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STATE OF  
THE  
UNION

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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 to our Posterity, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for 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.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and including Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and in every subsequent Year of five Years, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution. The Congress shall have the Power to alter or to add to the Number of Representatives, but no State shall have less Representatives than the Number of Electors in that State. Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and including Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and in every subsequent Year of five Years, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution.

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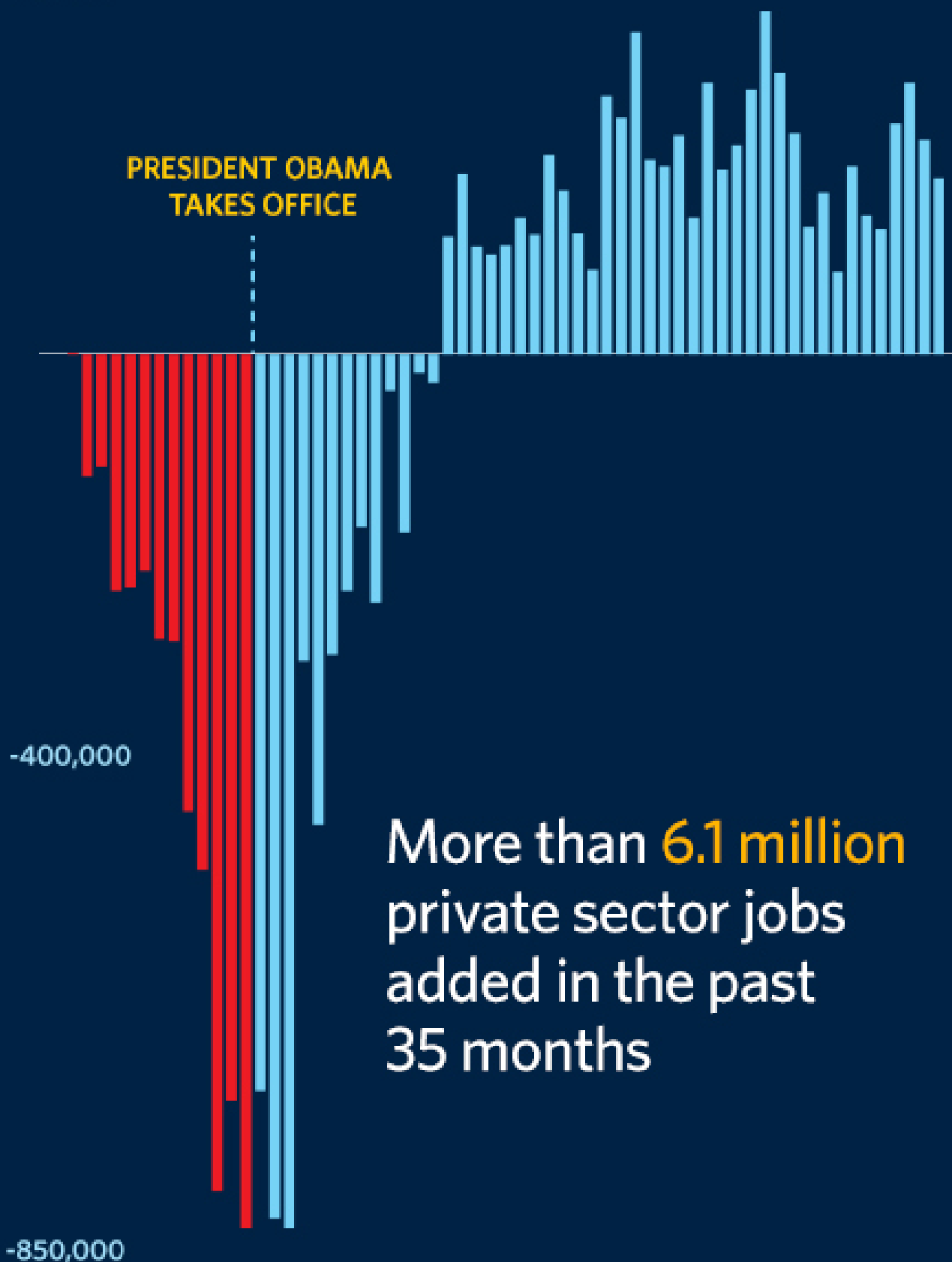


