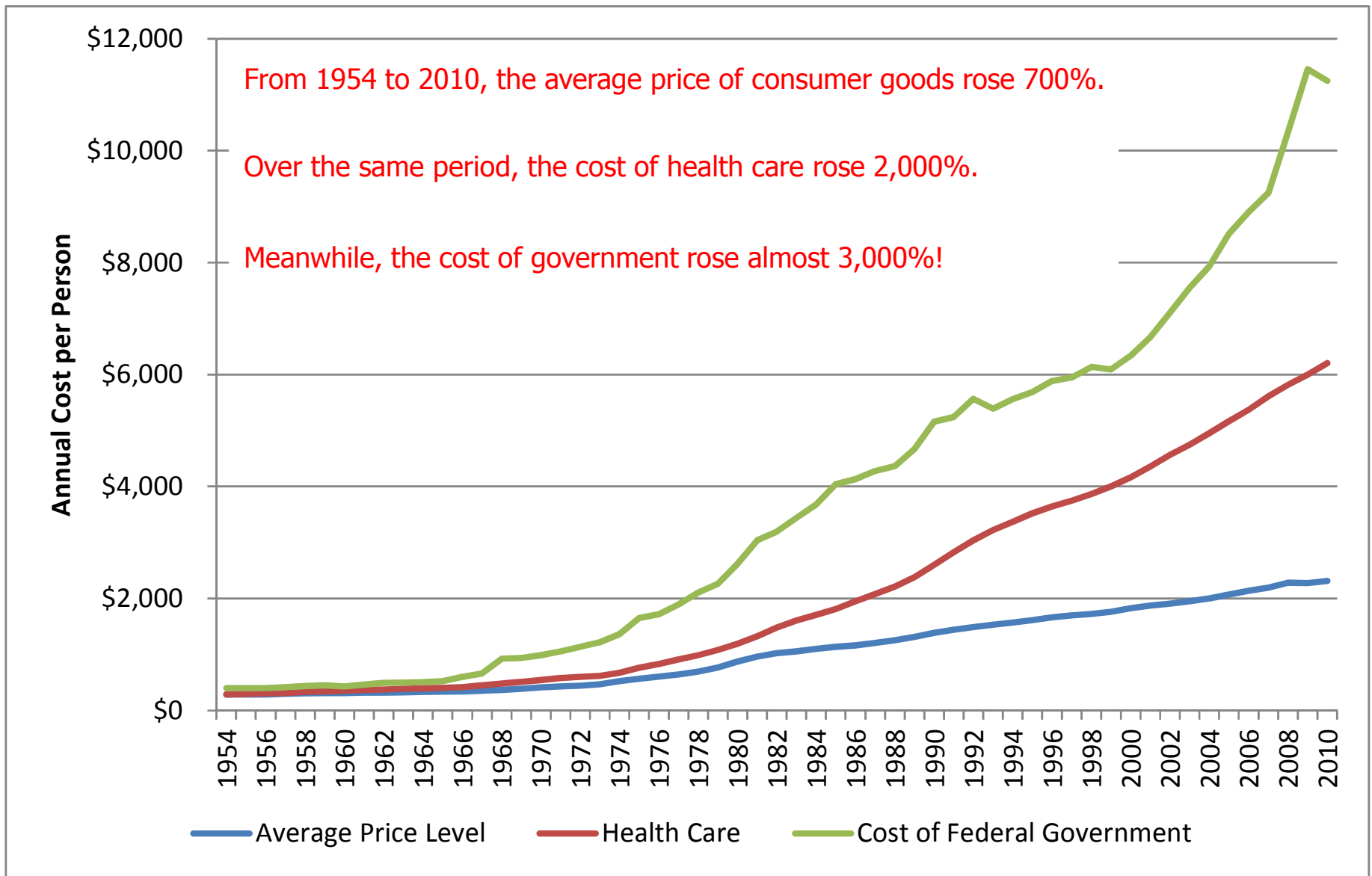
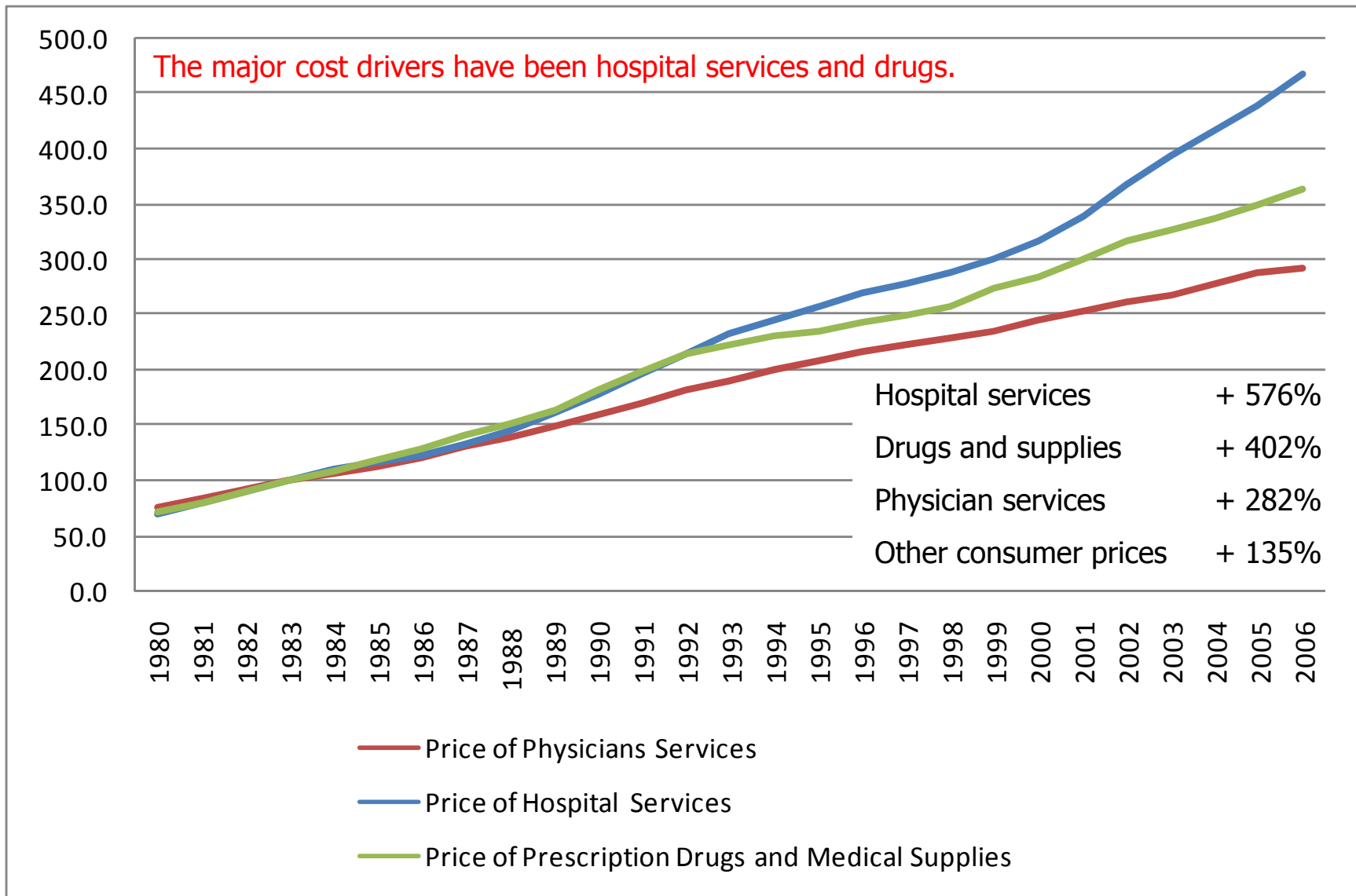


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But, the cost of health care is only half of the picture.

What has been happening to the quality of health care?

How do we measure the quality of health care?

