



UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE



*The most efficient, most cost-effective, most humane,
way to pay for health care*

Our Nation was founded

to promote the General Welfare,
and secure the Blessings of Liberty for all...

U.S. Constitution

*to ensure EVERY
person
the right
to Life
and
Liberty*

Declaration of Independence



For life, humans
need health care

*Everyone lives in a
fragile human body
which will get
sick
injured
age*



Health care protects life



*Like safe food and clean water
protect us*

Health care safeguards life

against disease and injury



Just like

Fire protection

National defense

Police protection

Waste disposal



***Yet, health care is rationed in the U.S.
by your ability to pay premiums,
deductibles, co-insurance,
where you live, and your age.***



In Colorado:
350,000 people have no insurance
870,000 are under-insured
530+ adults die each year due
to lack of care

To be truly free, we need health care



Health Care secures freedom

People are NOT free who

Have diseases or injuries without adequate health care

Can't afford their health care or medications

Are enslaved in dead-end jobs just to be insured

Face death lacking health care



Crushing Medical Bills take away the right to Freedom

*Hundreds of thousands of people have medical-related
bankruptcies including –*

people who have health insurance

people who lost their jobs because they are ill



Those who live in countries
with universal health care
are free from this worry.

Everyone should have
the care they need
to stay well.

Everyone should be
taken care of
when they are
sick or injured.



The U.S. Health Care System

*leads the world in medical research and technology
yet compared to other countries.....*

