

ENHANCED

STATE OF
THE
UNION

★ #SOTU ★



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**HE SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME
GIVE TO CONGRESS INFORMATION
OF THE STATE OF THE UNION AND
RECOMMEND TO THEIR
CONSIDERATION SUCH MEASURES
AS HE SHALL JUDGE NECESSARY
AND EXPEDIENT.**

”

— ARTICLE II, SECTION 3

We the People

of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby constitute and establish the Government of the United States of America.

Article I

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.
Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in that State.
No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and when elected shall not be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.
The Senators and Representatives shall be elected every second Year, but the Senators shall be elected in the first Year, so that one-third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen, they shall be filled in the same Manner. The electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in that State.
The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers, and shall determine the Rules of their Proceedings. They shall have sole Power of Impeachment.
Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the great Council of each State, one of whom shall hold Office for six Years, and one for four Years, and one for two Years; and when they shall be chosen, the Seats of the Senators from the first Year shall be in one State, from the second Year in another, and from the third Year in a third State, so that one-third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen, they shall be filled in the same Manner. The electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in that State.
The Senate shall have the sole Power of Impeachment. They shall also have the sole Power of trying all Impeachments. When the President is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside. And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two-thirds of the Members present.
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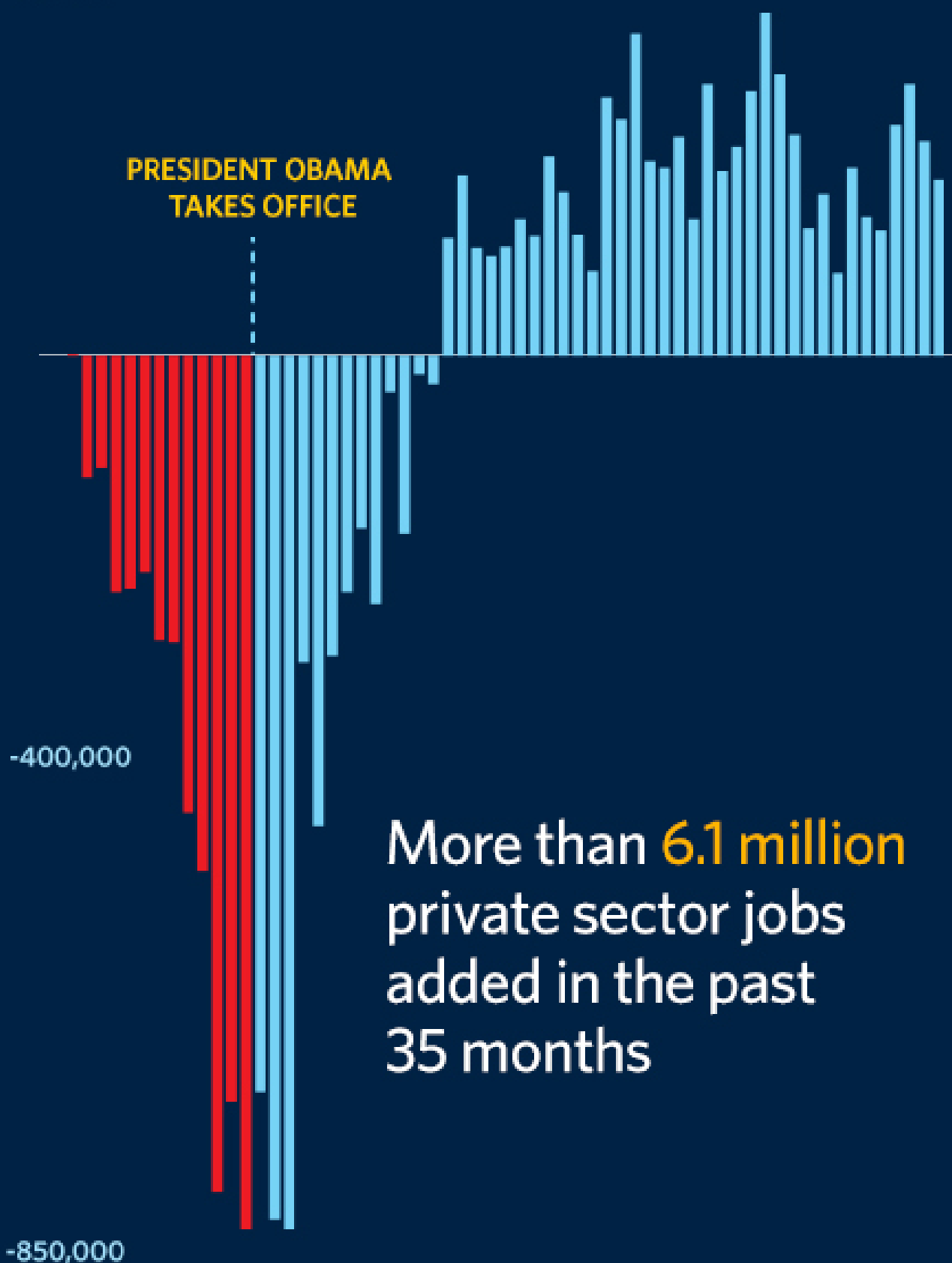


