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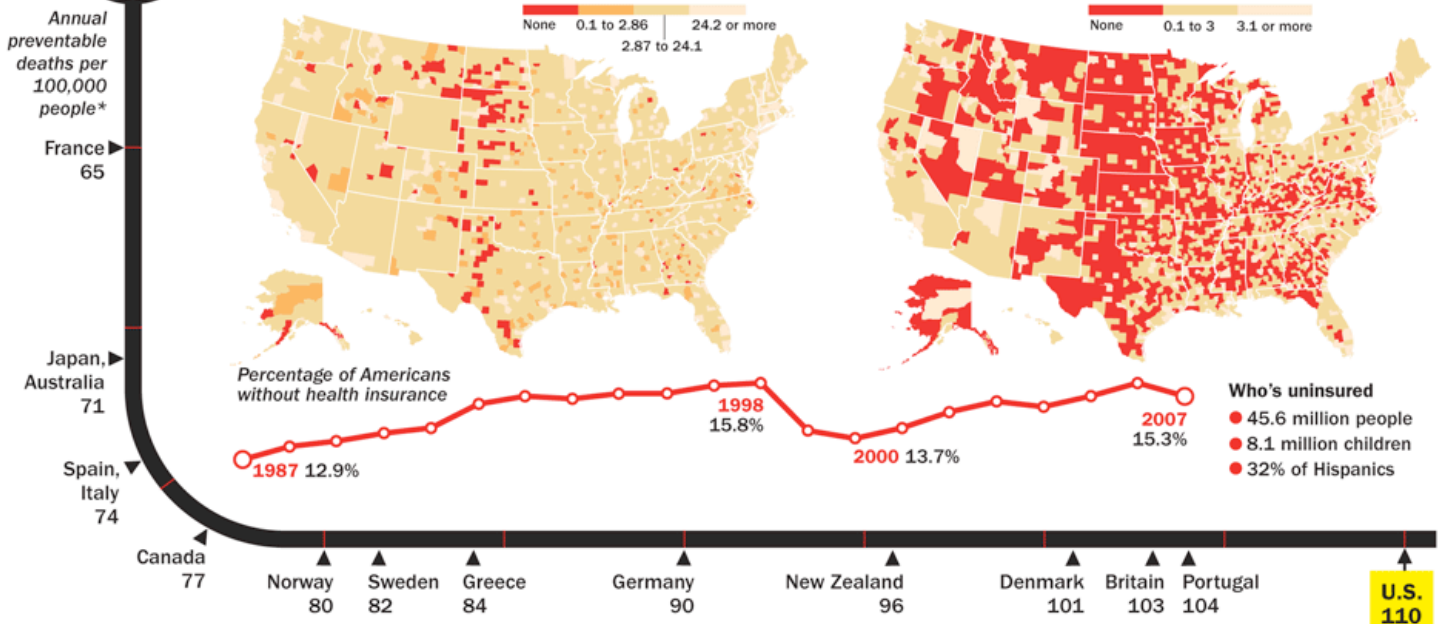
5 Millions of Americans are at risk because they don't have insurance or easy access to a doctor



According to a recent study, tens of thousands of people in the U.S. die each year because they lack access to timely and effective health care. Among the reasons, 15% of the population is uninsured—including one-quarter of Texans. In addition, doctors are scarce in many rural areas of the country

Patient-care physicians per 10,000 people, by county

Obstetricians or gynecologists per 10,000 women, by county



*Annual deaths that could be prevented with better access to health care. Sources: Health Affairs; National Center for Health Statistics; Health Resources and Services Administration; Census Bureau

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