Covers fewer people
Costs more
More complicated
Worse outcomes

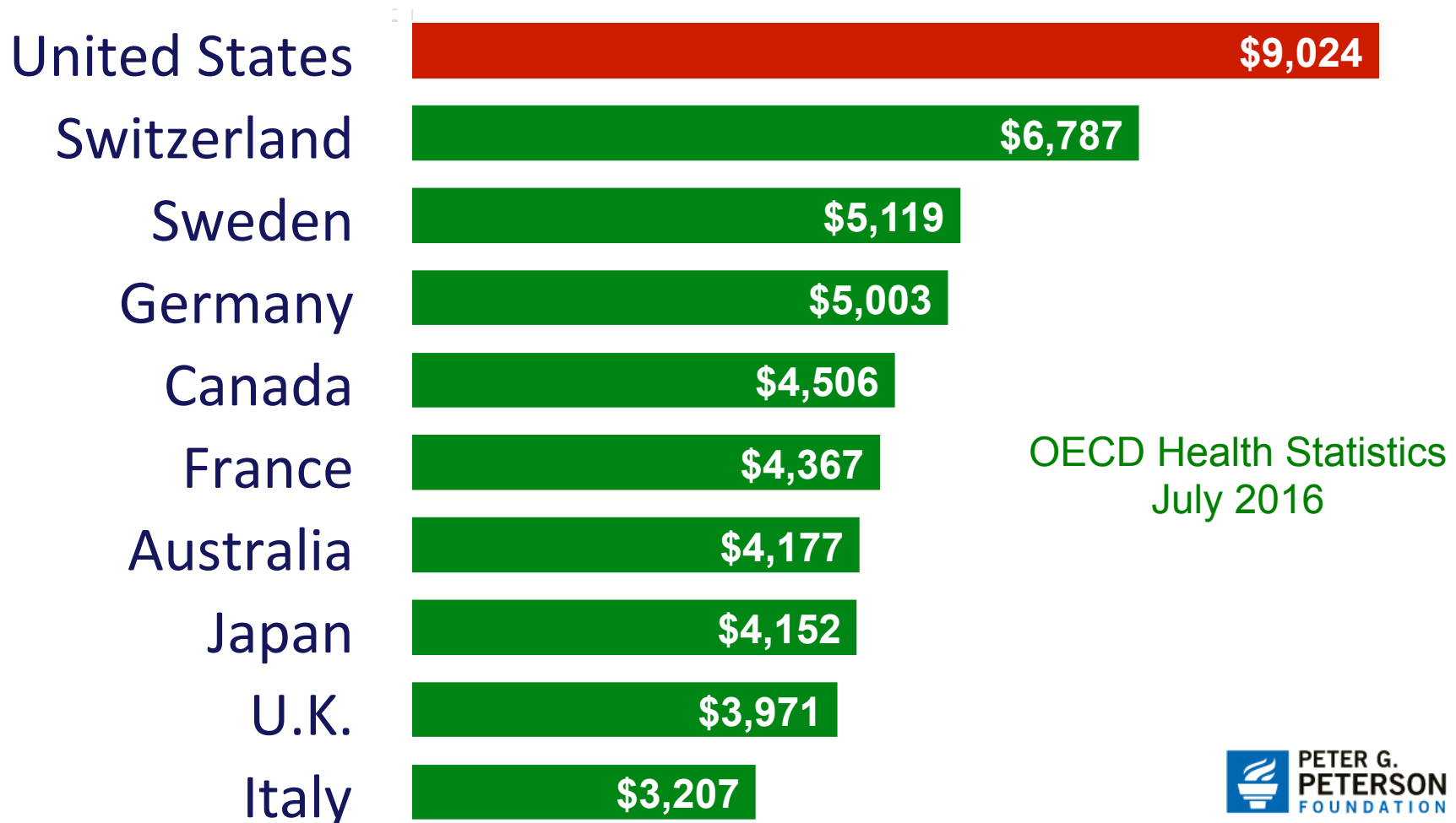


Costs Too Much

For Individuals And Businesses

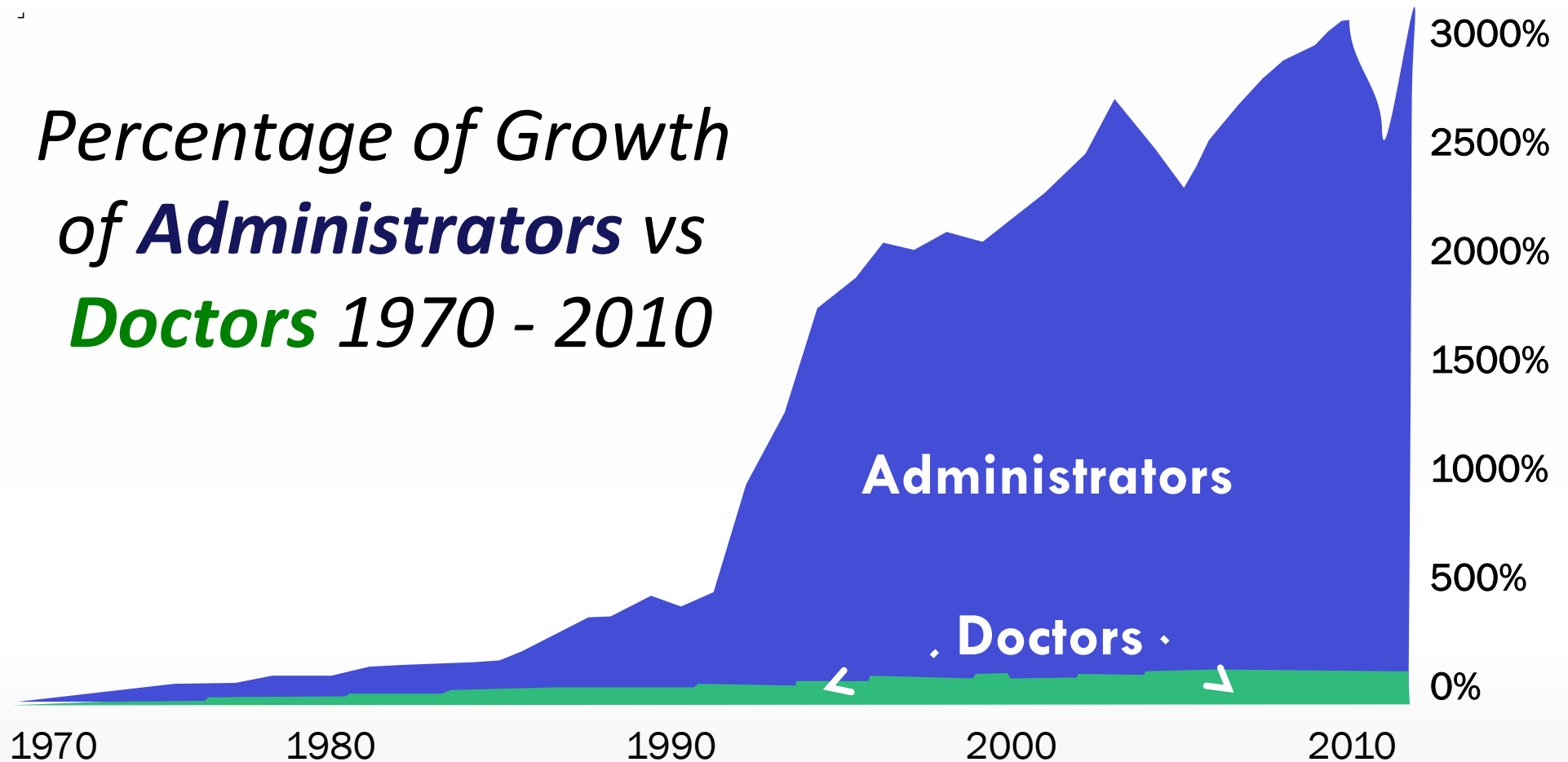
Health Care Costs

per capita (Dollars)