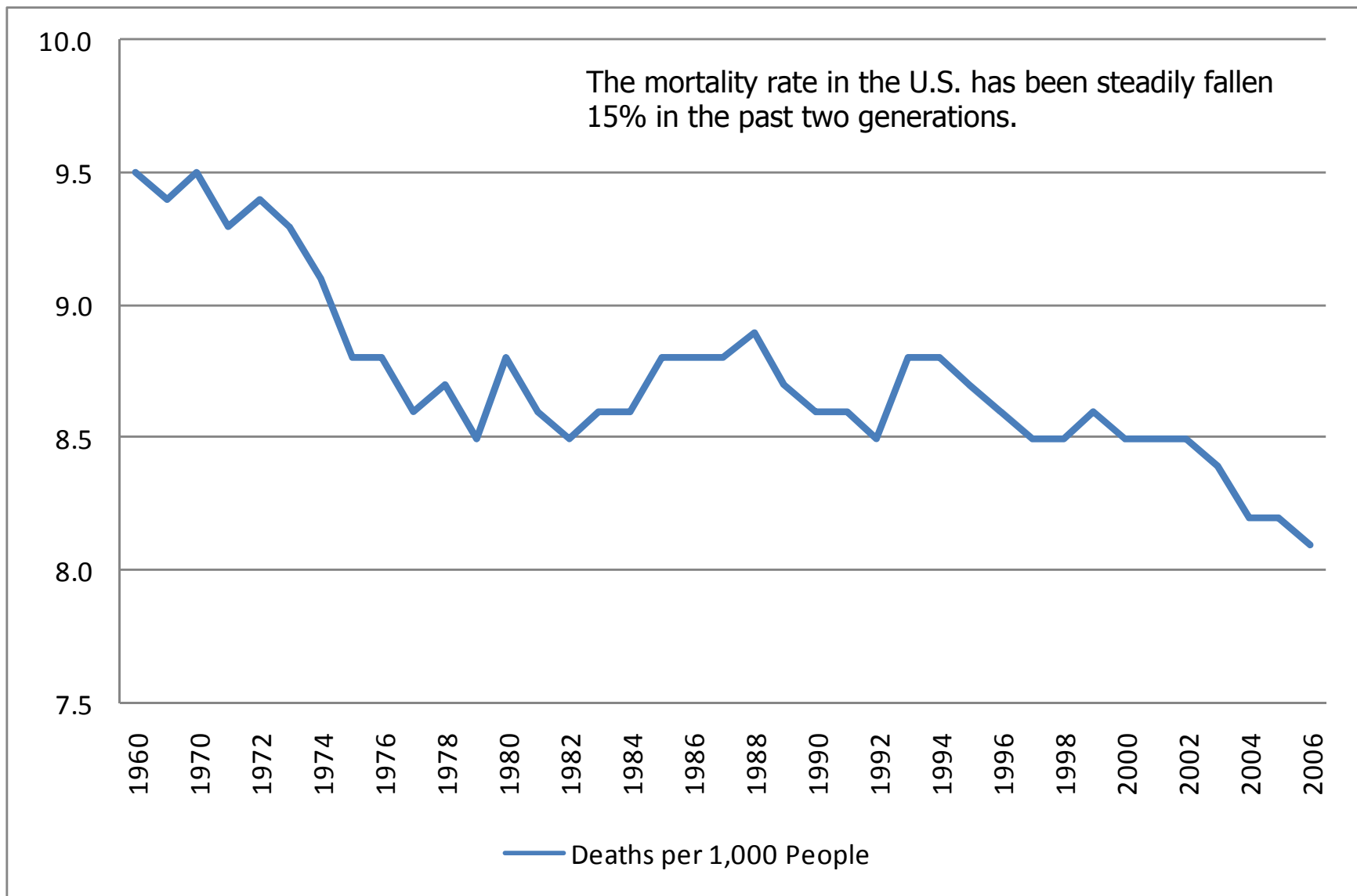
1. What is “quality?”
2. How do we account for health care that has become routine but didn't exist in the past (e.g., pre-natal care)?
3. How do we weigh qualities across different types of care (e.g., dental vs. catastrophic)?

How does one measure the quality of health care?

