. Top 3 from 2019.



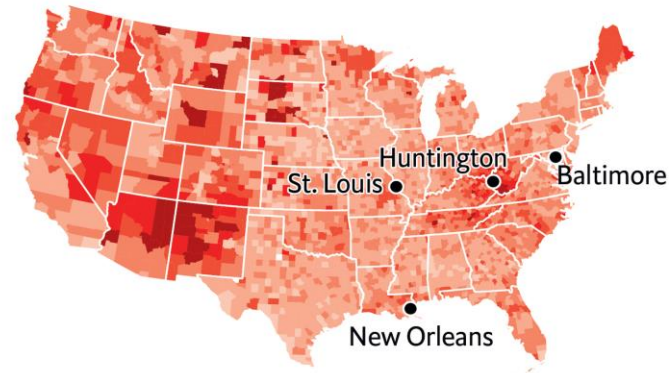
Americans' life expectancy is plummeting. The graphic is stunning. "American life expectancy is lower than that of Cuba, Lebanon, and Chechnya." [#MedTwitter](#)  
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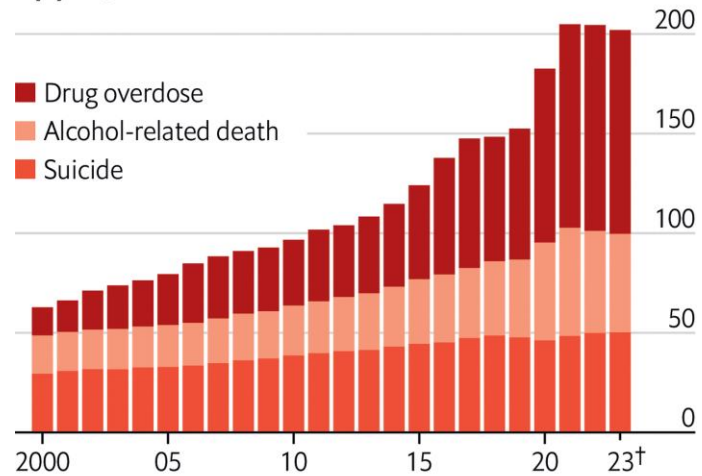
## Anatomy of an epidemic