Eliminate the Administrative Nightmare and pay for Health Care

*Percentage of Growth
of **Administrators** vs
Doctors 1970 - 2010*



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



Americans Pay **More** and Get **Less**

Life Expectancy At Birth

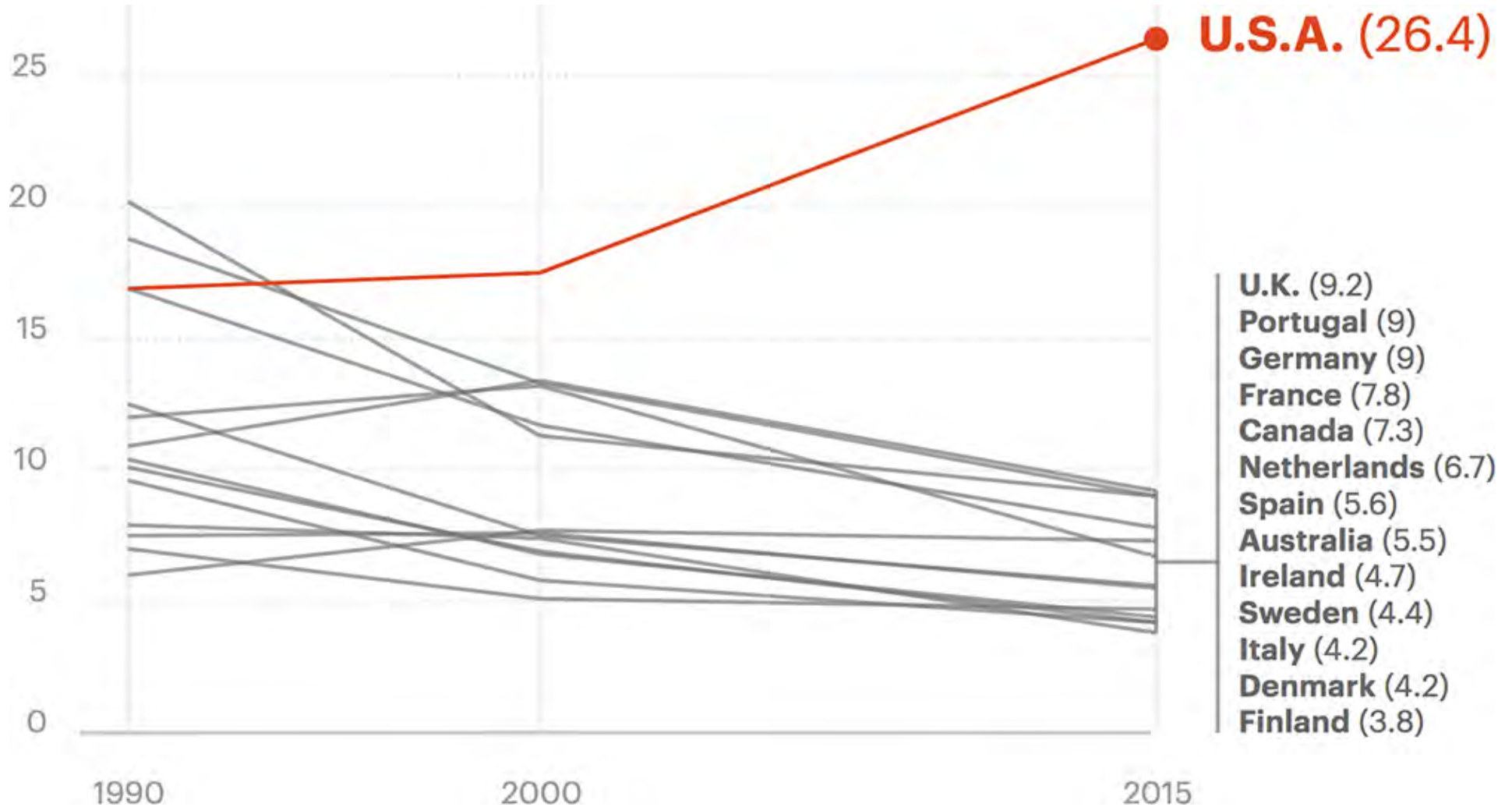
The United States

Ranks 42nd

According to the CIA World Factbook

Maternal Mortality Is Rising in the U.S.

