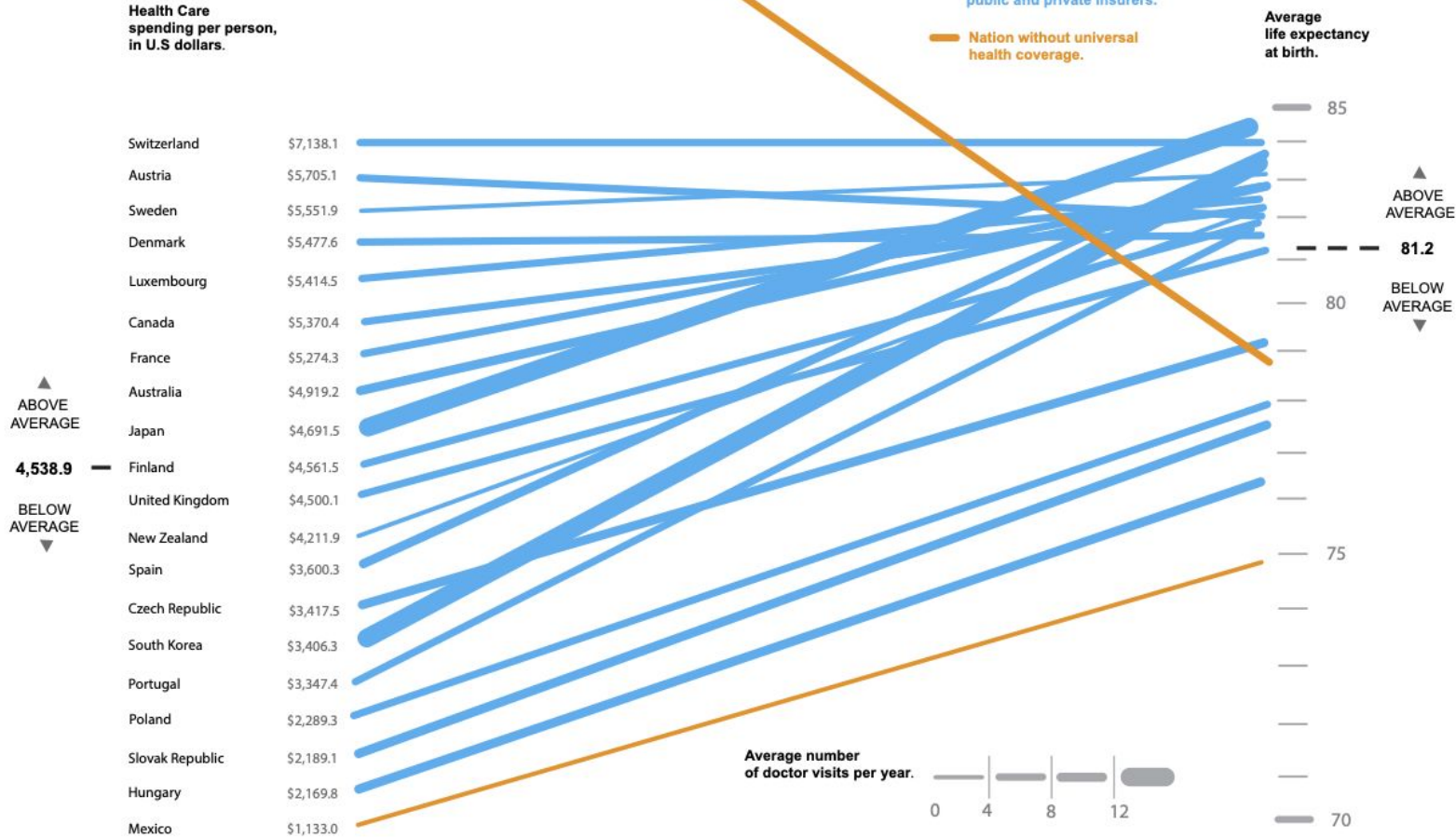


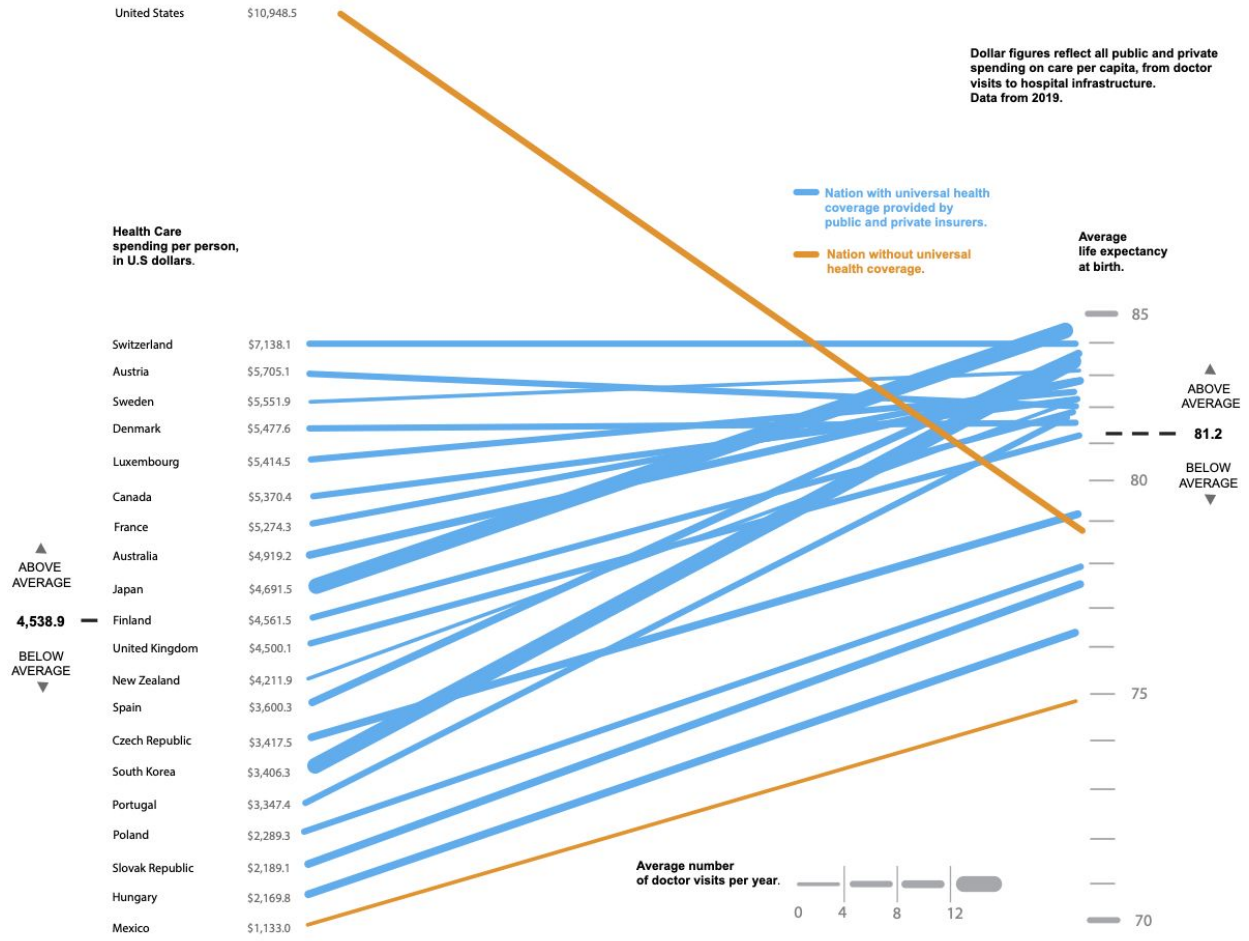
# Guaranteed Healthcare for All

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**HEALTHCARE IN THE U.S. IS BROKEN**





Dollar figures reflect all public and private spending on care per capita, from doctor visits to hospital infrastructure. Data from 2019.

# LACK OF HEALTHCARE KILLS

- 28.9 million US residents are uninsured, and 60 million more are underinsured;
- 461,000 US residents died in 2018 due to lack of national healthcare insurance;
- 13% of US residents adults (~34 million people) know at least one friend or family member who died in the past 5 years after not getting needed medical treatment because they couldn't pay for it;
- About 1/5 US resident adults report not being able to pay for medicine in the past 12 months.