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# MONTHLY PRIVATE-SECTOR JOB LOSSES AND GAINS

350,000

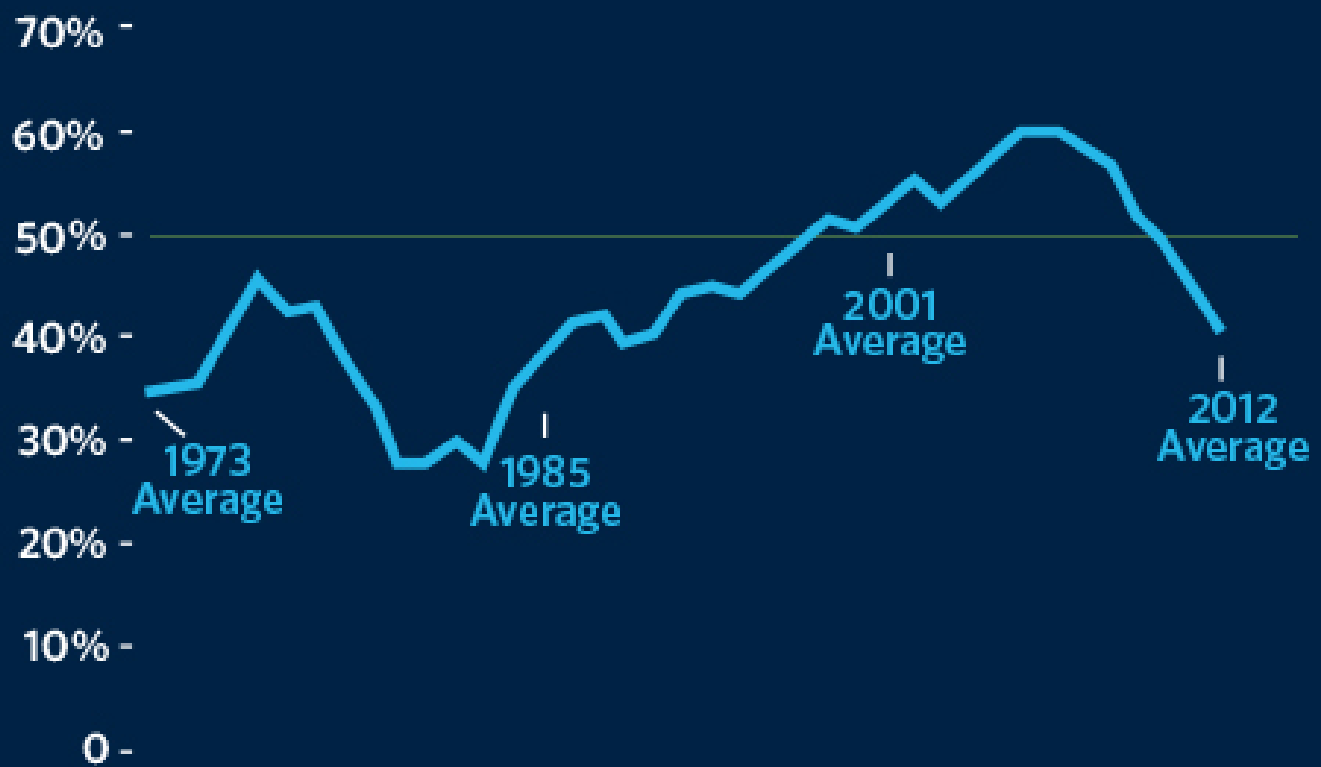