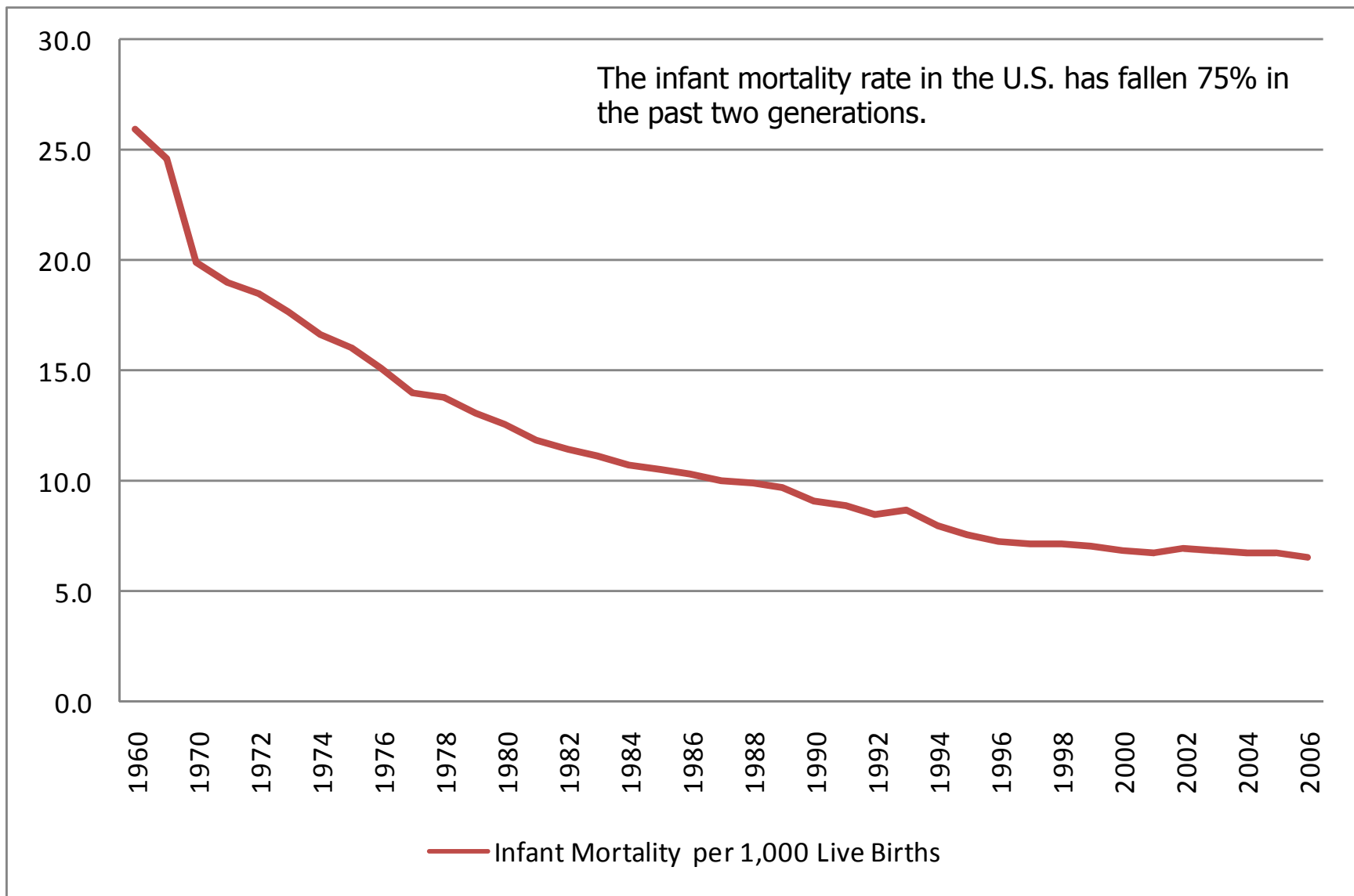
An easy measure of the effectiveness of health care is the mortality rate.