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MONTHLY PRIVATE-SECTOR JOB **LOSSES** AND **GAINS**

350,000



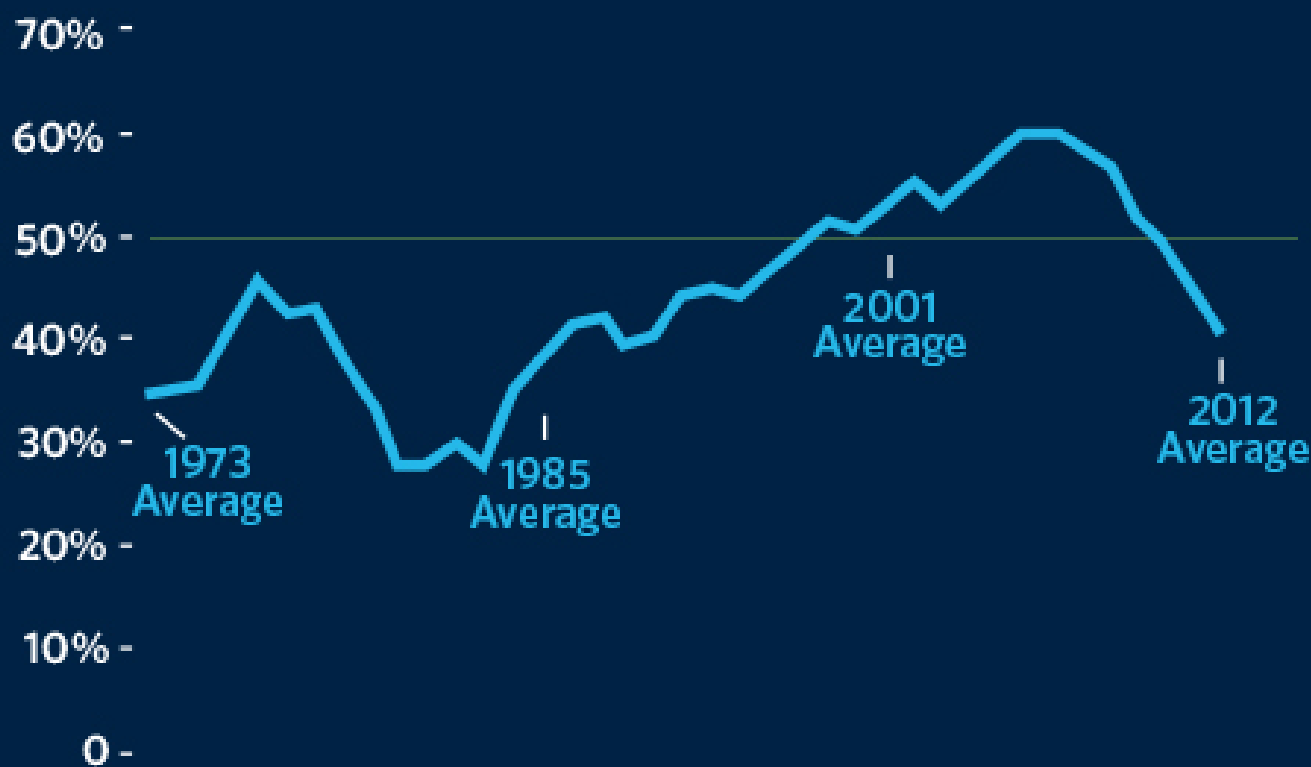
-400,000

More than **6.1 million** private sector jobs added in the past 35 months

-850,000

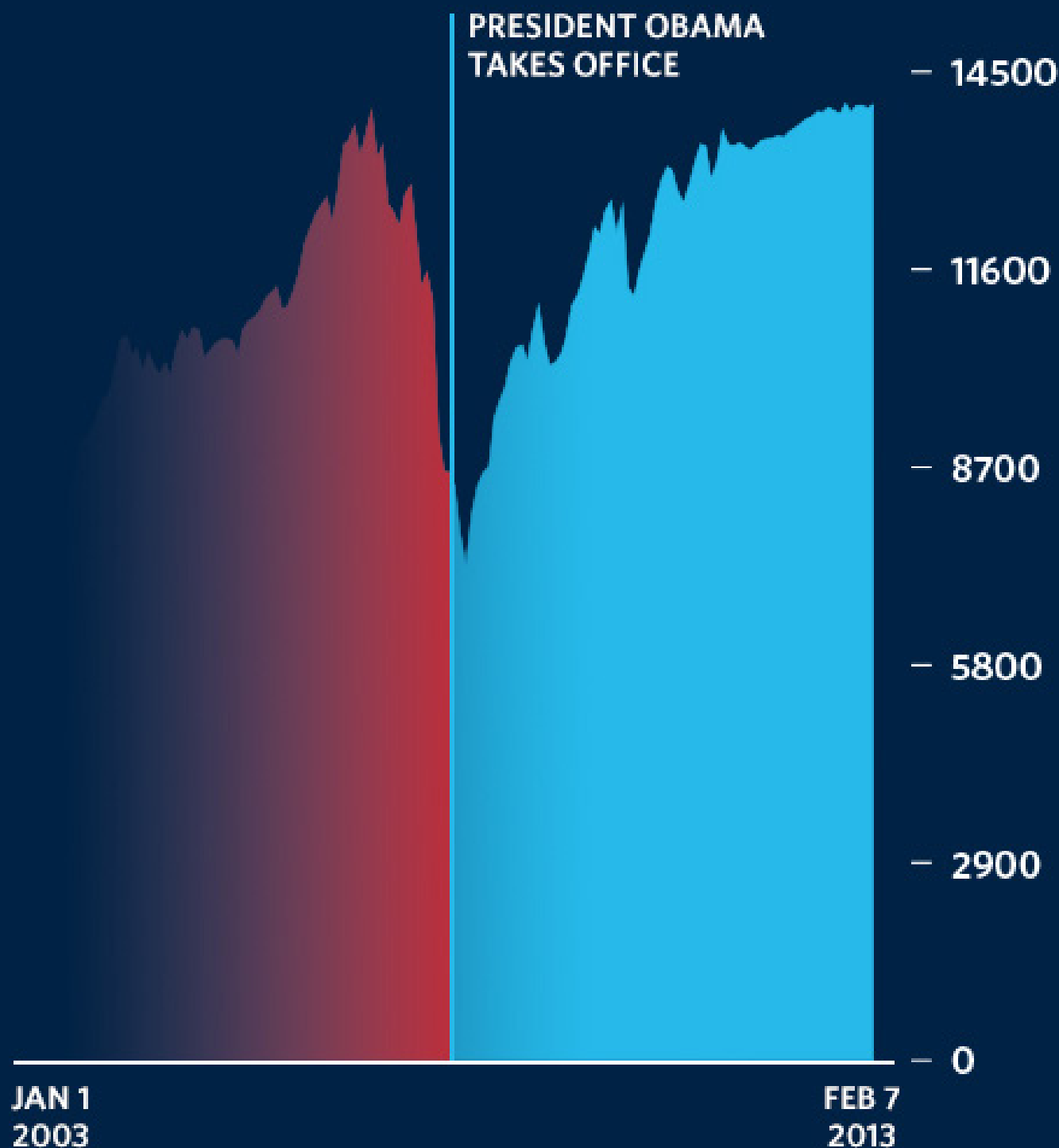
OIL IMPORTS AT TWENTY-YEAR LOW

Imports of crude oil and petroleum products as a share of supply



STOCK MARKET AT FIVE-YEAR HIGH

Dow Jones Industrial Average

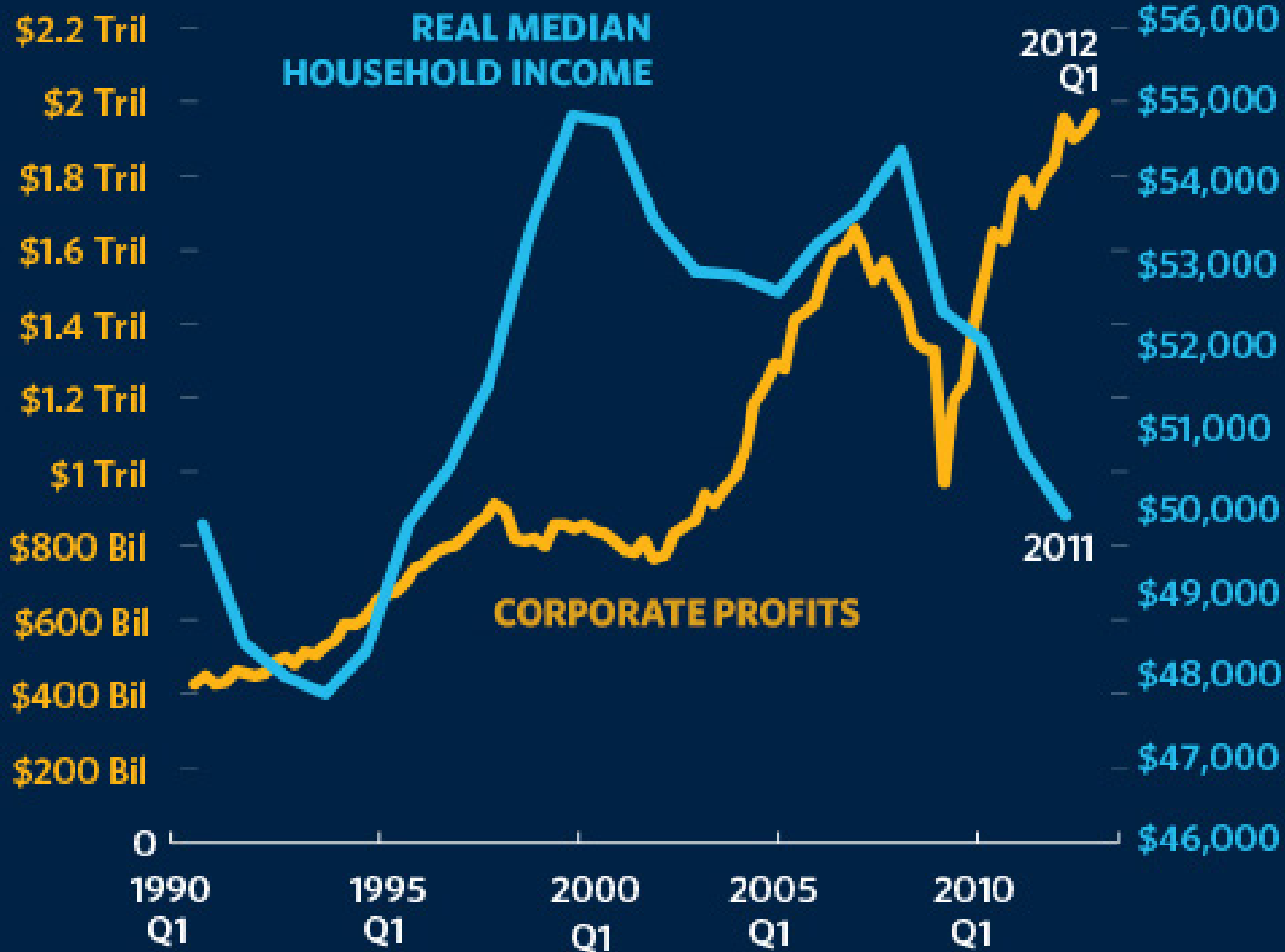


CORPORATE PROFITS SOAR AS INCOME SHRINKS

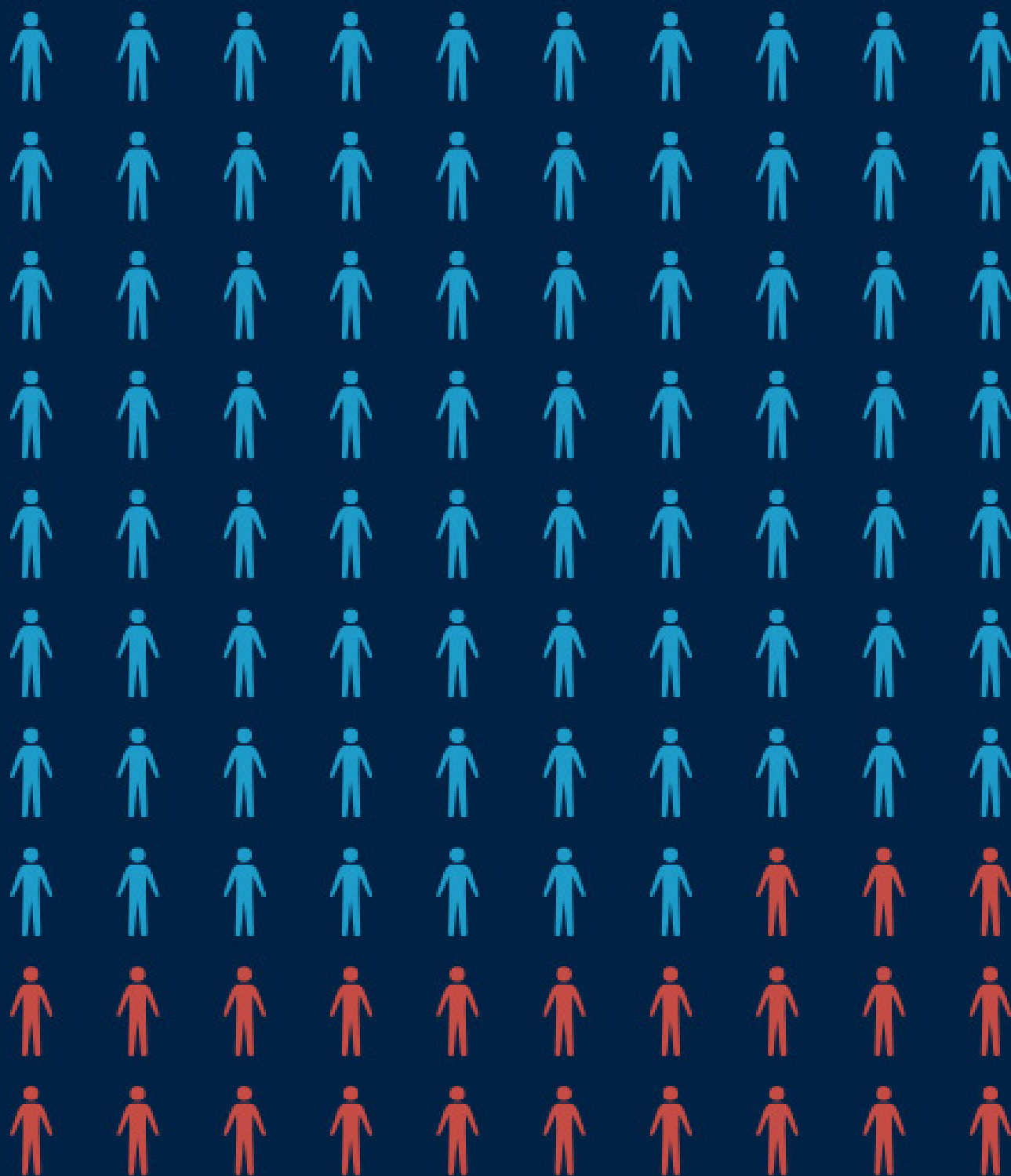
Corporate profits vs. real median household income

Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted
Annual Rate

2011 Dollars



**BUILDING THE
ECONOMY
FROM THE
MIDDLE CLASS
OUT**



**77% OF AMERICANS BELIEVE
THE POLITICAL GAMES IN
WASHINGTON ARE CAUSING
SERIOUS HARM TO OUR COUNTRY**



“

**IT IS MY TASK TO REPORT THE STATE OF THE UNION -
TO IMPROVE IT IS THE TASK OF US ALL.**

”

-President John F. Kennedy, 1962 State of the Union

PROGRESS TOWARD **\$4 TRILLION** IN DEFICIT REDUCTION

BUT THERE IS MORE TO DO

Full reduction will be achieved through a balance of **spending cuts** and **new revenue**

INTEREST SAVINGS
\$500 BILLION

NEW REVENUE
MORE THAN \$600 BILLION

SPENDING CUTS
\$1.4 TRILLION

PROGRESS: MORE THAN \$2.5 TRILLION

TOTAL NEEDED: \$4 TRILLION



**IF CONGRESS DOESN'T ACT,
AUTOMATIC SPENDING
CUTS — TOTALING
ABOUT \$1 TRILLION —
WILL GO INTO EFFECT
THIS YEAR.**

**IF CONGRESS DOESN'T ACT,
AUTOMATIC SPENDING CUTS WILL**

CUT SUPPORT
PROGRAMS FOR NEARLY
1.2 MILLION
DISADVANTAGED
STUDENTS AND
THREATEN MORE THAN
30,000 TEACHER AND
SCHOOL STAFF JOBS

**IF CONGRESS DOESN'T ACT,
AUTOMATIC SPENDING CUTS WILL**

**HALT RESEARCH ON
TREATING AND CURING
DISEASES THAT AFFECT
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS**

**IF CONGRESS DOESN'T ACT,
AUTOMATIC SPENDING CUTS WILL**

**REDUCE LENDING TO
SMALL BUSINESSES BY
UP TO \$540 MILLION,
LIMITING THEIR ABILITY
TO CREATE JOBS**

THE RANKS OF SENIORS ARE GROWING:

The first Baby Boomers turned 65 in 2011

72 MILLION
Americans age 65+



35 MILLION
Americans age 65+



2000

2030

BALANCED DEFICIT REDUCTION

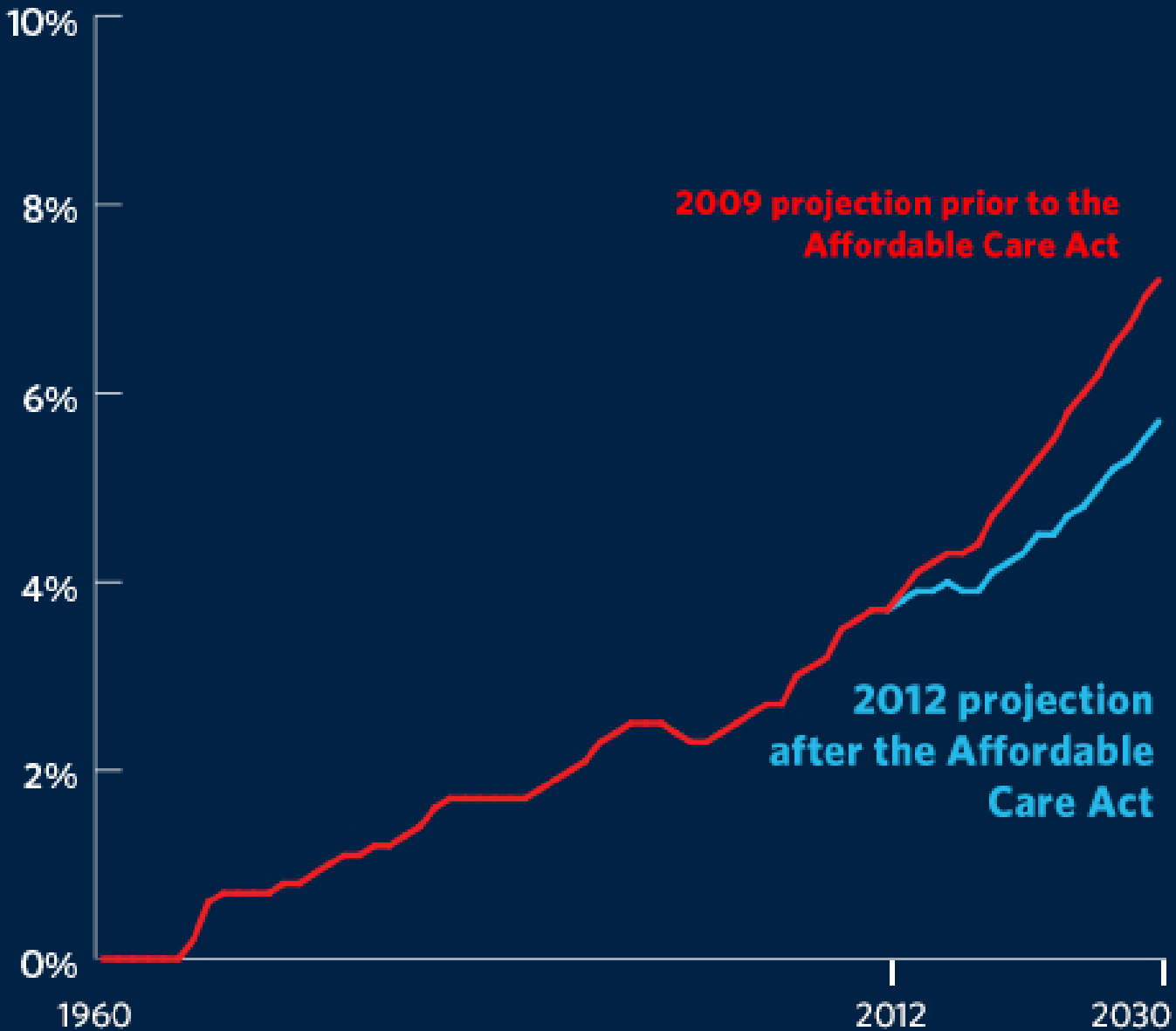


**PRESIDENT OBAMA
HAS PROPOSED
REFORMS THAT
WILL SAVE
\$340 BILLION
FROM HEALTH
CARE SPENDING
OVER 10 YEARS.**

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT LOWERS HEALTH CARE COSTS

Reduces the deficit by \$1 trillion
over two decades

Projected Medicare spending as a percent of GDP



LEARN MORE AT HEALTHCARE.GOV

SOCIAL SECURITY HAS KEPT MILLIONS OF SENIORS OUT OF POVERTY

Percentage of Americans over age
65 living in poverty



Without Social Security, 43% of elderly Americans
would have incomes below the poverty line.

**CLOSING
LOOPHOLES
RAISES
REVENUE**



Corporate jet owners get a special tax break for the depreciation of their aircrafts. Closing that loophole will save billions of dollars over the next 10 years.

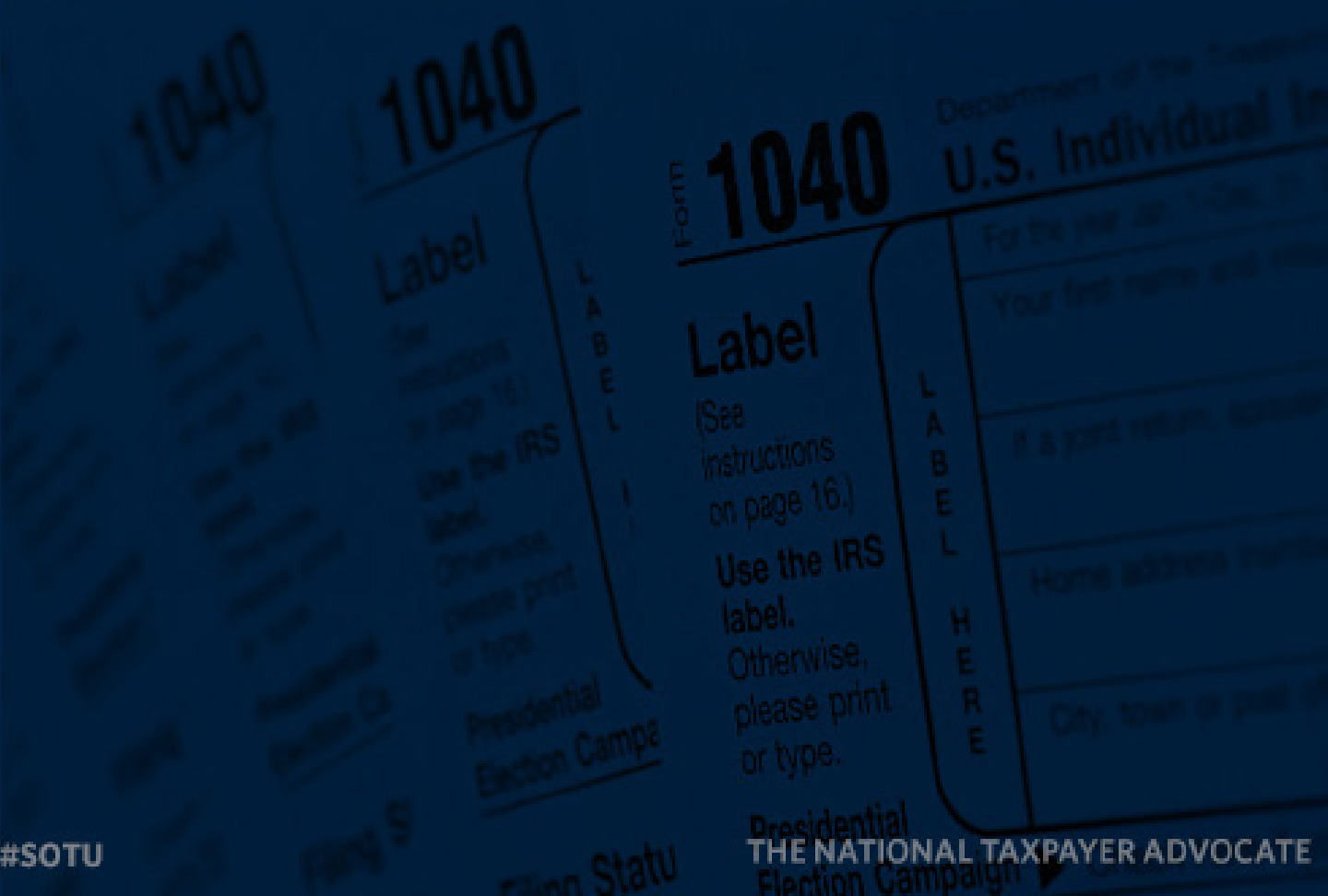
**CLOSING
LOOPHOLES
RAISES
REVENUE**



**Taxpayers have been subsidizing oil
companies since 1913 —
back when only 48 states were
in the Union and Ford was still
producing the Model T.**

BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS SPEND MORE THAN 6,000,000,000 HOURS A YEAR WORKING ON THEIR TAXES

↗
YEAH,
BILLIONS



DID YOU KNOW?



**THE COST OF CLOSING
DOWN A FACTORY
TO MOVE IT OVERSEAS
IS CURRENTLY A TAX-
DEDUCTIBLE BUSINESS
EXPENSE**

**A 2011
CONGRESSIONAL
STANDOFF OVER
PAYING OUR
NATION'S BILLS
LEAVES TAXPAYERS
ON THE HOOK FOR
\$18 BILLION IN
HIGHER INTEREST
PAYMENTS OVER
THE NEXT 10
YEARS.**

**BRING MORE JOBS
TO AMERICA FOR
MANUFACTURING**

**GIVE AMERICANS
SKILLS THEY NEED**

**MAKE SURE HARD
WORK LEADS TO A
DECENT LIVING**





**NEARLY 500,000
MANUFACTURING JOBS
ADDED SINCE JAN. 2010,
THE FASTEST THREE-YEAR
GROWTH IN OVER
A DECADE**



**FORD HAS PLEDGED TO SPEND
\$16 BILLION UPGRADING ITS U.S.
OPERATIONS BY 2015 —
AN INVESTMENT THAT COULD
CREATE AS MANY AS
12,000 NEW JOBS**



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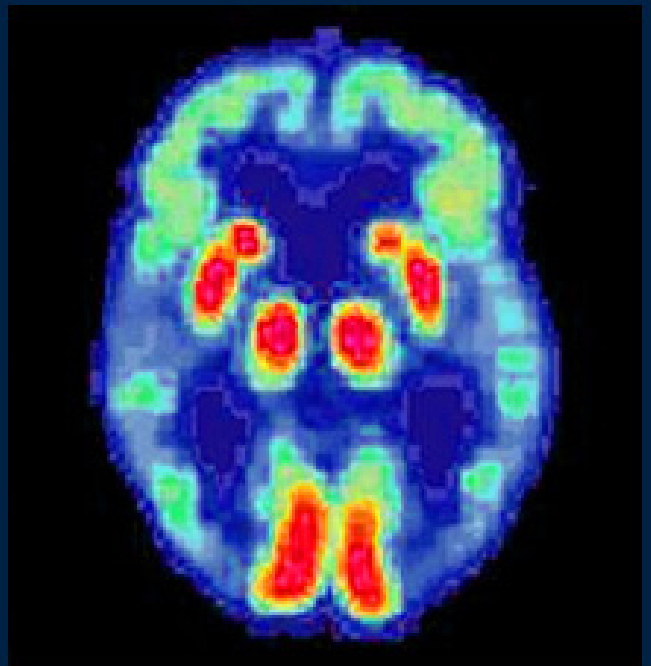
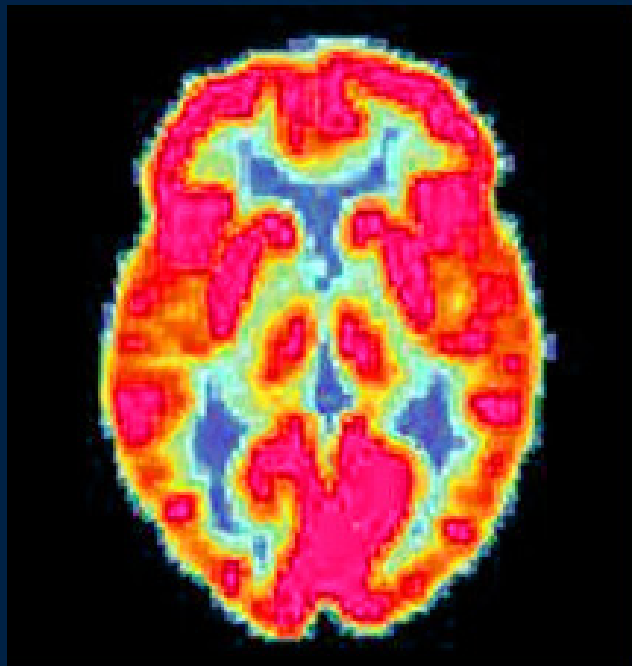
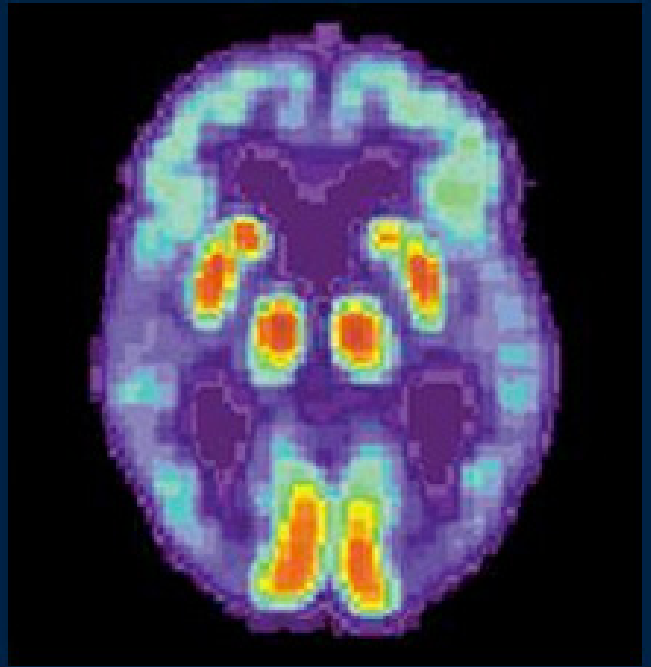
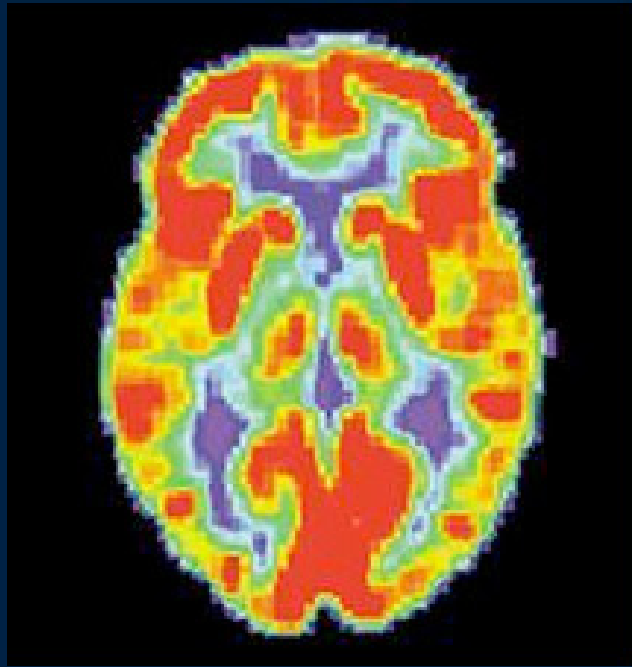
DEPOSIT THIN LAYERS OF MATERIAL, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, UNTIL A DESIGNED COMPONENT TAKES SHAPE. THIS "ADDITIVE" PROCESS COULD USE 50% LESS ENERGY THAN CURRENT MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