More than **6.1 million** private sector jobs added in the past 35 months

-850,000

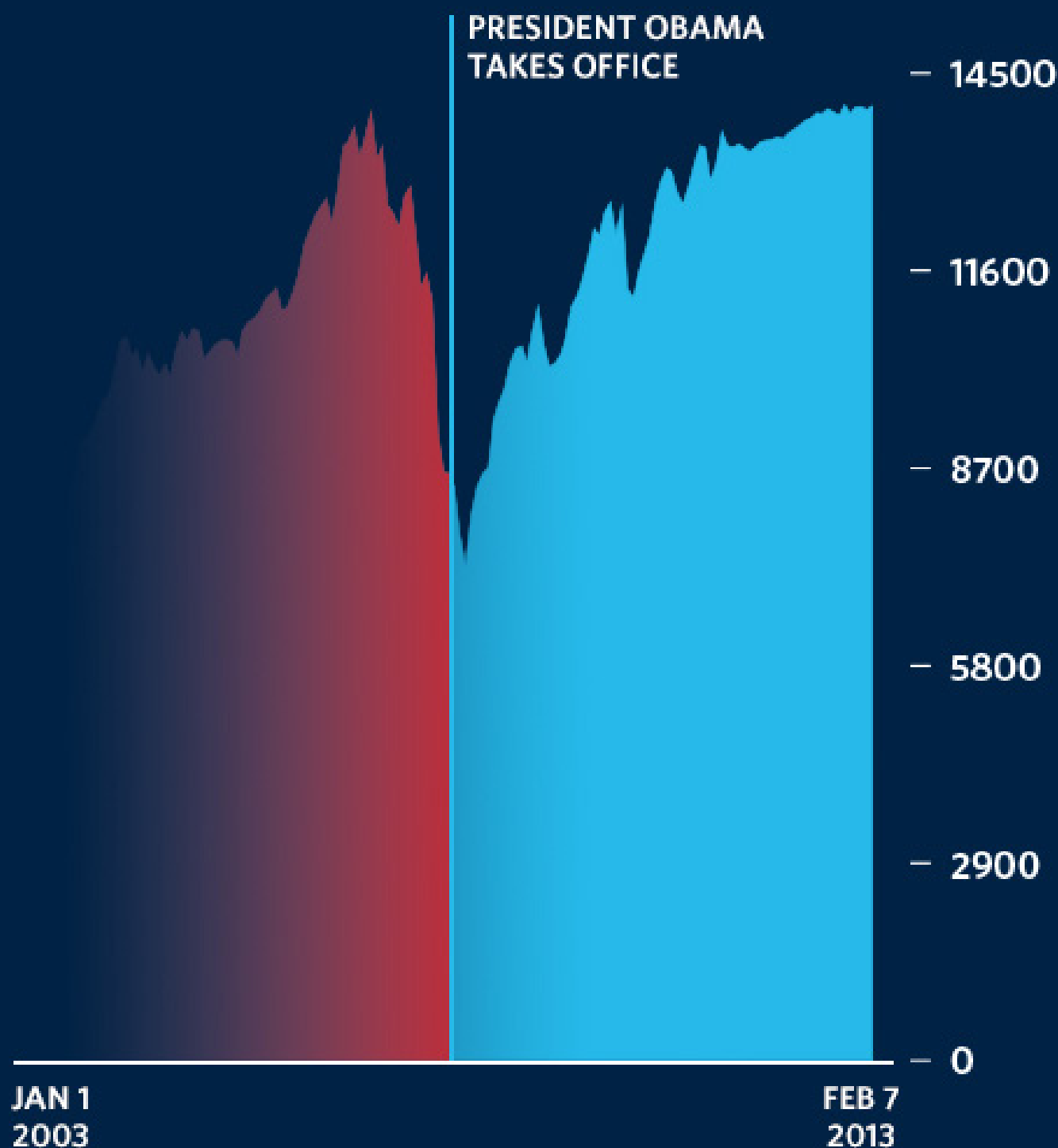
# OIL IMPORTS AT TWENTY-YEAR LOW

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