Some health care may have little or no impact on the mortality rate (e.g., orthodonture).

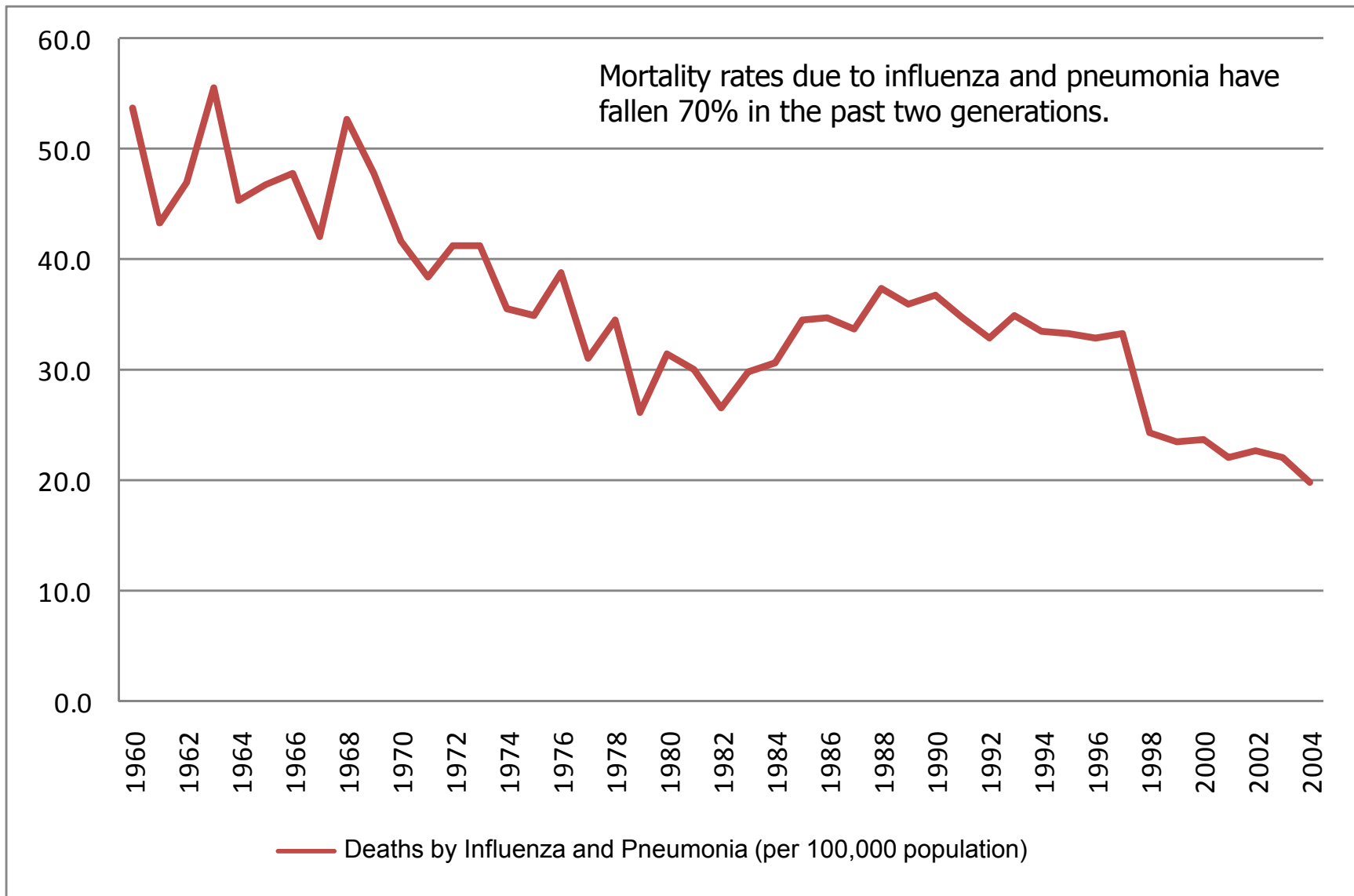
But, it is not unreasonable to assume that the qualities of other types of health care grow at similar rates.



