Americans spend over twice as much per capita on healthcare as the average developed country does

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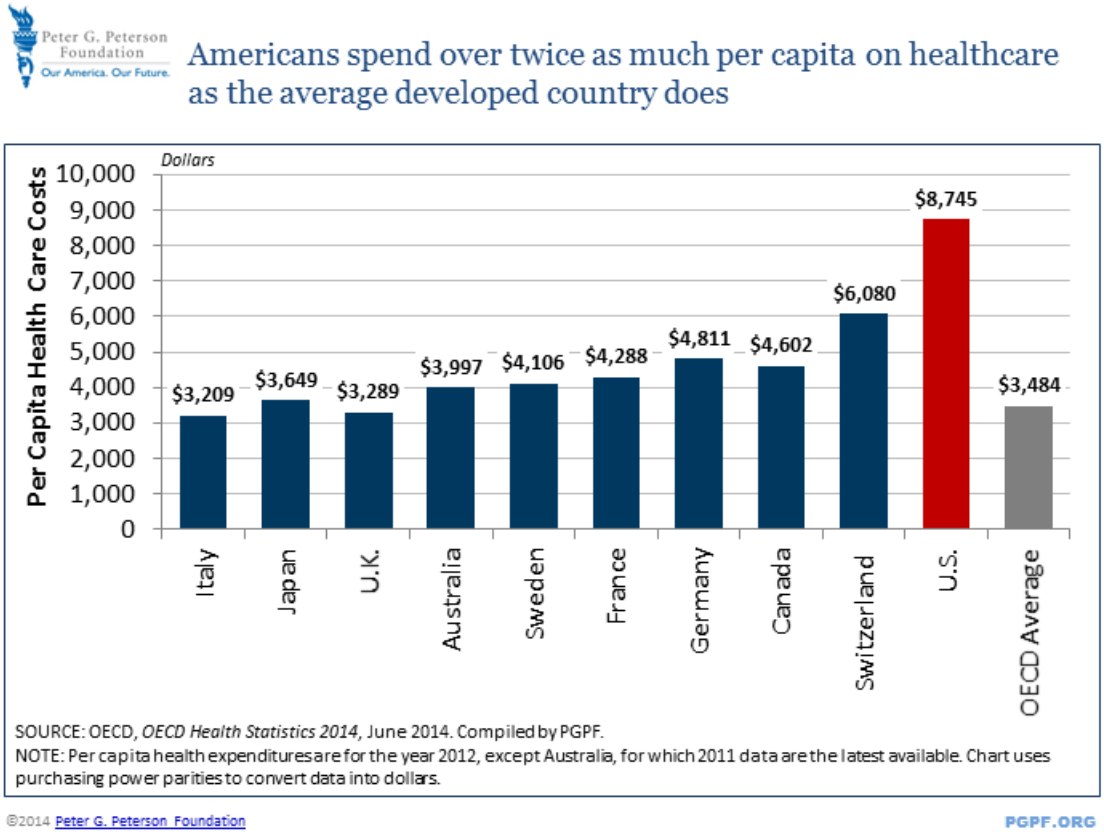

Total national spending on healthcare in the United States by both the public and private sectors was $2.8 trillion in 2012, or about 17 percent of total economic output (GDP). According to government projections, healthcare expenditures are projected to climb to 22 percent of GDP by 2039. Americans currently pay about twice as much per capita on healthcare as our peers do in other advanced nations, yet our health outcomes are no better. Many health experts believe that we can increase the quality of our care while also reducing our costs.

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