# STOCK MARKET AT FIVE-YEAR HIGH

Dow Jones Industrial Average

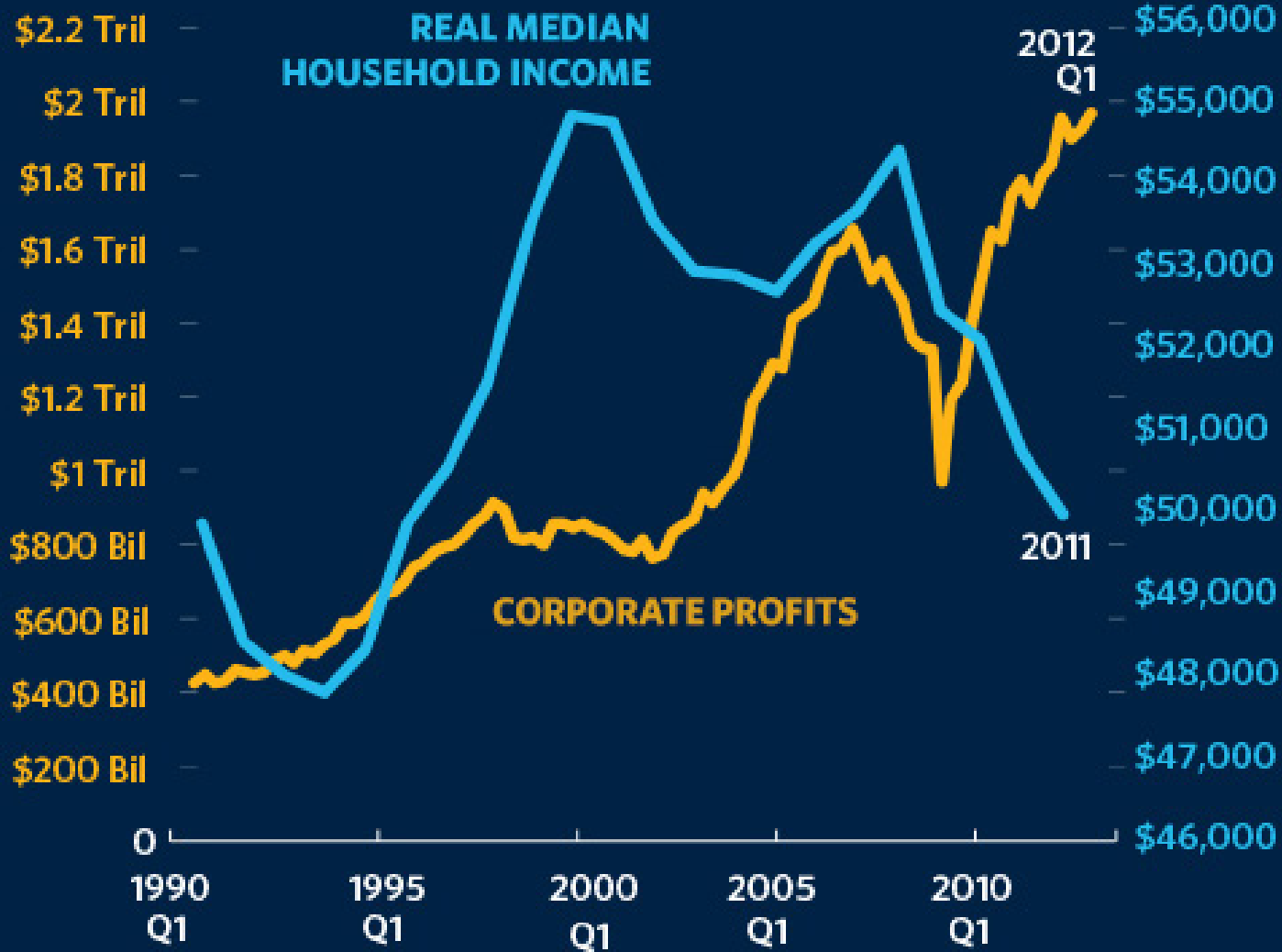


# CORPORATE PROFITS SOAR AS INCOME