**IN 2010 ALONE, THE
INDUSTRY BORN FROM THE
HUMAN GENOME PROJECT
GENERATED \$67 BILLION IN
U.S. ECONOMIC OUTPUT AND
SUPPORTED 310,000 JOBS.**



5.1 MILLION

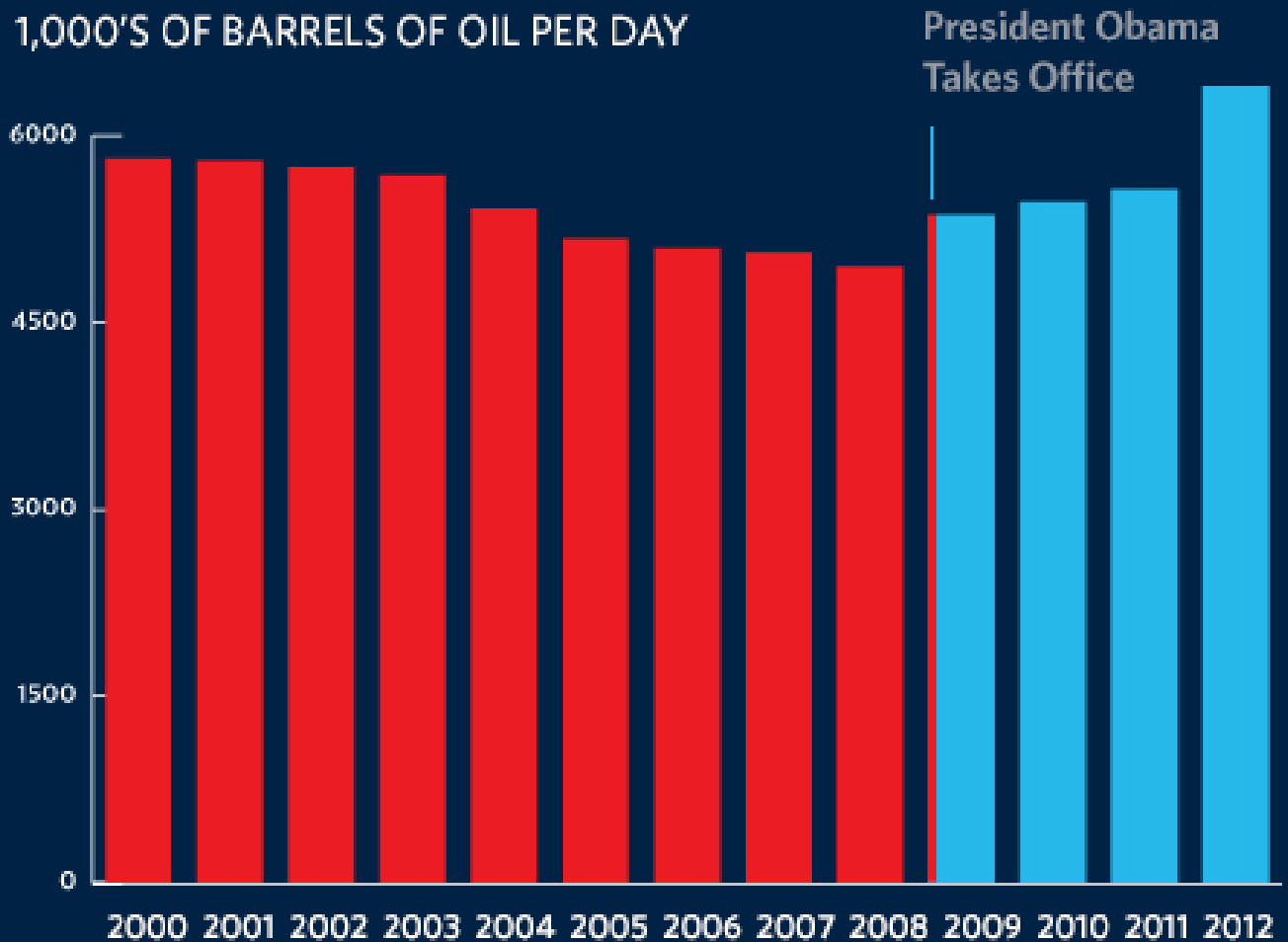
AMERICANS ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION HAS GONE UP EVERY YEAR UNDER PRESIDENT OBAMA

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL

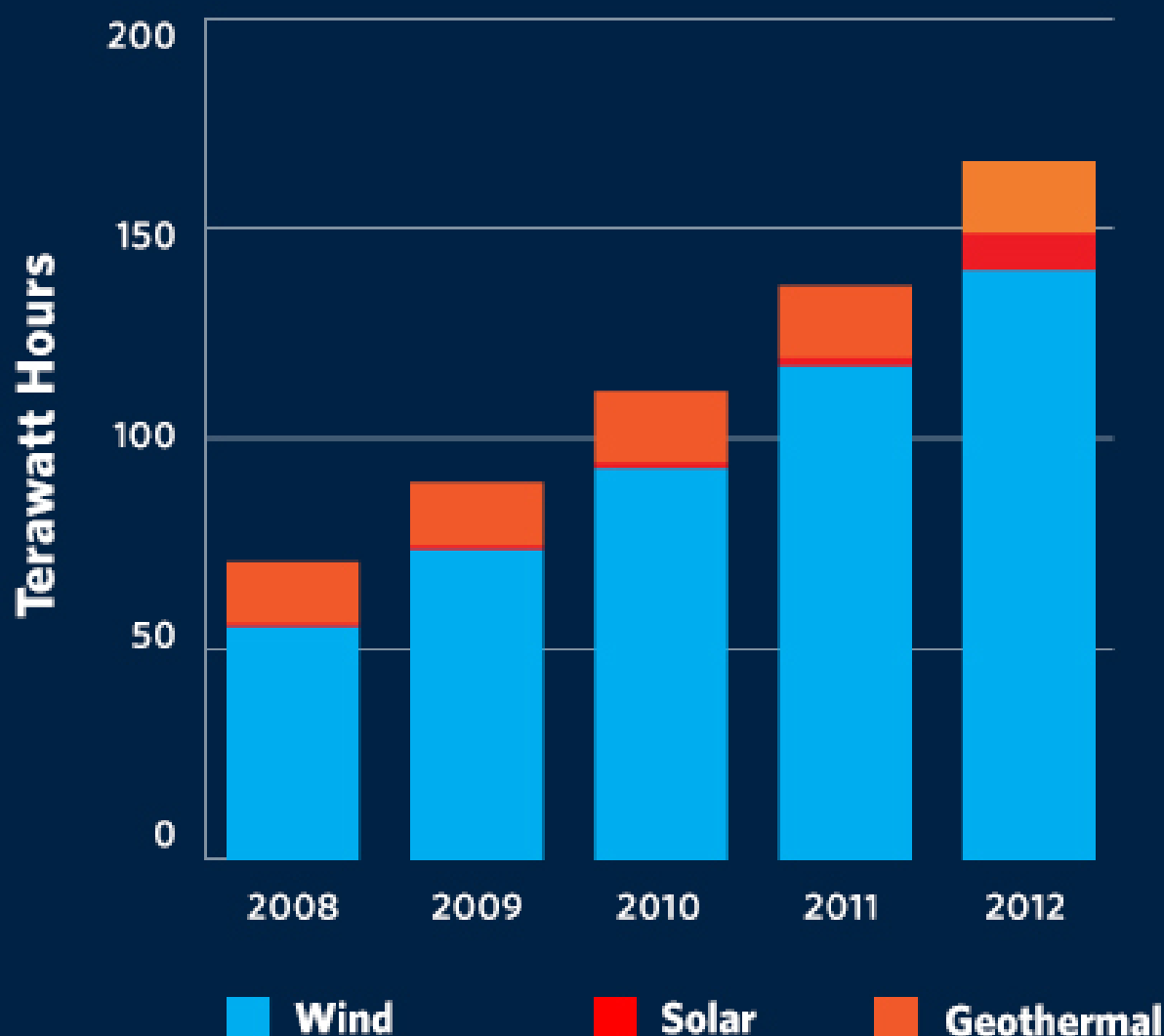
1,000'S OF BARRELS OF OIL PER DAY



IN 2012, LESS THAN HALF THE OIL CONSUMED IN THE UNITED STATES CAME FROM OVERSEAS.