# RACISM IN OUR CURRENT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

## California Uninsured Rates in 2018:

- 11.5 percent of African Americans were uninsured compared with 7.5 percent of non-Hispanic whites
- 19.0 percent of Hispanics were uninsured compared with 7.5 percent of non-Hispanic whites.
- 21.8 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives were uninsured compared with 7.5 percent of non-Hispanic whites

# POOR OUTCOMES

**The U.S. is the only country without guaranteed healthcare!**

- The U.S. ranks #27 in life expectancy\*
- The U.S. ranks #46 maternal mortality rate (how many women die during pregnancy or during the 6 weeks after)\*\*
- The U.S. ranks #45 For the under-five mortality rate (the probability of dying by age 5 per 1000 live births)\*

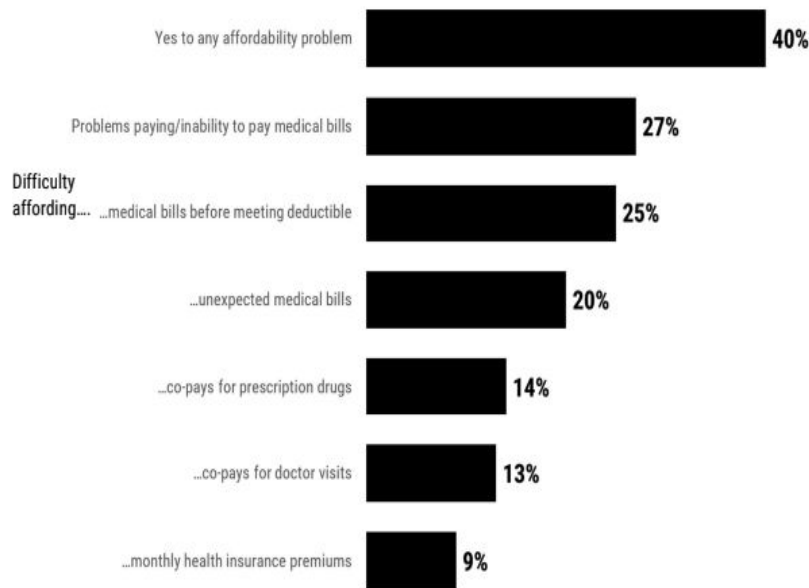
\*2017 data

\*\*2015 data

# EVEN EMPLOYER BASED INSURANCE CAN'T SAVE YOU...

## PERCENT WHO SAY THEY OR A FAMILY MEMBER EXPERIENCED EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

2018, among people with employer-provided insurance



Sources: "Kaiser Family Foundation/LA Times Survey Of Adults With Employer-Sponsored Insurance," published 5/2/19, [www.kff.org/report-section/kaiser-family-foundation-la-times-survey-of-adults-with-employer-sponsored-insurance-section-2-affordability-of-health-care-and-insurance](http://www.kff.org/report-section/kaiser-family-foundation-la-times-survey-of-adults-with-employer-sponsored-insurance-section-2-affordability-of-health-care-and-insurance); [www.commonwealthfund.org/press-release/2019/underinsured-rate-rose-2014-2018-greatest-growth-among-people-employer-health](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/press-release/2019/underinsured-rate-rose-2014-2018-greatest-growth-among-people-employer-health)



# THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

# COVID-19: THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY FAILS US

**Despite the high cost of our healthcare system, it has failed to meet the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

This failure has had a disproportionate toll on communities of color who have been infected and killed by COVID-19 at higher rates.

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**MEDICARE FOR ALL**

# FAIR HEALTHCARE TERMINOLOGY:

WHAT IT IS...AND ISN'T

- **Universal Coverage**
- **Guaranteed Healthcare**
- **Medicare for ALL (M4A)**
- **Single Payer Healthcare**
- **Socialized Medicine**

**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT...**



# A VISION FOR THE FUTURE: M4A

- **Equality**  
We demand a single standard of care for all
  - **Justice**  
We have a right to health
  - **Democracy**  
We exert popular control over our healthcare system
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# PRINCIPLES OF A FAIR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

- **Guaranteed healthcare for all: Everybody in, nobody out**
- **Comprehensive coverage for life**
- **High quality**
- **Costs less**
- **Equity**
- **Freedom for all: Mobility and career flexibility**
- **Protection for healthcare industry workers**

# GUARANTEED HEALTHCARE FOR ALL: EVERYBODY IS IN, NOBODY IS OUT

- All residents are covered *regardless* of immigration status;
- Care you need, when and where you need it;
- Eliminates barriers to care including premiums and other out-of-pocket costs.

# COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE FOR LIFE: IT'S INCLUDED!

- Cradle-to-grave
- Primary and speciality care and inpatient services
- Dental
- Vision
- Audiology (hearing aids)
- Reproductive health
- Expanded services for individuals with disabilities
- Long-term care, incl. home-based care
- Substance abuse disorder services
- Mental health coverage



## COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE: GUARANTEED MENTAL HEALTHCARE

- Receive care when, how and with who you want!
- No need to hassle with insurance coverage.
- **NO OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS.**

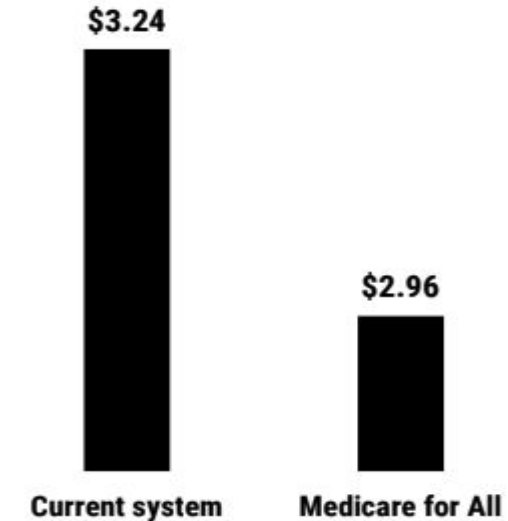
# COSTS LESS: IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL IS *CHEAPER* THAN OUR CURRENT SYSTEM

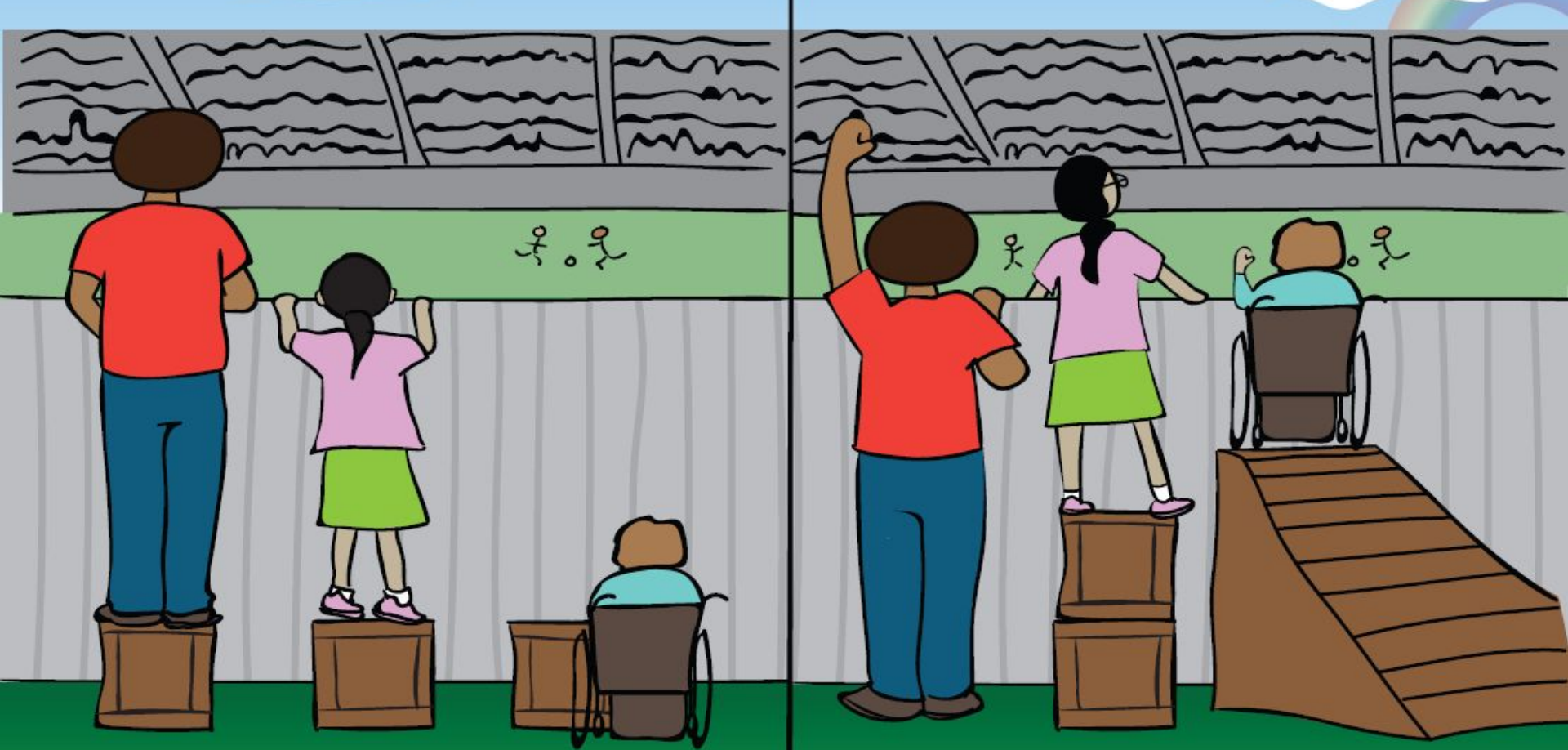
Medicare for All has much lower administrative costs and takes out the profiteering.