SHRINKS

Corporate profits vs. real median household income

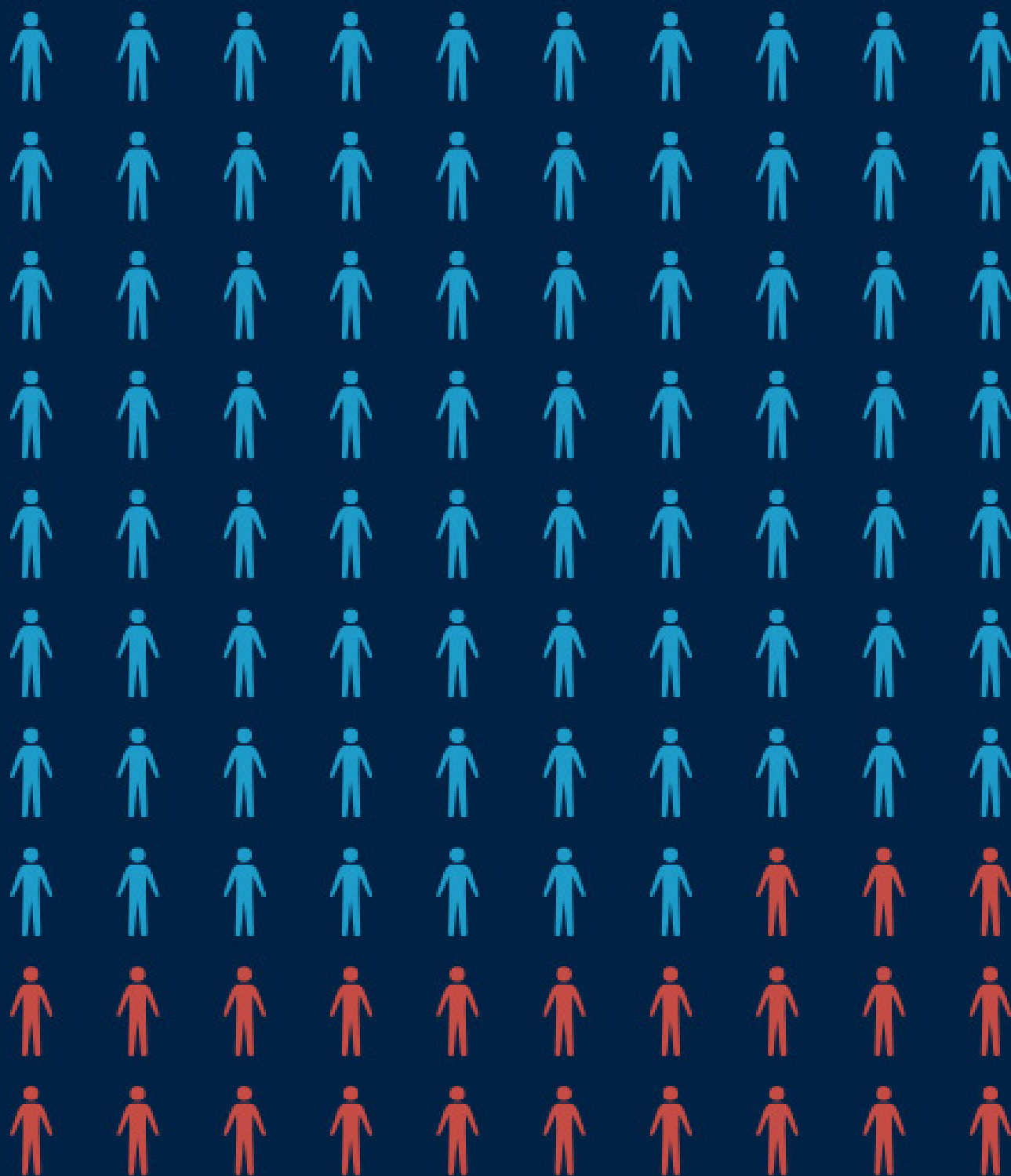
Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted  
Annual Rate