DOUBLING

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION, 2008-2012

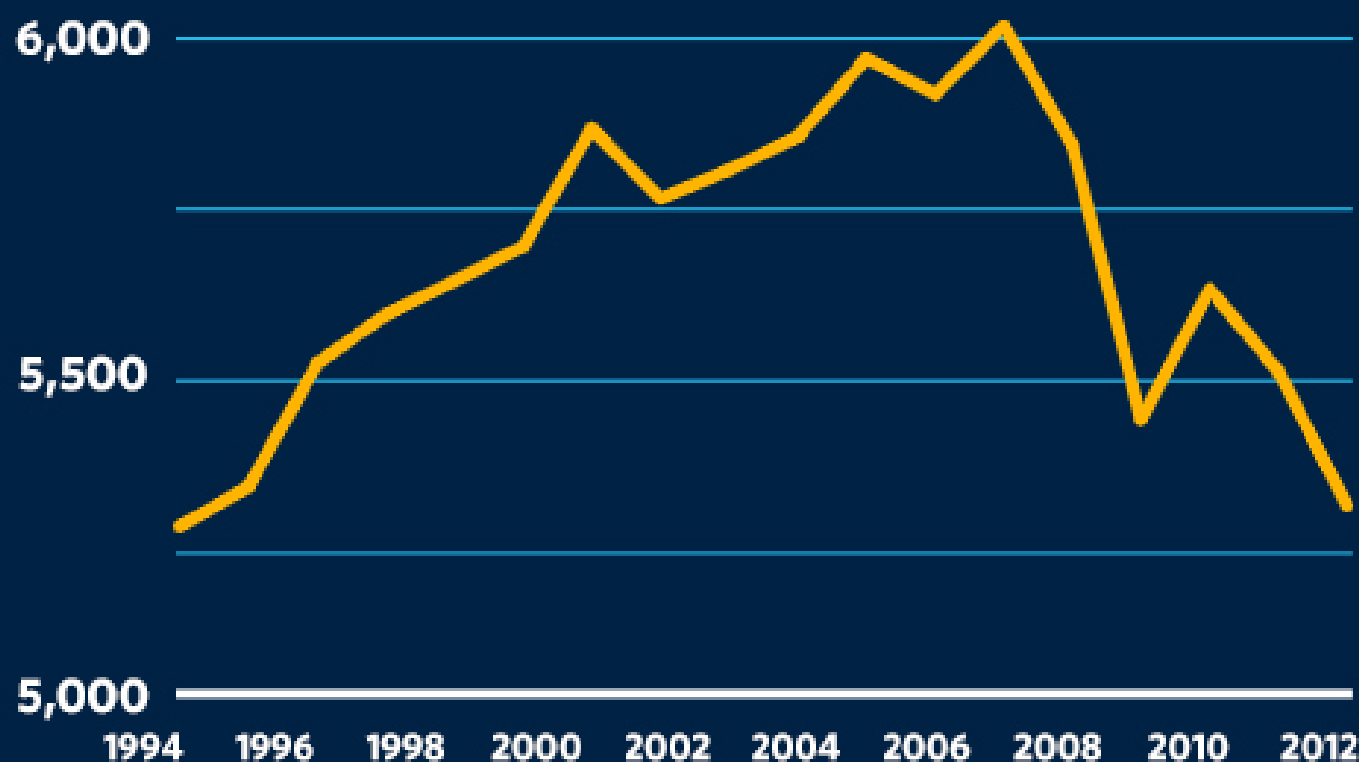




**THE U.S. SOLAR INDUSTRY
EMPLOYS MORE THAN
120,000
PEOPLE TODAY**

U.S. ENERGY-RELATED CO2 EMISSIONS ARE THE LOWEST SINCE 1994

EMISSIONS
IN MILLIONS OF
METRIC TONS



IN THE PAST 15 YEARS, WE'VE EXPERIENCED **12 OF THE HOTTEST** YEARS ON RECORD



5-YEAR RUNNING MEAN



SUPERSTORM SANDY

146 PEOPLE DEAD

SECOND COSTLIEST STORM IN U.S. HISTORY

\$62 BILLION IN DAMAGES

NEW JERSEY

346,000 HOMES

WERE DESTROYED OR
DAMAGED, AND

190,000 BUSINESSES

DISRUPTED

NEW YORK

305,000 HOMES

WERE DESTROYED OR
DAMAGED, AND

265,000 BUSINESSES

DISRUPTED



2012
COLORADO WILDFIRES

648 STRUCTURES DESTROYED
6 PEOPLE DEAD
384,803 ACRES BURNED

\$538 MILLION
IN PROPERTY LOSSES

COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE

IF CONGRESS DOESN'T ACT,
PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL TAKE
EXECUTIVE ACTION TO:

- REDUCE CARBON POLLUTION**
- PREPARE COMMUNITIES FOR
CLIMATE CHANGE**
- ACCELERATE OUR TRANSITION
TO MORE SUSTAINABLE
SOURCES OF ENERGY**

The U.S. has more than

45,000

WIND TURBINES

that provide enough electricity to

POWER 14.7 MILLION HOMES

— roughly equivalent to the

number of homes in these

states combined:

COLORADO

IOWA, MARYLAND,

MICHIGAN, NEVADA,

OHIO



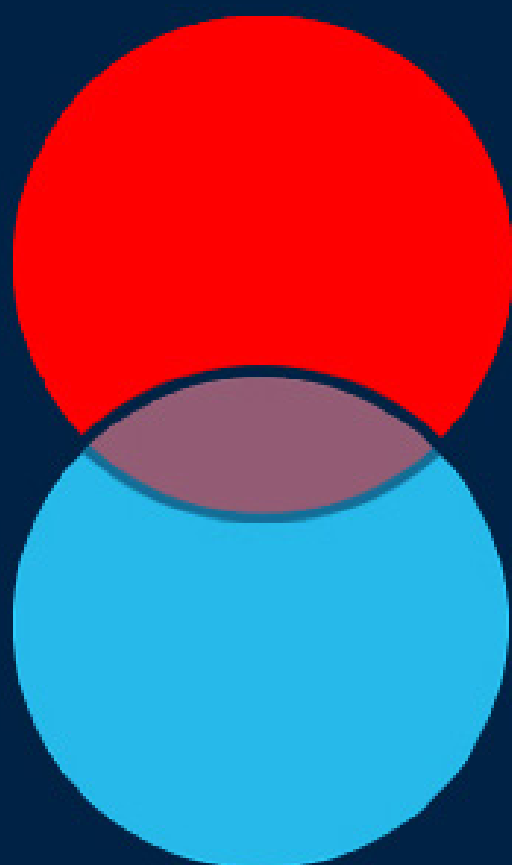


U.S. SOLAR GENERATION
SURGED
NEARLY **400%**

FROM 2008-2012

CHINA AND THE U.S. ARE MATCHING PACE

IN INVESTMENTS FOR RENEWABLE
ENERGY, BUT WE MUST KEEP IT UP



CHINA

\$52.5 BILLION

USA

\$50.8 BILLION

WITH MORE WELLS, WE'RE PRODUCING MORE NATURAL GAS THAN EVER BEFORE

NUMBER OF PRODUCING NATURAL GAS WELLS



CREATE AN
ENERGY SECURITY TRUST
TO SHIFT OUR
CARS & TRUCKS
OFF OIL FOR GOOD

CUT OUR HOME & BUSINESS
ENERGY WASTE IN

HALF

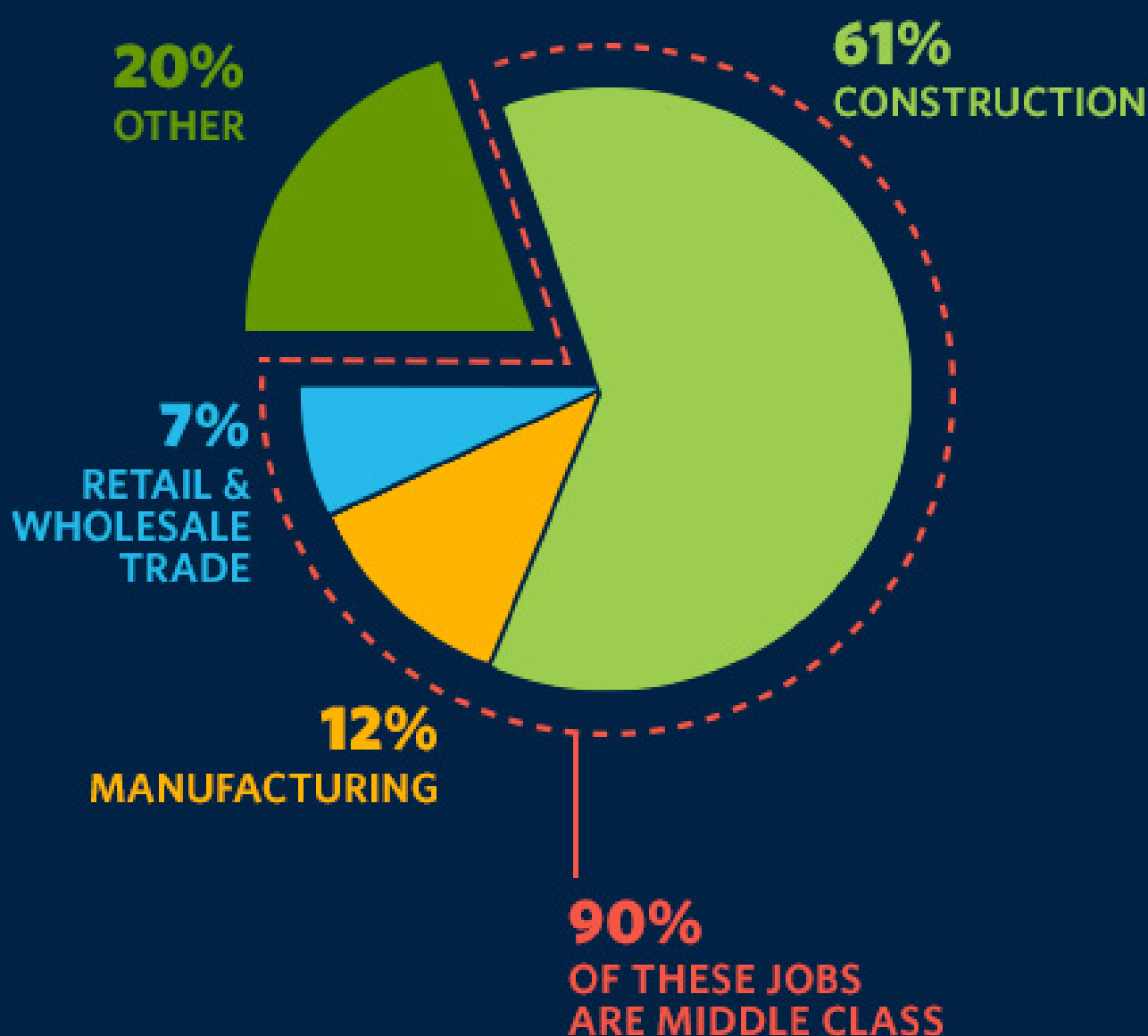
OVER THE NEXT
TWENTY YEARS



More than 200,000 miles of U.S.
roads need repair right now —
**ENOUGH TO CIRCLE THE
EARTH EIGHT TIMES.**

JOBS CREATED BY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

BY SECTOR



LAUNCH A
**FIX-IT-FIRST
PROGRAM**
TO FOCUS ON
OUR MOST URGENT
INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS

DID YOU KNOW?

ONE IN FOUR BRIDGES IN THE UNITED STATES REMAINS STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT OR FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE



#JOBSNOW

PHOTO: MITCHELL SCHULTHEIS
DATA: FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



During the financial crisis,
homeowners lost \$7.25 trillion
in equity, which translated into an
AVERAGE LOSS OF \$55,700
FOR EACH AMERICAN HOME.

THE HOUSING MARKET IS RECOVERING

Percentages increased compared to 2011



**EXISTING
HOME SALES
UP 13%**



**HOUSING
STARTS
UP 37%**



**HOME
PRICES
UP 6%**



MORTGAGE RATES ARE HISTORICALLY LOW

But millions of Americans still have mortgage rates above 7%



30-YEAR FIXED RATE MORTGAGE AVERAGE

CUTTING RED TAPE WILL HELP

RESPONSIBLE HOMEOWNERS

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
HISTORICALLY LOW
INTEREST RATES:**

SIMPLIFY PAPERWORK

**ELIMINATE APPRAISALS
FOR REFINANCING**

**ENABLE UNDERWATER
HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE
CURRENT ON PAYMENTS
TO LOCK IN BETTER
RATES**

LEARN MORE: [WH.GOV/REFI](https://www.whitehouse.gov/refi)

**IF A FAMILY WITH A
MORTGAGE OF \$180,000
REFINANCES FROM A 6%
TO A 3.5% RATE, THEY
WOULD HAVE \$375.
THAT'S \$4,500 A YEAR.**

6%



3.5%

DID YOU KNOW?