United States, "deaths of despair"\*

2020-22 average, per 100,000 people

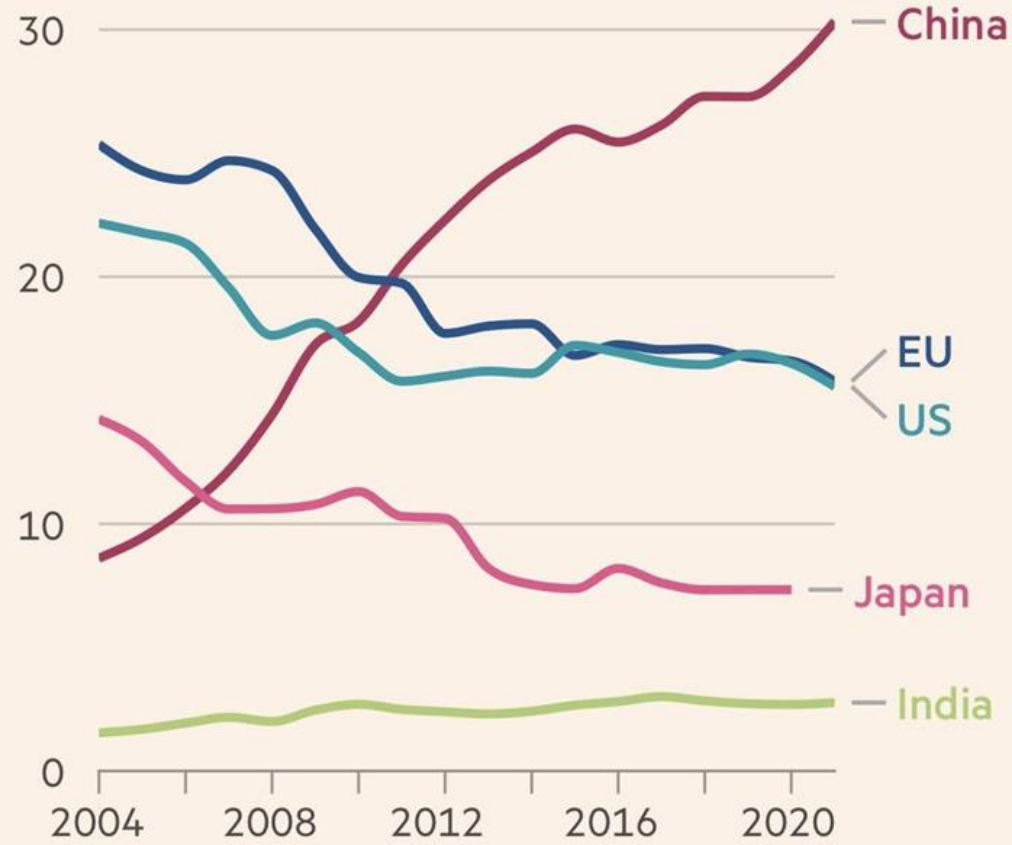


By year, '000

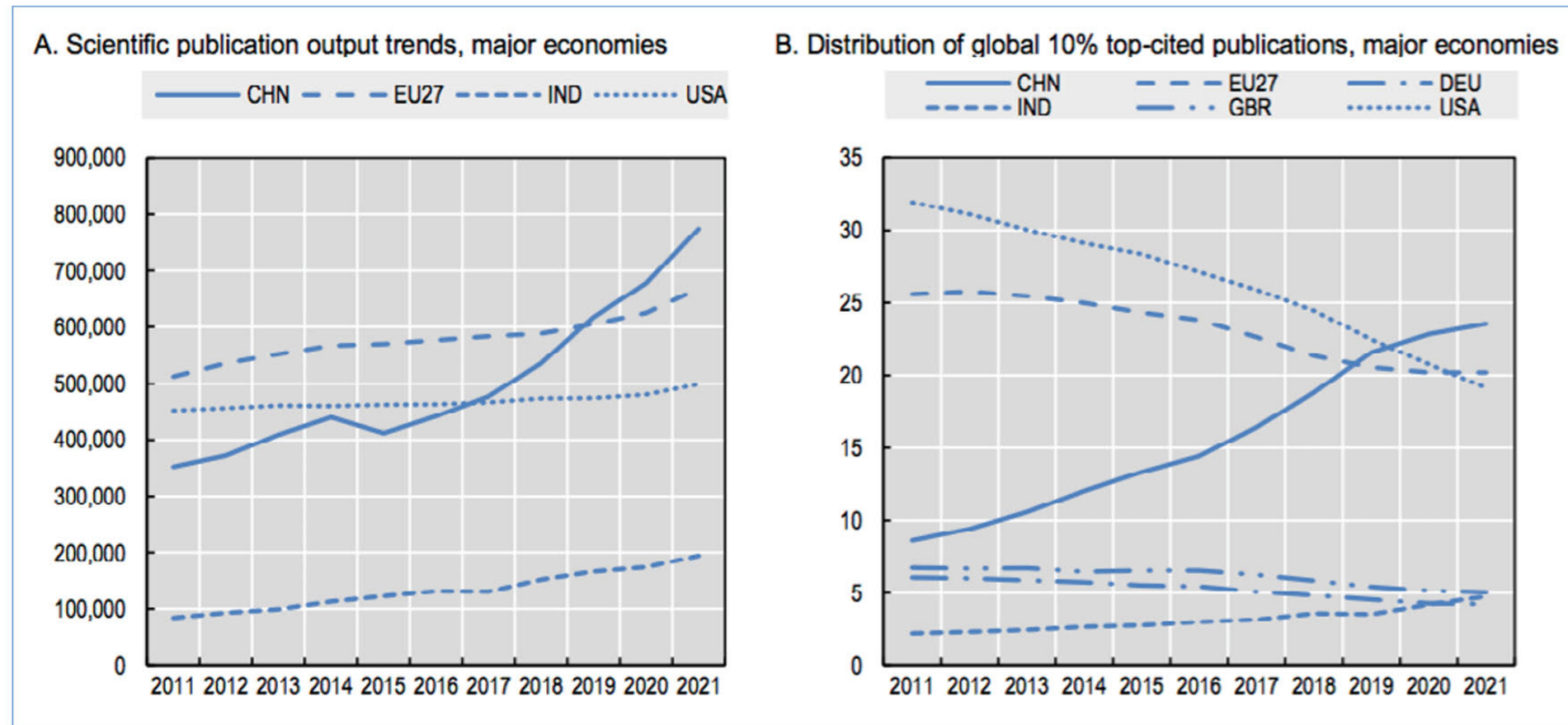


Sources: CDC; *The Economist* \*Fatal drug overdoses, suicides and alcohol-related deaths †Forecast