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

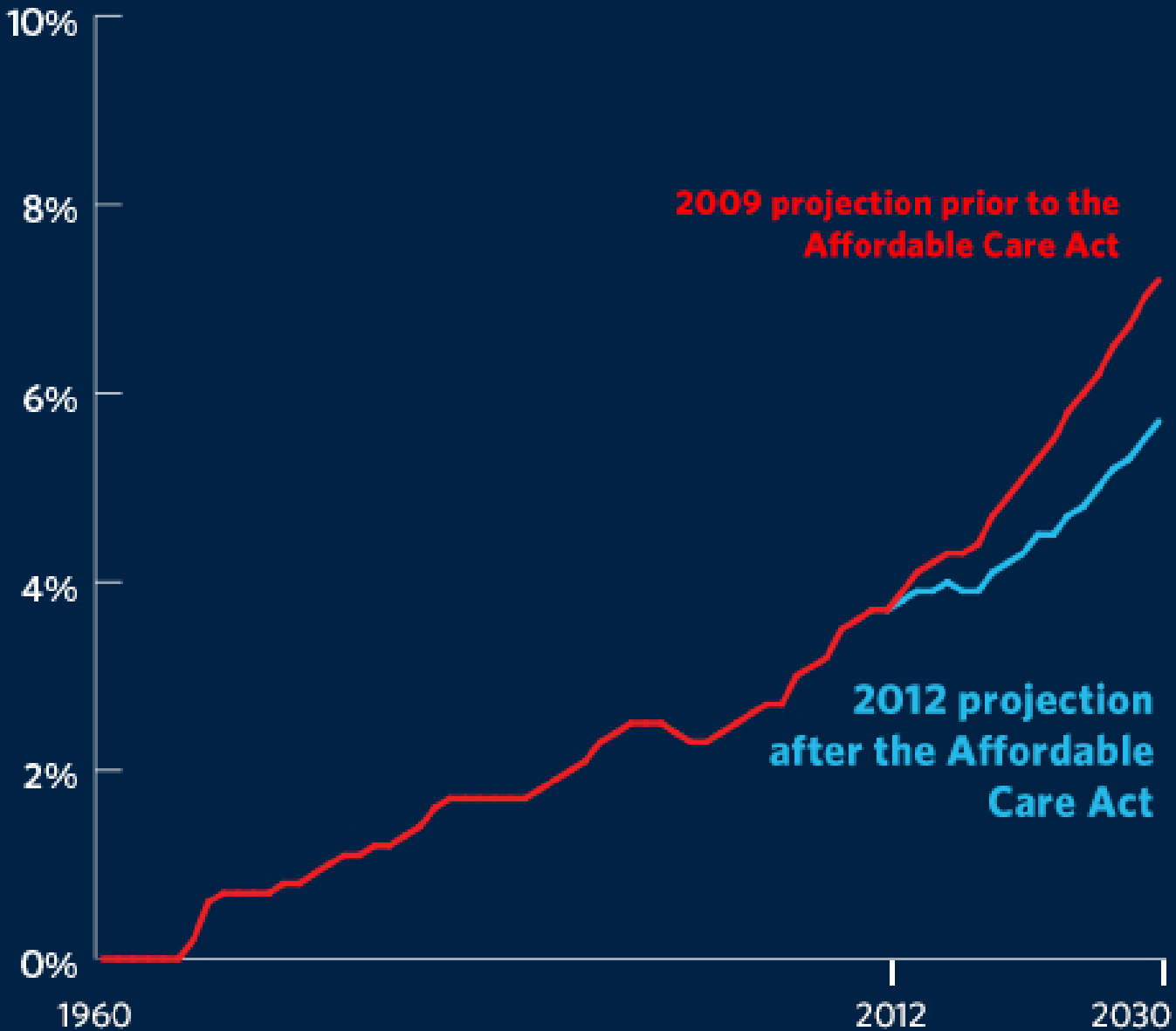


**PRESIDENT OBAMA  
HAS PROPOSED  
REFORMS THAT  
WILL SAVE  
\$340 BILLION  
FROM HEALTH  
CARE SPENDING  
OVER 10 YEARS.**