**FROM BIRTH UNTIL
AGE 5, A CHILD'S BRAIN
DEVELOPS MORE THAN
AT ANY OTHER PERIOD
IN LIFE.**



#EDUCATION

TODAY, 39 STATES AND DC HAVE STATE-FUNDED PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

BUT FEWER THAN

3 IN **10** **FOUR YEAR OLDS**
ARE ENROLLED IN A HIGH-QUALITY
PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM



WITHOUT A HIGH-QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION, AT-RISK CHILDREN ARE

25% MORE LIKELY TO **DROP OUT**
OF SCHOOL

40% MORE LIKELY TO BECOME
A **TEEN PARENT**

50% MORE LIKELY TO BE PLACED
IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

60% MORE LIKELY TO **NEVER ATTEND**
COLLEGE

70% MORE LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED
FOR A **VIOLENT CRIME**

**HIGH-QUALITY PRESCHOOL AVAILABLE TO
EVERY CHILD.**

MAKE
HIGH-QUALITY
PRE-SCHOOL
AVAILABLE TO
EVERY
CHILD
IN AMERICA

IN AN ASSESSMENT OF 34 COUNTRIES,

15-YEAR-OLD

HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENTS

FROM THE U.S.

RANKED:

ONLY

14th

IN READING

SOUTH KOREA IS #1

ONLY

17th

IN SCIENCE

*SLOVENIA, ESTONIA
AND ICELAND
RANK HIGHER*

ONLY

25th

IN MATH

FINLAND IS #1

P·TECH Pathways in Technology Early College High School

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN:



6-YEAR PROGRAM:

GRADUATES WILL EARN HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMA AND AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE

88% OF STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE OR
REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

MILLIONS OF NEW JOBS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

BETWEEN NOW AND 2020,
OUR ECONOMY WILL NEED:

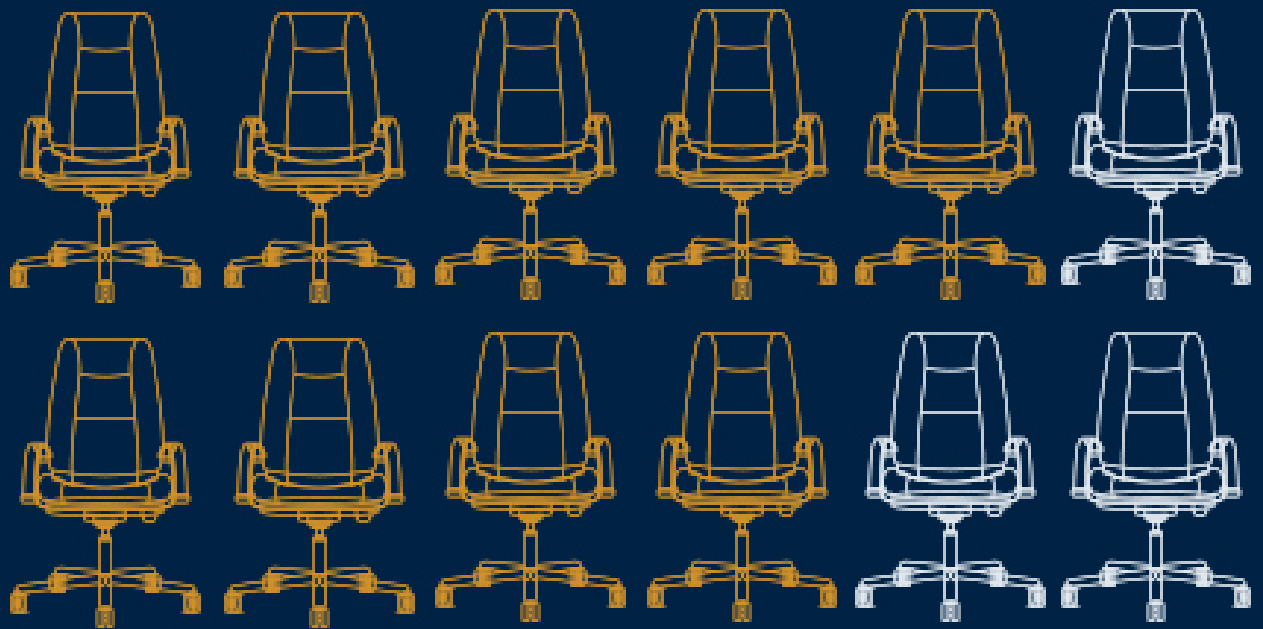
 **111,100**
new engineering technicians

 **121,900**
new physical scientists

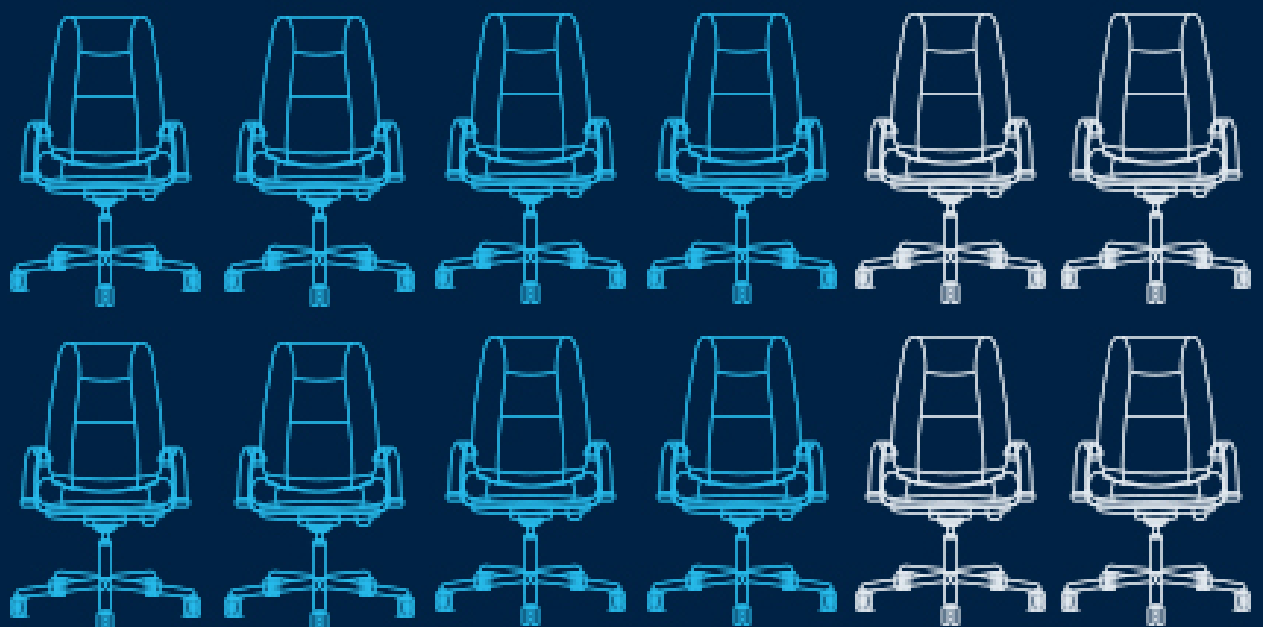
 **526,000**
new engineers

 **1,366,200**
new computer specialists

**IN 1973, NEARLY 3 OUT OF 4 JOBS
REQUIRED ONLY A HIGH SCHOOL
EDUCATION OR LESS.**



**BY 2020, NEARLY 2 OUT OF EVERY
3 JOBS WILL REQUIRE TRAINING
BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL.**



INCOME BY EDUCATION

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$60,004

**COLLEGE DEGREE
OR HIGHER**

\$23,532

**NO HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMA**

Annual average for people age 25 and over.

HELPING FAMILIES AFFORD COLLEGE

PELL GRANTS

9.5 MILLION STUDENTS
received Pell Grants in 2012.

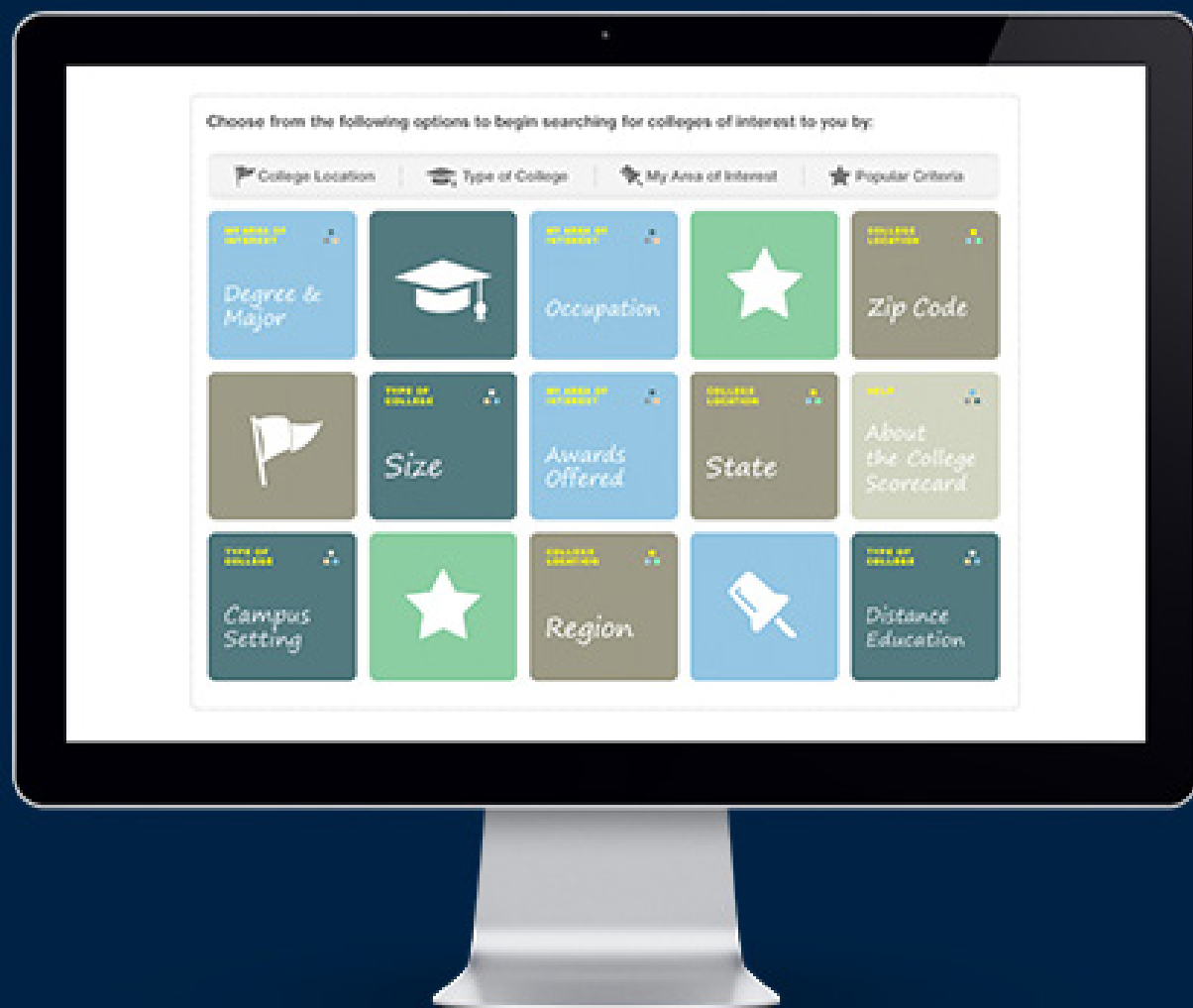
AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT

11 MILLION FAMILIES saved
up to \$10,000 over four years
thanks to President Obama's
college tax credit.

CONSIDER
**AFFORDABILITY
AND VALUE**
IN DETERMINING
**WHICH COLLEGES
RECEIVE
FEDERAL AID**

NEW COLLEGE SCORECARD LETS FAMILIES COMPARE COLLEGES

COST
GRADUATION RATE
BORROWING RATE
DEFAULT RATE



[WH.GOV/SCORECARD](https://www.wh.gov/scorecard)



**MORE THAN
50%**

**OF THE 30 FASTEST GROWING
OCCUPATIONS REQUIRE
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**IMMIGRANT-OWNED
BUSINESSES GENERATE
MORE THAN \$775 BILLION
IN REVENUE ANNUALLY —
MORE THAN WALMART, APPLE,
AND GENERAL MOTORS
COMBINED.**



**IN 2012, MORE THAN
780,000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING
9,000 MEMBERS OF THE U.S.
ARMED FORCES, WERE
NATURALIZED AS CITIZENS.**

CREATING A
21ST CENTURY
IMMIGRATION
SYSTEM

CONTINUING TO
STRENGTHEN BORDER SECURITY

STREAMLINING
LEGAL IMMIGRATION

CREATING A PATHWAY TO
EARNED CITIZENSHIP

CRACKING DOWN ON
EMPLOYERS HIRING
UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

LEARN MORE:

WH.GOV/IMMIGRATION



IMMIGRANTS REPRESENT

33% OF
AMERICA'S ENGINEERS

27% OF
MATHEMATICIANS,
STATISTICIANS, AND
COMPUTER SCIENTISTS

24% OF
PHYSICAL SCIENTISTS.