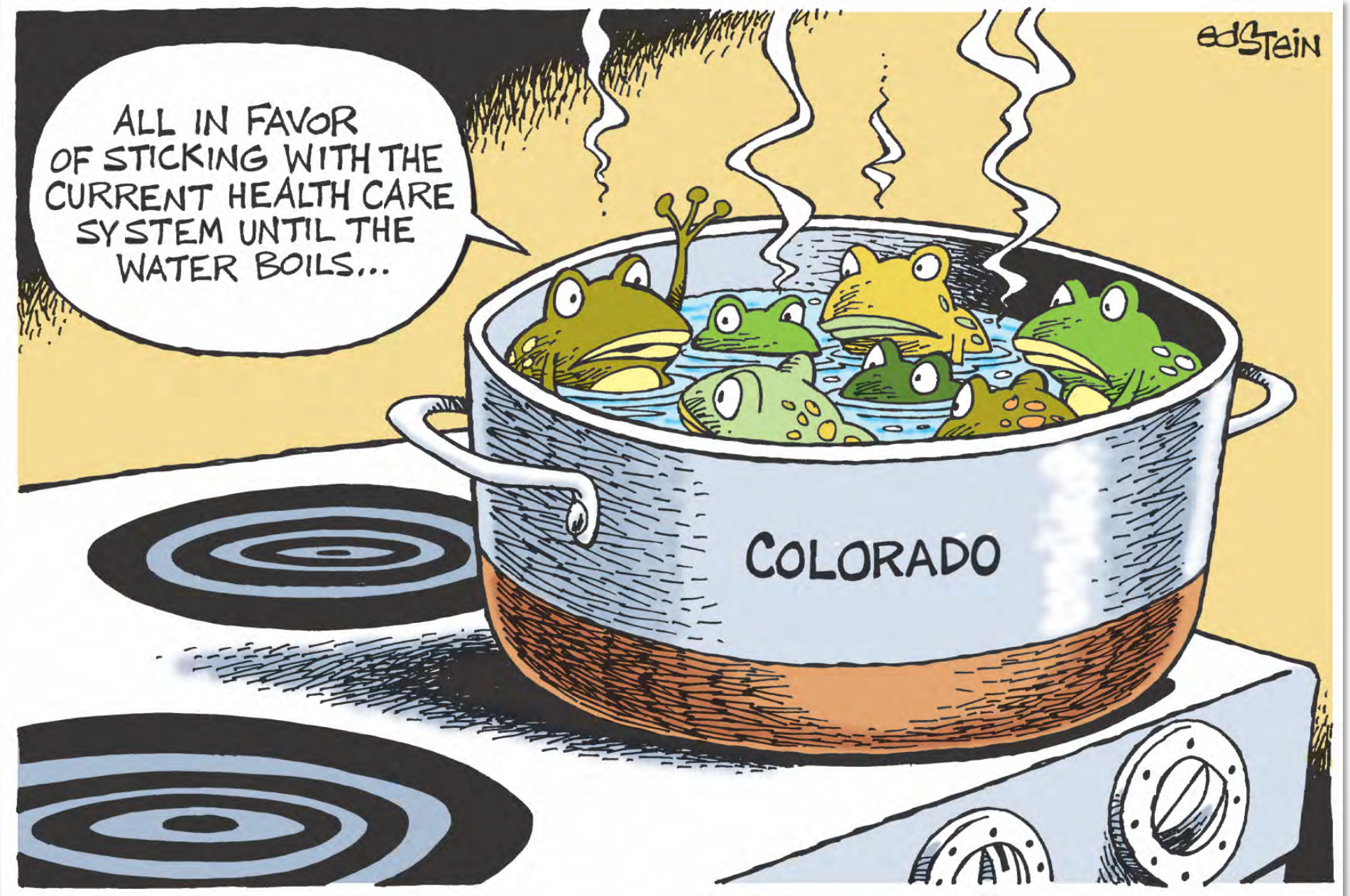
Deaths per 100,000 live births



"Global, regional, and national levels of maternal mortality, 1990–2015: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2015,"

The Lancet. Only data for 1990, 2000 and 2015 was made available in the journal.