# 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](http://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.**

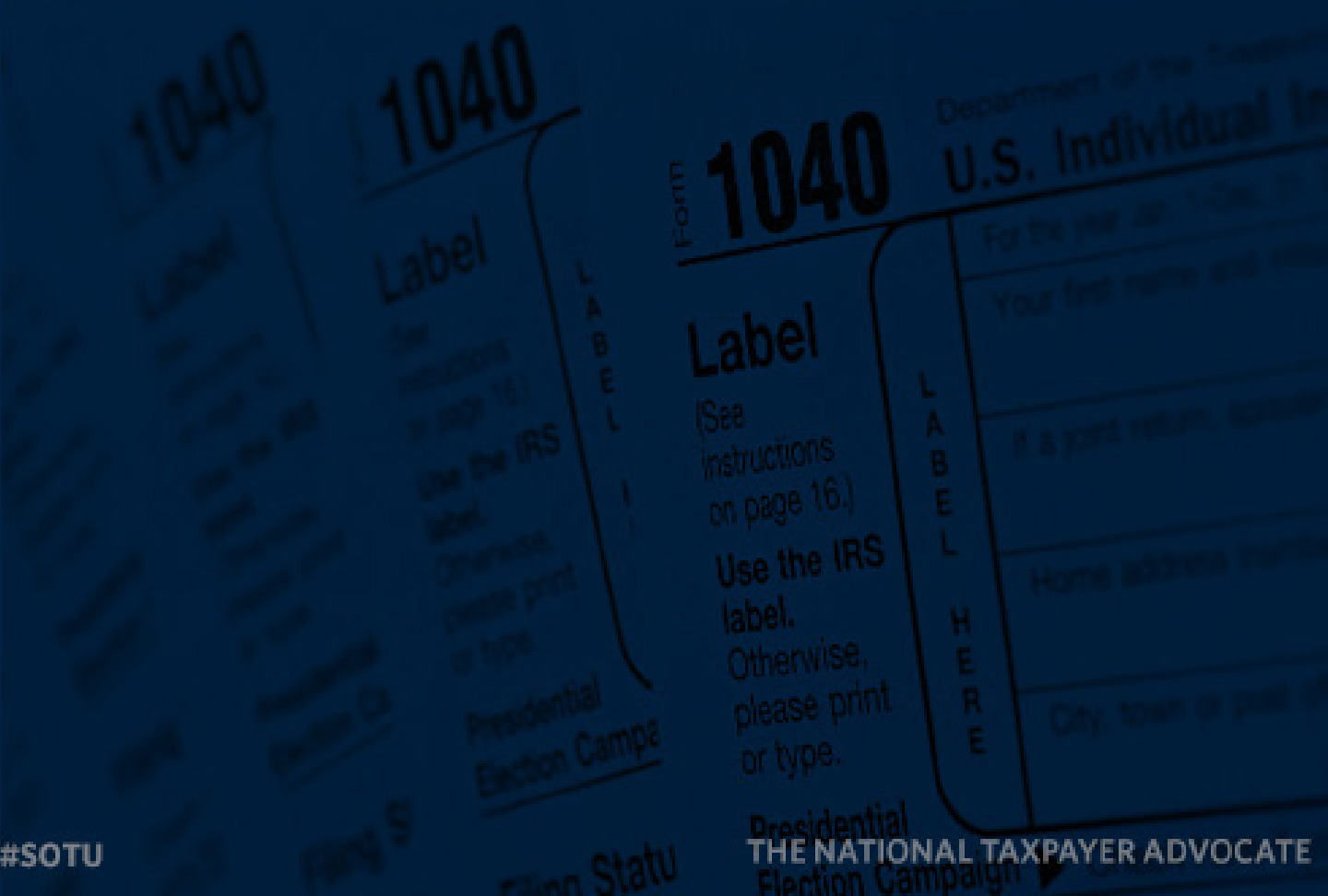
**CLOSING  
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**Taxpayers have been subsidizing oil  
companies since 1913 —  
back when only 48 states were  
in the Union and Ford was still  
producing the Model T.**