# Share of global manufacturing value added (%)

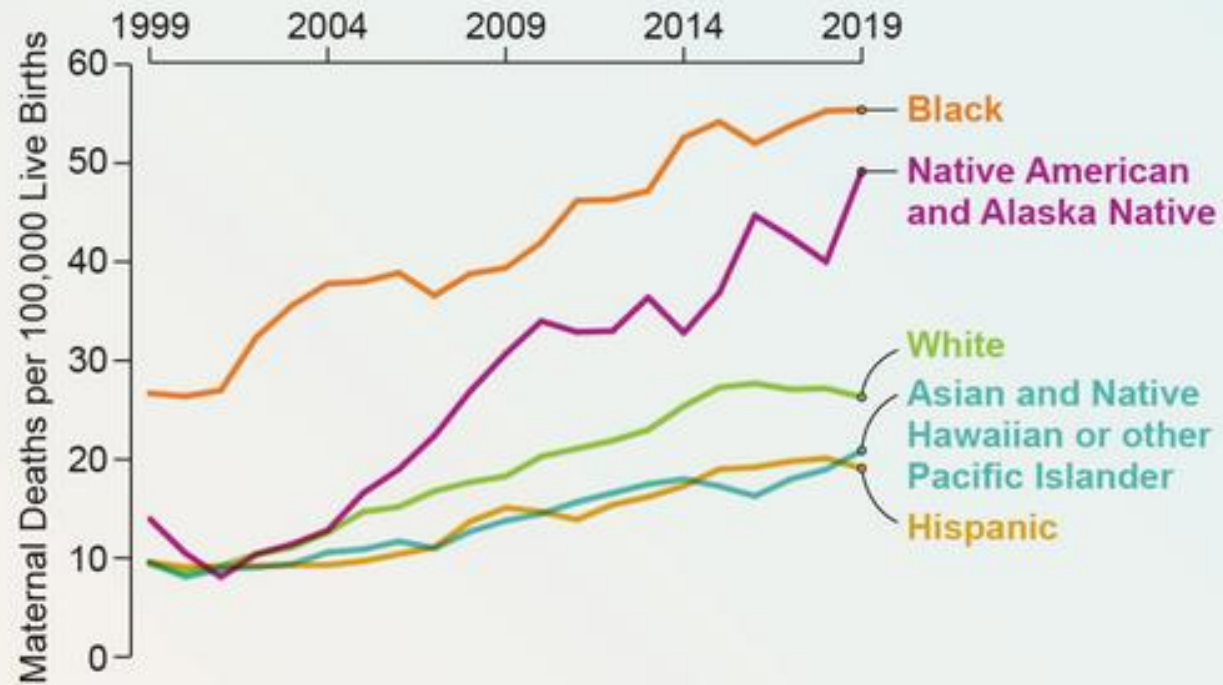


**FIGURE 2.** Trends in scientific publications, 2011-21



▲ Source: OECD (2023). OECD calculations based on Scopus Custom Data, Elsevier, Version 1.2023, March 2023, and Scimago Journal Rankings.

