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Infant mortality rate in the United States

1960 infant mortality rate: 26.0 per 1000 live births

2003: 6.9 per 1000 live births

2005: 6.3 per 1,000 live births

sources: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0779935.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infant_mortality

Crime rate in the United States

1960: 1.609 violent crimes per 1,000 population

2009: 4.294 violent crimes per 1,000 population

source: <http://www.disastercenter.com/crime/uscrime.htm>

United States Federal Budget

1960: Receipts: \$92,492,000,000

outlay: \$92,191,000,000

surplus: \$301,000,000

2008: receipts: \$2,662,474,000,000

outlays: \$2,901,861,000,000

deficit: \$239,387,000,000

source: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0104753.html>

Elderly population in the United States

1960: 16.6 million

2010: 39.4 million

2050: 78.9 million

Source: <http://www.census.gov/ipc/prod/97agewc.pdf>

National health expenditures in the United States:

1960: \$27.5 billion

2005: \$1,982.5 billion

2008: \$2,338.7 billion

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hus/hus10.pdf#124>

Gross Domestic Production in the United States

In 1960 the gross domestic production of the United States was \$520,531,200,000.00

In 2006 the gross domestic production of the United States was \$13,201,820,000,000.00

Source: http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/eco_gdp-economy-gdp&date=1960

In 1960, when national health expenditures were approximately 1.4 percent of expenditures in 2005, the infant mortality rate was more than four times greater than it was in 2005. Do you believe that this dramatic decrease in infant mortality rate had anything to do with the increase in national health expenditures? If no, then how do explain the dramatic decrease in infant mortality?

In 2009, the rate of violent crime was approximately two and half times higher than in 1960. Do you believe that this indicates a massive need for more law enforcement services and other related services? If yes, who's going to pay? If no, then how should we deal with the escalating violence?

Between 1960 and 2010 the elderly population has more than doubled. Do you believe that they will need a wide range of health care and other services? If yes, who's going to pay? If no, then what should be the policy regarding the elderly population?

Between 1960 and 2006 the gross domestic production of the United States increased by more than twenty-five fold. Do you believe that this statistic reflects a country that is much wealthier now than fifty years ago? If no, then how do you interpret that statistic?

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