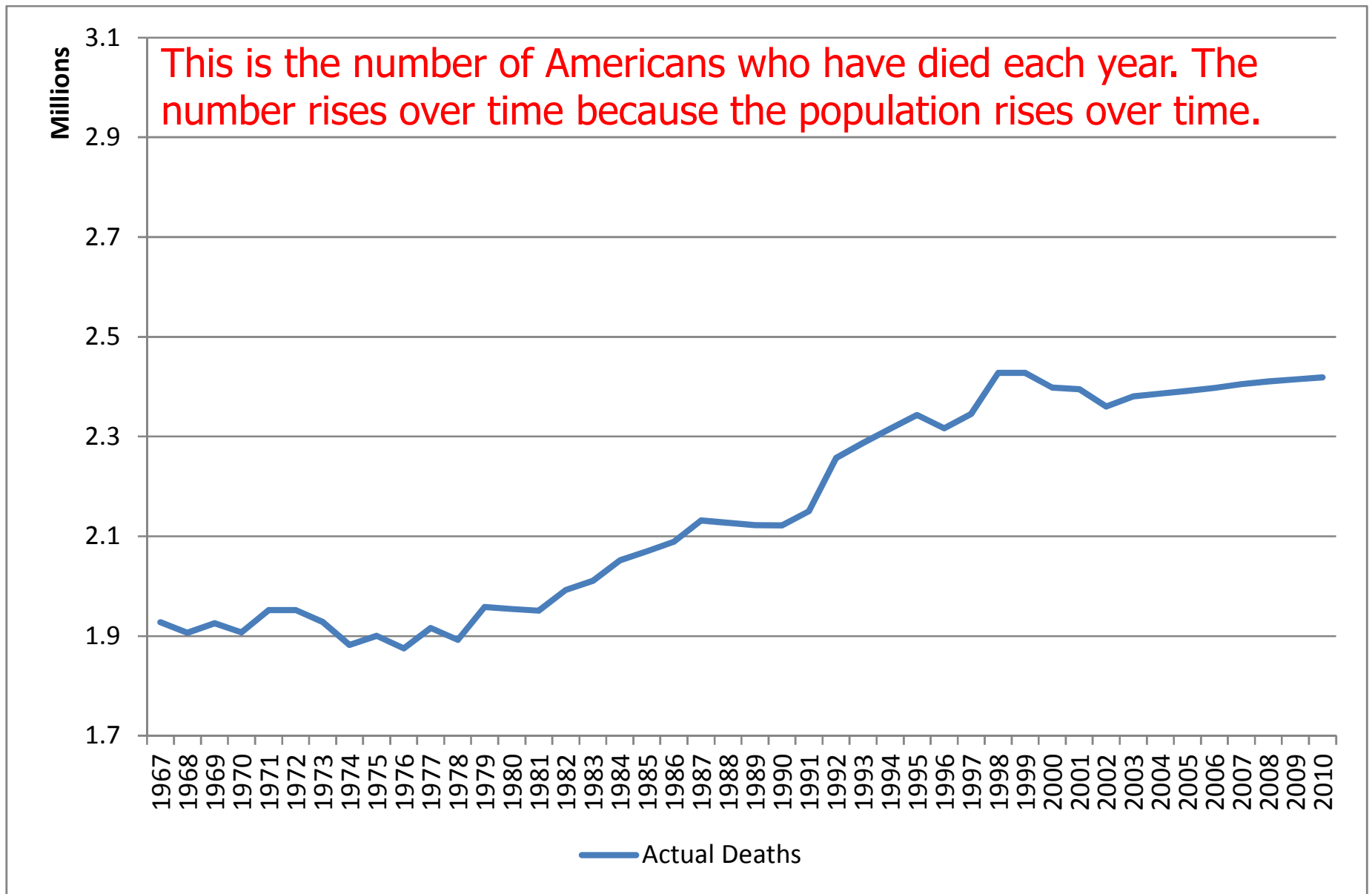
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