Source: *The Lancet* Credit: Rob Weychert/ProPublica





**We Can Fix It
and take back our
democracy**

*Replace private insurers
Negotiate drug prices
Require transparent
hospital billing*

Stand up to Bullies **The Insurance Industry**

***For-profit health
insurers are predatory
profiteers who limit
our health care.***



Profiteering Health Insurance Corporations are Middlemen who Don't Insure Our Health



Goal is to keep our premiums -
NOT to pay for health care

Require deductibles and co-pays,
limit choice of doctors

Pay excessive salaries and
campaign contributions

Add Nothing of Value

Stand up to Bullies

The Drug Companies



***We can use our
purchasing power for
better prices.***

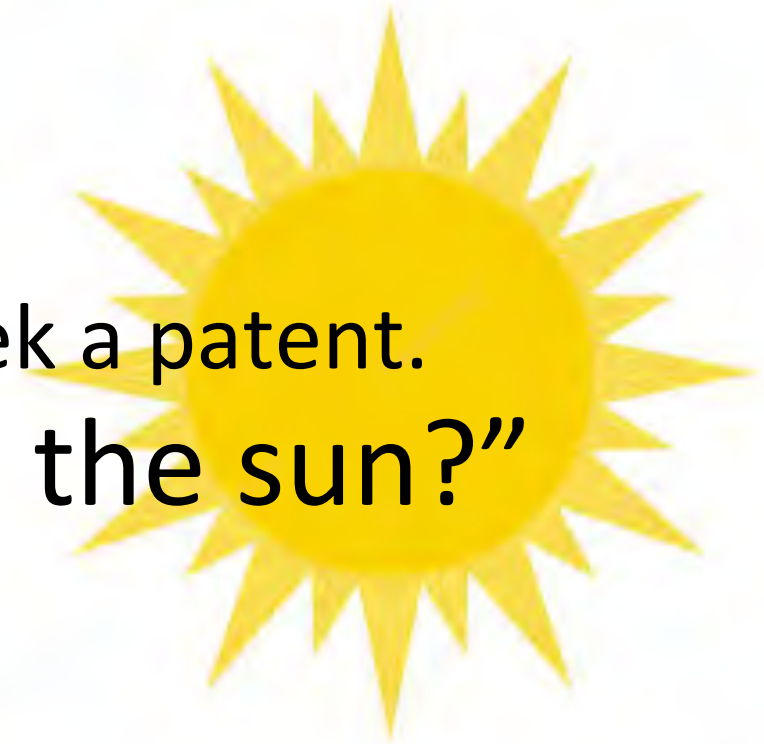
***In countries with
universal health care,
drug costs are much
lower.***

***Universal care prevents
price-gouging.***

When Jonas Salk invented
the polio vaccine, he didn't seek a patent.
He said: "Can you patent the sun?"