LEARN MORE: [WH.GOV/IMMIGRATION](https://www.whitehouse.gov/immigration)

THE **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

BETWEEN 1993-2010, THE RATE
OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE



DECLINED 64%

BETWEEN 1993-2007, THE RATE OF
INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES OF



**WOMEN
DECREASED 35%**

AND THE RATE OF INTIMATE
PARTNER HOMICIDES OF



**MEN
DECREASED 46%**

SUPPORT EQUAL PAY

A WOMAN EARNS AN AVERAGE OF 77 CENTS FOR EVERY DOLLAR EARNED BY A MAN.

BY AGE 65, THIS EARNINGS GAP MEANS SHE WILL HAVE LOST \$431,000.



**A PARENT NEEDS TO EARN AT
LEAST \$23,550 TO RAISE A
FAMILY OF FOUR ABOVE THE
POVERTY LINE.**

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LEAST **\$23,550** TO RAISE A
FAMILY OF FOUR ABOVE THE
POVERTY LINE.**

**A FULL-TIME WORKER
MAKING THE FEDERAL
MINIMUM WAGE OF \$7.25
AN HOUR IS PAID **\$14,500**
A YEAR.**

RAISE

THE FEDERAL
MINIMUM WAGE TO

\$9.00

AN HOUR,
then index it to
the cost of living.

A FULL-TIME MINIMUM WAGE
WORKER MAKING
\$9.00 AN HOUR

WOULD EARN AN ADDITIONAL
\$4,500 A YEAR
COMPARED TO THE CURRENT
MINIMUM WAGE.

THAT'S ENOUGH TO PAY FOR:

A family's spending on food for a year

OR

A family's spending on electric bills for a year

OR

A family's spending on gasoline and clothing

OR

Seven months of rent

DID YOU KNOW?

**NATIONWIDE RESEARCH
SHOWS THAT
MODERATE RAISES IN THE
MINIMUM WAGE HELP
WORKERS AND DO NOT
JEOPARDIZE JOBS.**

**LEARN MORE AT:
[WH.GOV/MINIMUMWAGE](https://www.whitehouse.gov/minimumwage)**

ARINDRAJIT DUBE, T. WILLIAM LESTER, AND MICHAEL REICH,
"MINIMUM WAGE EFFECTS ACROSS STATE BORDERS: ESTIMATES
USING CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES," REVIEW OF ECONOMICS
AND STATISTICS, 2010



**42% OF AMERICAN CHILDREN
WHO ARE BORN TO PARENTS ON
THE BOTTOM RUNGS OF THE
INCOME LADDER WILL STAY THERE.**

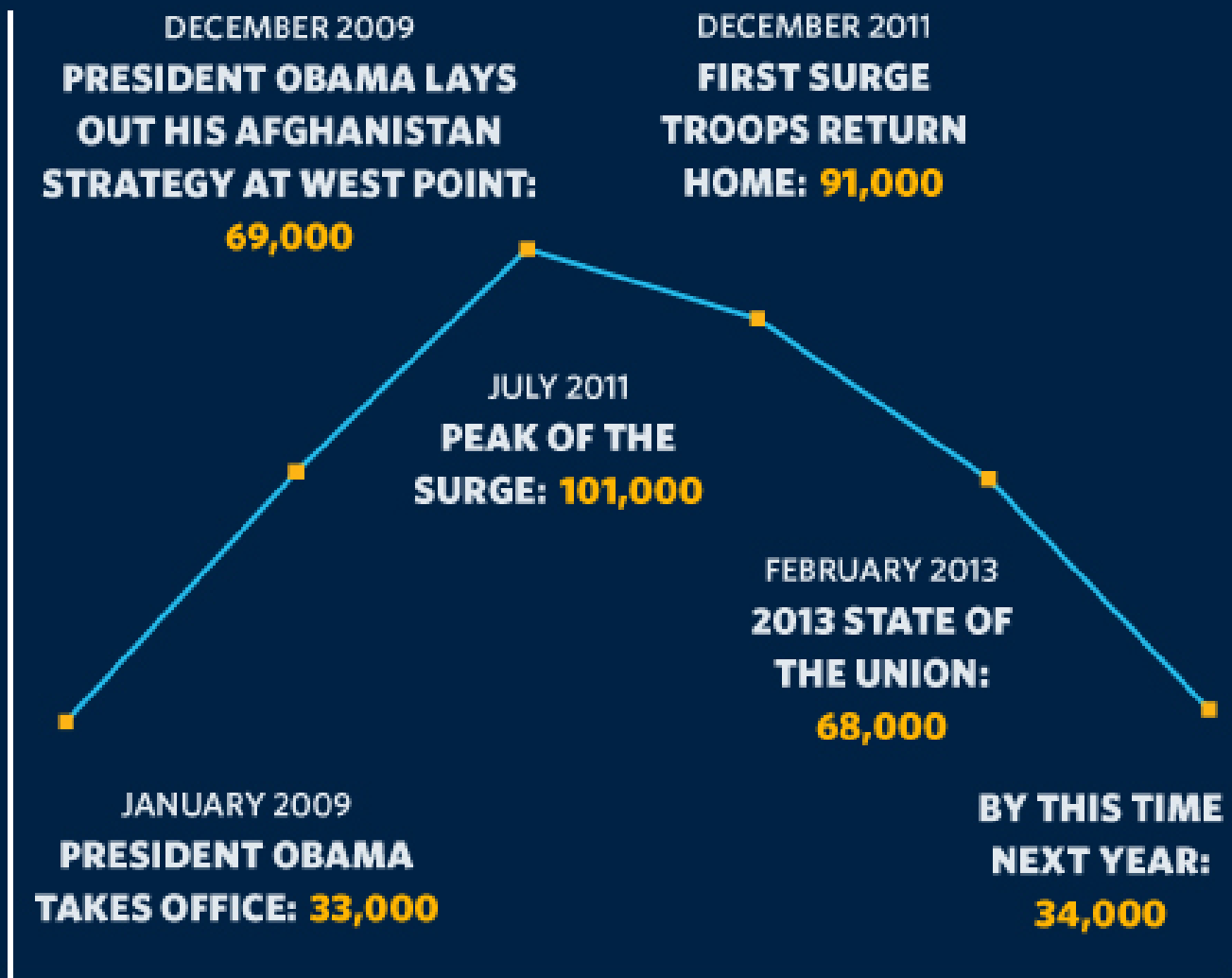
**STRONGER
FAMILIES**

**STRONGER
COMMUNITIES**

**STRONGER
AMERICA**



OUR TROOPS ARE COMING HOME FROM AFGHANISTAN



U.S. TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

**AS OUR TROOPS STAND
DOWN IN AFGHANISTAN,
A FORCE OF 352,000
MEMBERS OF THE AFGHAN
NATIONAL ARMY AND THE
AFGHAN NATIONAL POLICE
ARE STANDING UP TO TAKE
CONTROL OF THEIR
COUNTRY'S SECURITY.**





MALI



LIBYA



YEMEN

SOMALIA

THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE
TO HELP OTHER NATIONS
AS THEY PROVIDE FOR
THEIR OWN
SECURITY

AT THE END OF THE COLD WAR,
THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION
EACH HAD OVER 10,000 NUCLEAR WARHEADS
ATTRIBUTED TO DEPLOYED STRATEGIC DELIVERY
SYSTEMS UNDER THE ORIGINAL START TREATY.
UNDER THE NEW START TREATY,
THE UNITED STATES AND THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION WILL
EACH REDUCE THEIR DEPLOYED
STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WAR-
HEADS TO 1,550.



SINCE 2009, WE'VE WORKED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO REMOVE MORE THAN 1.3 TONS OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM AND PLUTONIUM, AND

ELIMINATE 146 TONS OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM,

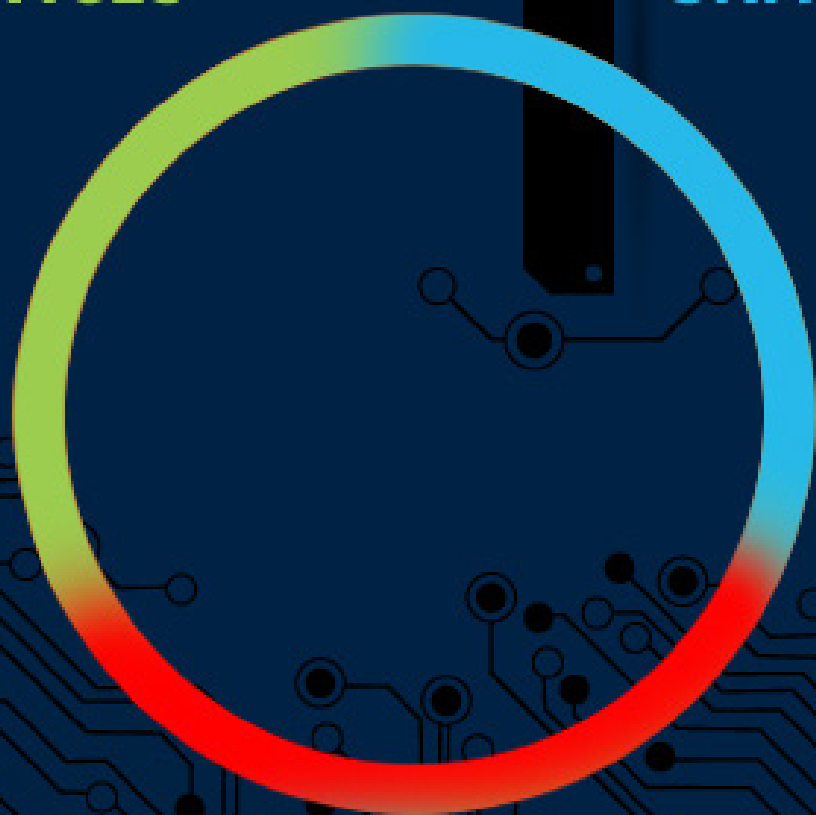
REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL TERRORISTS COULD STEAL OR USE IN A NUCLEAR ATTACK.



STRENGTHENING CYBER SECURITY

**CYBER BEST
PRACTICES**

**INFORMATION
SHARING**



**PRIVACY AND
CIVIL LIBERTIES
PROTECTIONS**

DID YOU KNOW?

**IN 2012,
EXPORTS WERE AT AN
ALL TIME HIGH OF
\$2.2 TRILLION**



***the* TRANS PACIFIC
PARTNERSHIP MEANS
MORE AMERICAN-MADE
GOODS AND SERVICES
WILL BE SOLD TO:**

- + AUSTRALIA
- + BRUNEI - DARUSSALAM
- + CANADA
- + CHILE
- + CHINA
- + MALAYSIA
- + MEXICO
- + NEW ZEALAND
- + PERU
- + SINGAPORE
- + VIETNAM



AMERICAN COMPANIES

EXPORTED NEARLY

\$460 BILLION

IN AMERICAN GOODS AND SERVICES
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION LAST YEAR,
SUPPORTING MORE THAN

2 MILLION

WELL-PAYING AMERICAN JOBS.



DID YOU KNOW?