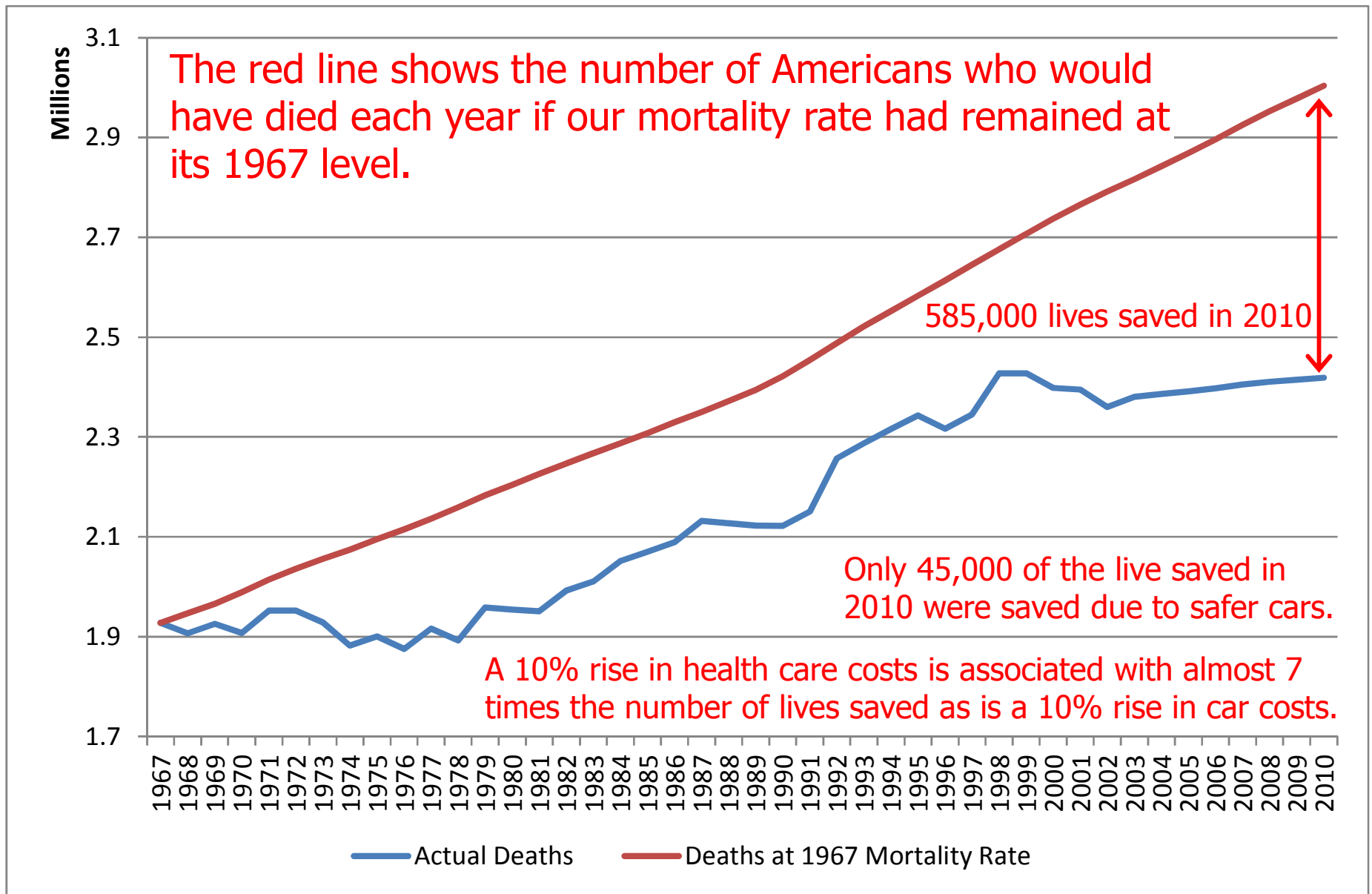
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