***Today Big Drug Companies Price
Life-Saving Medications Out of Reach.***



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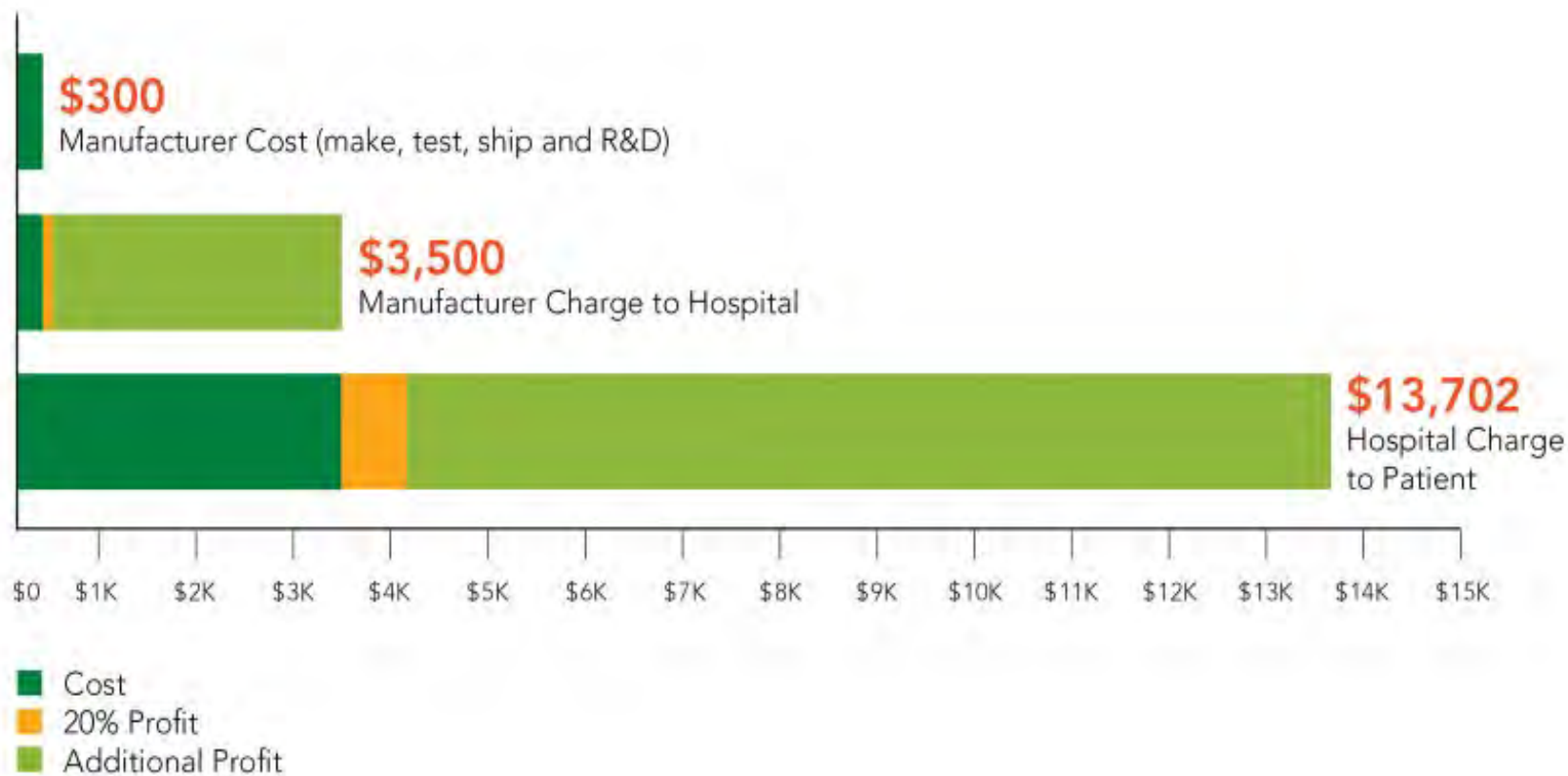
Corporate Hospitals

**With their
Extreme profits &
Irrational,
mysterious,
unreasonable bills**



HealthOne,
a Denver-area hospital chain,
has a 33 percent profit margin.

We deserve fair pricing and the right to know what things will cost in advance.



Cancer drug Rituxan – one dose

<http://consumersunion.org/outrageous-health-costs/cancer-drug-markup/>

Steven Brill, Bitter Pill: Why Medical Bills are Killing Us, Time magazine, March 4, 2013.

Most Americans support universal health care

**But Corporate Money
buys legislation that
favors them –**

**Crushing our
democracy and the
will of the majority**



Save American Values



America's values are violated by

Restricting access to health care

**Denying our freedom of choice to make
good health care decisions**

Concealing health care costs and benefits

Acting fiscally irresponsibly

***A system based on corporate profits ignores
our health needs and costs us more.***

Universal health care is the **CURE**



**Cure
Ahead**

Covers EVERYONE with Better Care

*For less money than we spend now,
the U.S. can pay for universal health care
with better benefits.*

*Check out the health care costs in
every other industrialized country.*

Preventive Care

Health care that decreases illness and death, lowers costs, and provides

Opportunity to make good health care choices

Personal responsibility

Social responsibility

Affordability

Fiscal responsibility



Countries with universal health care



All Are Democratic Governments With Market Economies - OECD
Norway

Improved Medicare for All is one universal health care solution

Medicare

Proven single-payer payment system

Lower administrative costs than private insurance

No profits or campaign contributions

People now celebrate when they turn 65

Simplified and continuous coverage

Not tied to employment or marriage

Improve Medicare to cover everyone with better benefits.

Single-payer health care



Pays our health care bills
Frees doctors to care for
their patients

Eliminates premiums and
deductibles

Eliminates corporate
greed

Protects against financial
ruin

A Just Society

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

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



*Only we can
secure our rights
to life and
freedom*



Democracy Demands Our Participation

*President Lincoln stated that it was up to
the living, to us, to dedicate ourselves to the
unfinished work of freedom and equality.*

Gettysburg Address, 1863

The Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care



Everybody in. Nobody out.

www.couniversalhealth.org