**SINCE THE 1960S,
CHILD MORTALITY RATES
AROUND THE WORLD HAVE
DECLINED BY 70 PERCENT.
COMPARED TO 20 YEARS
AGO, WE'RE SAVING
4.4 MILLION
MORE CHILDREN
EVERY YEAR.**

AUNG SAN SUU KYI

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST and leader
of the democratic opposition in Burma.

Was UNDER HOUSE ARREST and spent
15 years in custody.

Won the NOBEL PEACE PRIZE in 1991.





POLICE HOLD BACK THE CROWD AS RESIDENTS LINE THE MOTORCADE ROUTE TO WELCOME PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IN RANGOON, BURMA, NOV. 19, 2012.

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**THE U.S. DIRECTLY
SUPPORTED
LIFE-SAVING HIV
ANTIRETROVIRAL
TREATMENT FOR
NEARLY 5.1 MILLION
MEN, WOMEN, AND
CHILDREN WORLDWIDE.**



THE U.S. IS PROVIDING
SUPPORT FOR

- + FOOD
- + CLEAN WATER
- + MEDICINE
- + HEALTH CARE
- + WINTER SUPPLIES

FOR PEOPLE IN SYRIA AND REFUGEES
FLEEING THE VIOLENCE OF THE
ASSAD REGIME.





**APPROXIMATELY 14% OF OUR
1.4 MILLION ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY
PERSONNEL ARE WOMEN—
16% OF OFFICERS AND 14%
OF THE ENLISTED FORCE.**



JOINING FORCES

125,000+

VETERANS AND MILITARY SPOUSES
HIRED THROUGH JOINING FORCES



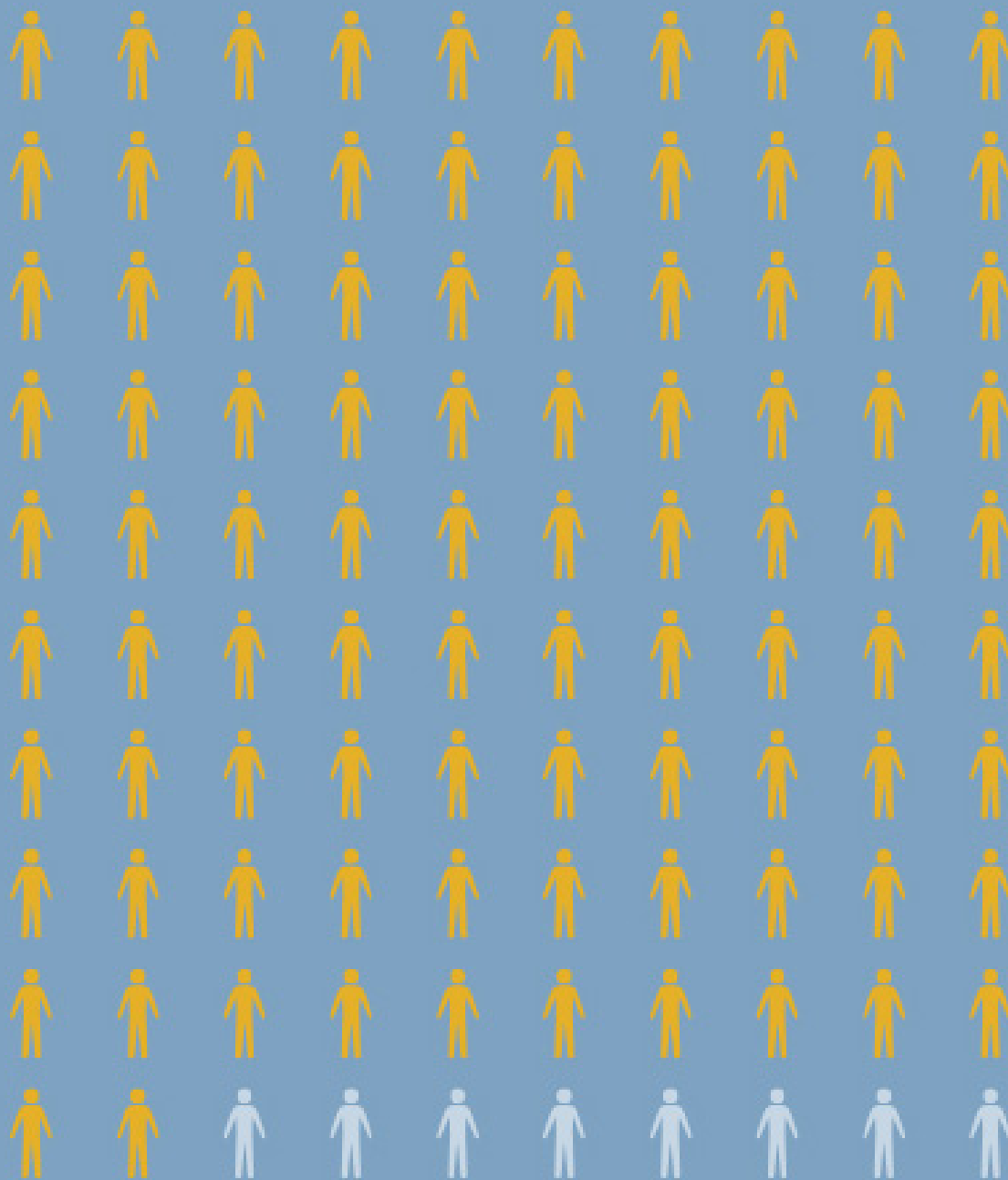
A NEW GOAL BY THE END OF 2014:

250,000+ HIRED

JOININGFORCES.GOV

**ON ELECTION DAY IN 2012,
AN AVERAGE VOTER IN
FLORIDA WAITED IN LINE
22 TIMES LONGER THAN
A VOTER IN VERMONT.**



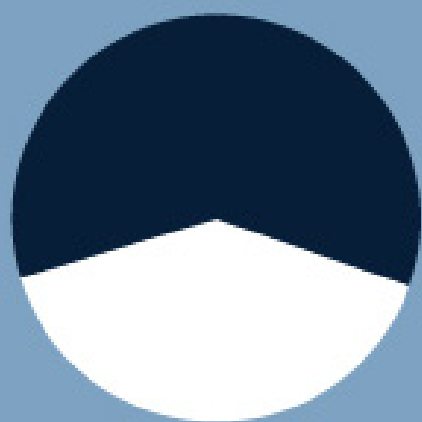


92% OF AMERICANS SUPPORT BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR GUN BUYERS

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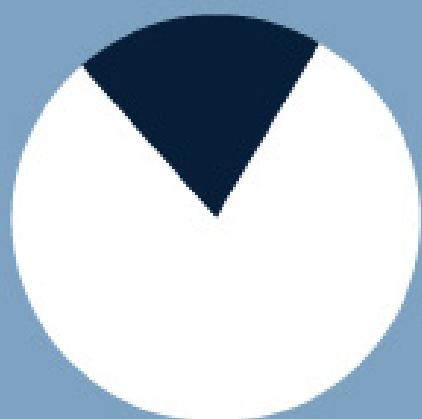
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40%

of all gun sales are made by private sellers who are not required to do background checks under federal law.



80%

of inmates who used a gun acquired it through sources that didn't require a background check under federal law.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE

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NOW IS THE TIME TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

- ✓ Require background checks for all gun sales
- ✓ A new, stronger assault weapons ban
- ✓ Limit ammunition magazines to 10 rounds
- ✓ Give law enforcement additional tools to prevent gun crimes
- ✓ Additional resources to make schools safer
- ✓ Better mental health coverage, particularly for young people

[WHITEHOUSE.GOV/ISSUES/PREVENTING-GUN-VIOLENCE](https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/preventing-gun-violence)

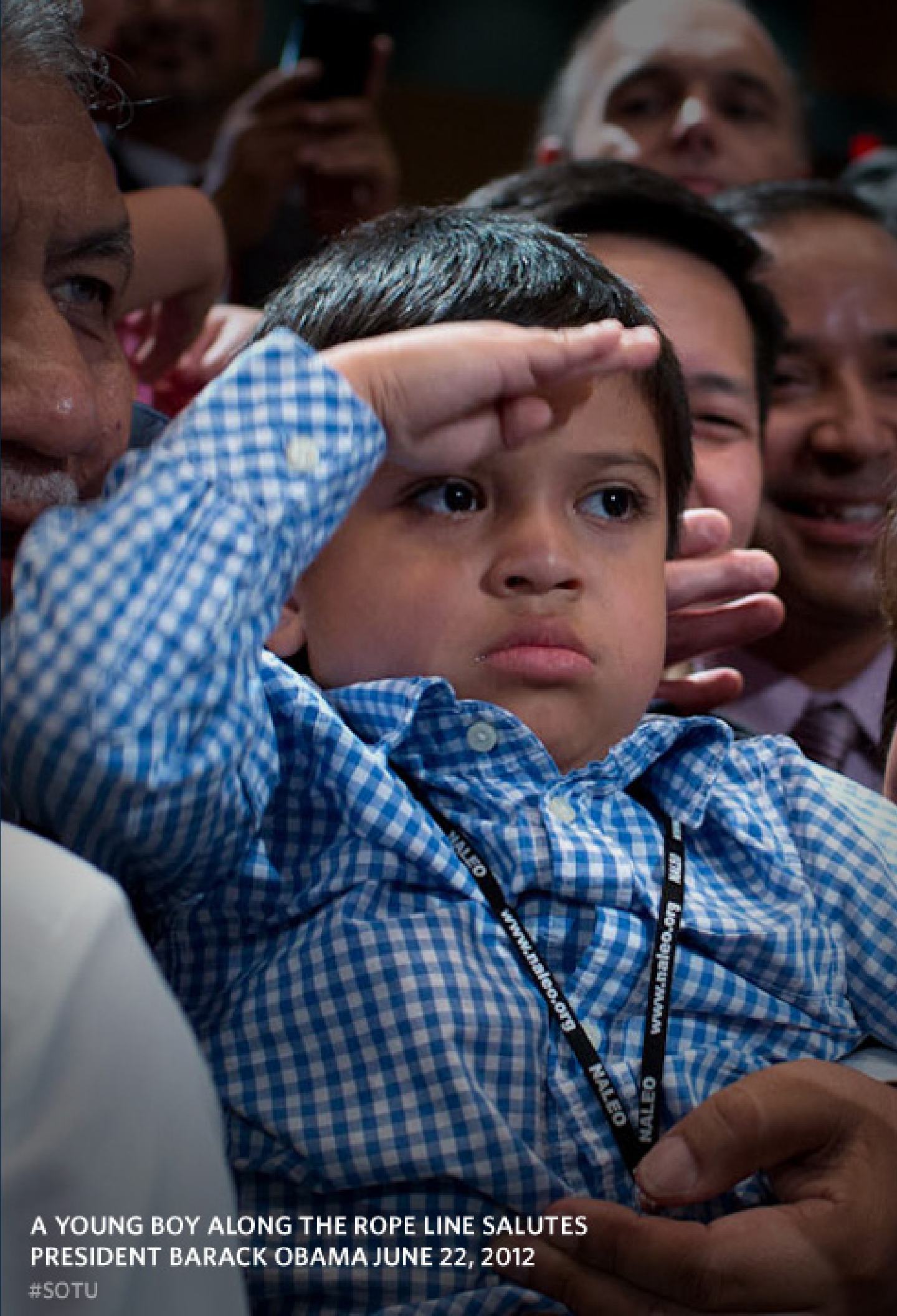
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A YOUNG BOY ALONG THE ROPE LINE SALUTES
PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA JUNE 22, 2012

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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SALUTES AN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBER FOLLOWING A NATURALIZATION CEREMONY APRIL 23, 2010

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Tonight President Obama outlined his plan for a thriving middle class and a strong America.

“Together, we have cleared away the rubble of crisis,” he said, “and we can say with renewed confidence that the State of our Union is stronger.”

The President described a strategy that will make the United States a magnet for jobs and manufacturing, equip every American with the skills they need to do those jobs, and ensuring that hard work leads to a decent living — through investments manufacturing, clean energy, infrastructure, and education.

He asked Congress to send him legislation to reform immigration, combat climate change, increase the minimum wage, and reduce gun violence.

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