## Median U.S. Maternal Mortality Ratios by Race or Ethnicity



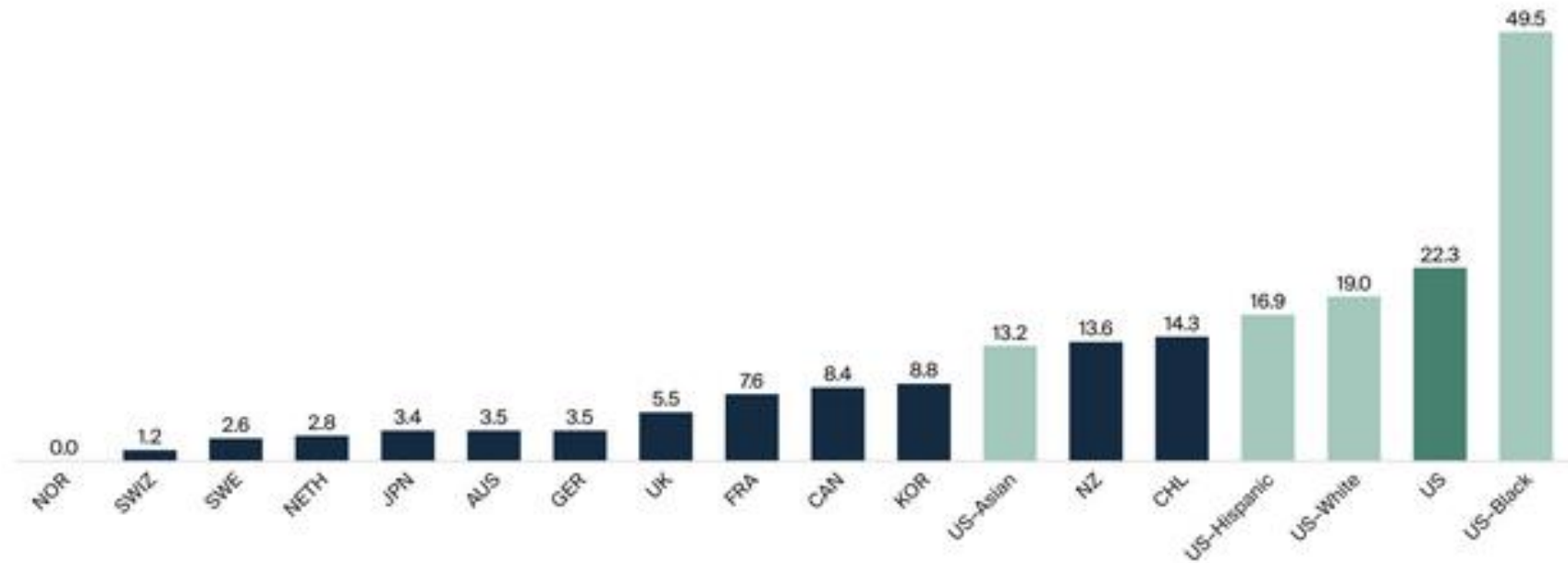
Amanda Montañez; Source: "Trends in State-Level Maternal Mortality by Racial and Ethnic Group in the United States," by Laura G. Fleszar et al., in *JAMA*, Vol. 330, No. 1, July 3, 2023

Source: *Scientific American*

Source: Adam Tooze, November 24, 2024

# The United States continues to have the highest maternal death rate, with the rate for Black women by far the highest of any group.

Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births



Notes: The maternal mortality ratio is defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes. For more information on how maternal mortality is defined, see Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, "Maternal and Infant Mortality," in *Health at a Glance 2023: OECD Indicators* (OECD, 2023). 2015 data for FRA; 2017 data for UK; 2018 data for NZ; 2020 data for CAN and SWIZ; 2021 data for AUS, GER, JPN, KOR, NETH, and SWE; 2022 data for CHL (provisional), NOR, and US. Due to sample size limitations, data for US-AIAN cannot be displayed. AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native. Asian Americans include a wide range of distinct communities. Such groupings are imperfect, as they mask significant difference in maternal mortality rates.

Data: All country data from OECD Health Statistics 2023 extracted on February 29, 2024, except data for US are 2022 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, mortality and natality data files, "Maternal Mortality Rates in the United States, 2022."

Source: Commonwealth Fund

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