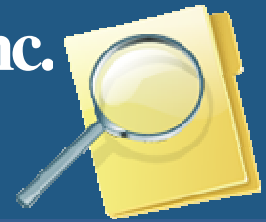


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--Aristotle

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STATISTICS, FACTS & TRIVIA

Did you know?

Who used to suffer the most work injury deaths in the United States? The answer was Timber Cutters @ 1 death out of 200. NOW, it is Crack Dealers @ 1 death out of 4.

2/3rds of all **Homicides** in the United States are from “*deaths by guns.*”

Switzerland, the safest place to live in the world issues an assault gun to every male citizen and yet it is the safest place to live. [I recommend reading “*Freakonomics*” by Levitt & Dubner].

Insomnia can be fatal: If you get only five hours of sleep every night, it doubles your chance of dying of a heart attack. British scientists studied 10,000 civil servants over 8-years.. Those who cut back on their slumber from 7-hours a night to 5 hours-or less were *more likely* to develop cardiovascular problems and to die prematurely. Most humans are programmed for about 7-hours of sleep says the study’s British sleep researcher Francesco Cappuccio. “*In Western societies, people are choosing to work extra hours, watch TV or otherwise cope with too busy schedules. Sleep represents the daily process of physiological restitution and recovery, and lack of sleep has far-reaching effects.*” Dr. Cappuccio reported that *conversely too much* sleep is just as dangerous as too little, with people who sleep *more than 8-hours* also dying at twice the normal rate.

The Myth of “**Best in the World.**”

“In international comparisons of health care, the infant mortality rate is a crucial indicator of a nation’s standing, and the United States’ position at No.28, with seven per 1,000 live births, worse than Portugal, Greece, the Czech Republic, Northern Ireland and 23 other nations not exactly known for cutting edge medical science----is a tragedy and an embarrassment.” - Sharon Begley, Science Writer for Newsweek.

“Much of the blame for this abysmal showing goes to socioeconomic factors: poor, uninsured women failing to get prenatal care or engaging in behaviors (smoking, using illegal drugs, becoming pregnant as a teen) that put fetuses’ and babies’ lives at risk.”

What is the U.S. medical bill per capita?

“\$6,697 in 2007, at the highest in the world...20% more than Luxembourg’s, the next highest.....and more than twice the average of the 30 wealthy countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.”

*The United States does not have the best medical care in the world. The U.S. is behind other countries in cancer survival and diabetes care with infant mortality the world wide indicator.

IN MONTANA-----

“Nearly two working-age Montanans die each week because they lack health insurance. A lack of health coverage is a matter of life and death for many people” ...Ron Pollack, Exec. Directory of Families USA/Washington nonprofit that advocates for health care consumers.

“In 2006, there were more than 504,000 people between ages of 25-64 living in Montana. Of those, 18.8% were uninsured”. It is estimated that 90 working-age Montanans died in 2006 because of lack of health insurance.” - US Census Bureau.

NATIONWIDE-----*“22,000 died in 2006 because they had no health insurance. It is estimated that uninsured people ages 25-64 faced a 25% greater risk of dying. The lack of health insurance also affects those who are insured, because the cost of health insurance premiums rises to pay for uncompensated care for the uninsured.” - Families USA/ Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Science.*