**We all pay *less* and get more care!**

## ANNUAL COST OF CURRENT U.S. HEALTHCARE SYSTEM VS. IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL

in trillions





**EQUALITY**

**EQUITY**

**M4A BUILDS UNION POWER**

# GUARANTEED HEALTHCARE MEANS MORE BARGAINING POWER

- The way we bargain for healthcare benefits is unsustainable.
- More and more of our bargaining power goes just to keeping our healthcare benefits.
- Healthcare insurance costs keep going up: employers keep shifting more costs onto us.
- Relying on our employers for healthcare also weakens our ability to strike—or even to threaten to strike.
- If our employers weren't spending money on healthcare, that money would be on the bargaining table for wages, pensions, staffing and other improvements we want.

**SUPPORT FOR M4A**

# THE GENERAL PUBLIC SUPPORTS M4A

- **Fox News Poll: 72% of voters favor a “government run healthcare plan”**
- **Not ONE Democratic Congressional Candidate that supports ‘Medicare for All’ lost their election**
- **Americans believe in basic public goods!**

**WHAT'S THE HOLD UP?**

**M4A NOW!**



# Single Payer Policy and Legislative Efforts in California

- 1994: Prop 186 Failed (73% NO; 27% YES)
- 2003: SB 921 (Kuehl) Didn't Pass in Assembly
- 2005, 2007: SB 840 (Kuel) Vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger
- 2009, 2011: SB 810 (Leno) Vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger
- 2017: SB 562 (Lara, Atkins) Didn't Pass in Assembly
- 2021: AB 1400 (Kalra, Lee, Santiago) Currently a two-year bill, in Assembly Rules waiting to be assigned to a committee

# STARS ALIGN FOR SINGLE-PAYER IN CA

- Democratic Party majorities in Congress and the Biden/Harris Administration put healthcare reform on table;
- CA's Attorney General Xavier Becerra's confirmation to lead Health and Human Services (HHS) puts proponent of Medicare for all in charge of approving state universal healthcare programs;
- Negotiating a Federal Waiver with HHS to obtain money and program approval will enable California to guarantee healthcare to its residents in a universal care system;
- Healthy California Now coalition is broadening support for single-payer organizing to include labor unions and community organizations;
- City Councils, Labor Councils, and Democratic County Committees have passed resolutions in support of Medicare for All-type reform in California.

# THE GOVERNOR MUST LEAD

- We must hold Governor Newsom to his promise to do single-payer reform in California.
- Governor leadership changes the issue from “whether” to do single-payer to “how” to do it.
- Specifically, his administration needs to enter into negotiations with the federal Health and Human Services (HHS) Department to obtain federal resources and support for a universal healthcare system in California.

**FEDERAL SUPPORT REQUIRES A “WAIVER” TO  
SET UP Medicare for All IN CA**

## WHAT WE CAN DO!

- Pass a resolution
- Call on the Governor to deliver state Single Payer
- Talk to your local or statewide representative
- Talk to your family, neighbors and co-workers about M4A
- Write a pro-M4A letter to the editor
- Promote M4A on social media and to organization members

# Q and A

**JOIN THE MOVEMENT!**

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