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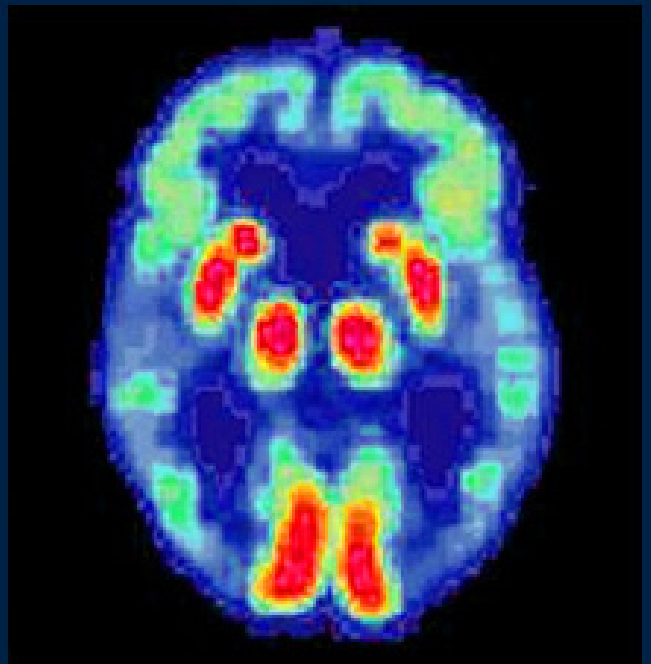
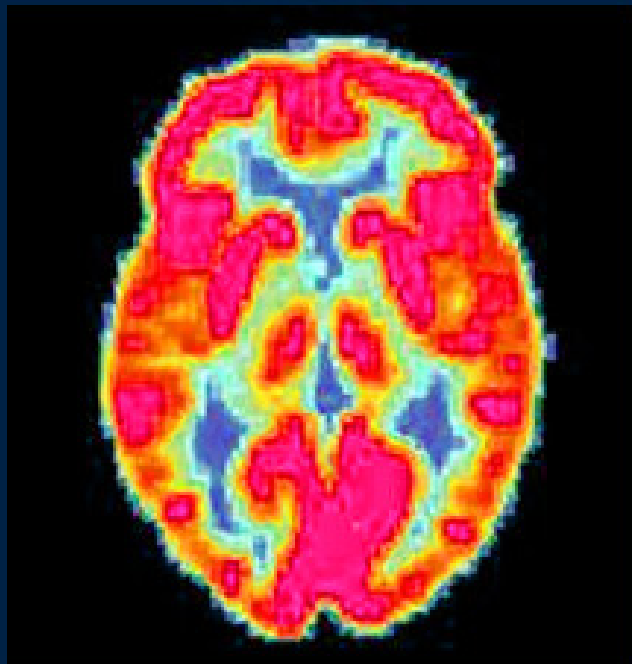
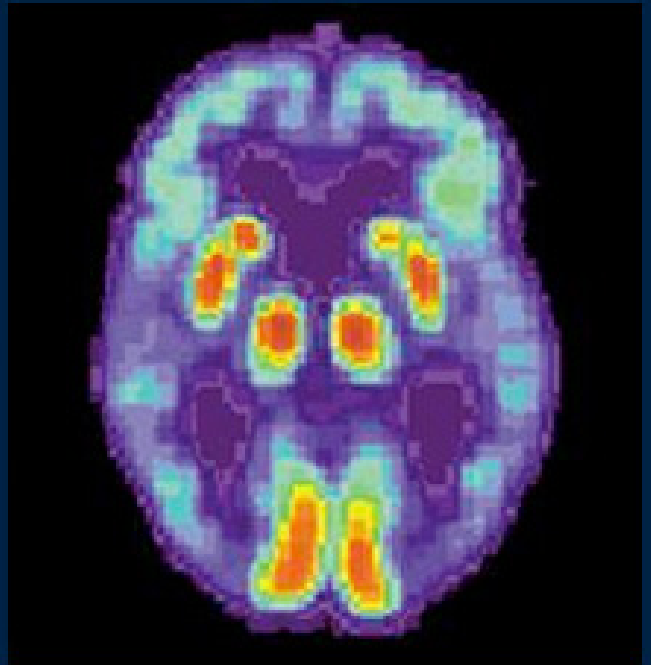
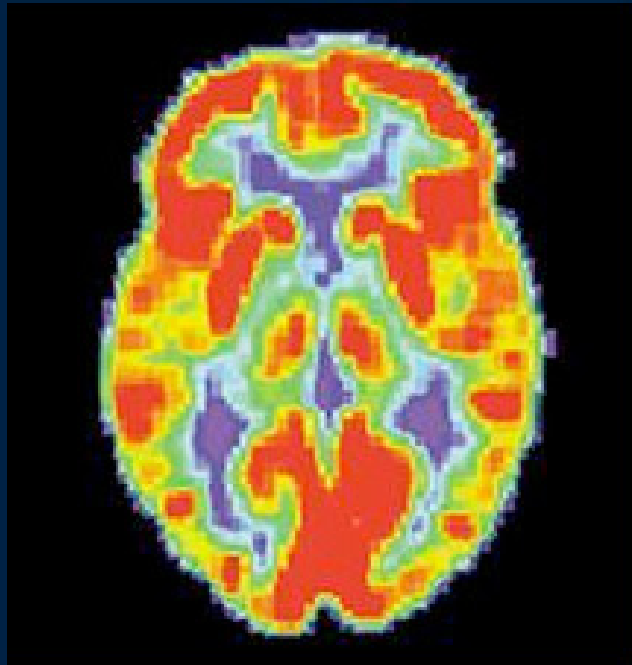
DEPOSIT THIN LAYERS OF MATERIAL, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, UNTIL A DESIGNED COMPONENT TAKES SHAPE. THIS "ADDITIVE" PROCESS COULD USE 50% LESS ENERGY THAN CURRENT MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

**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

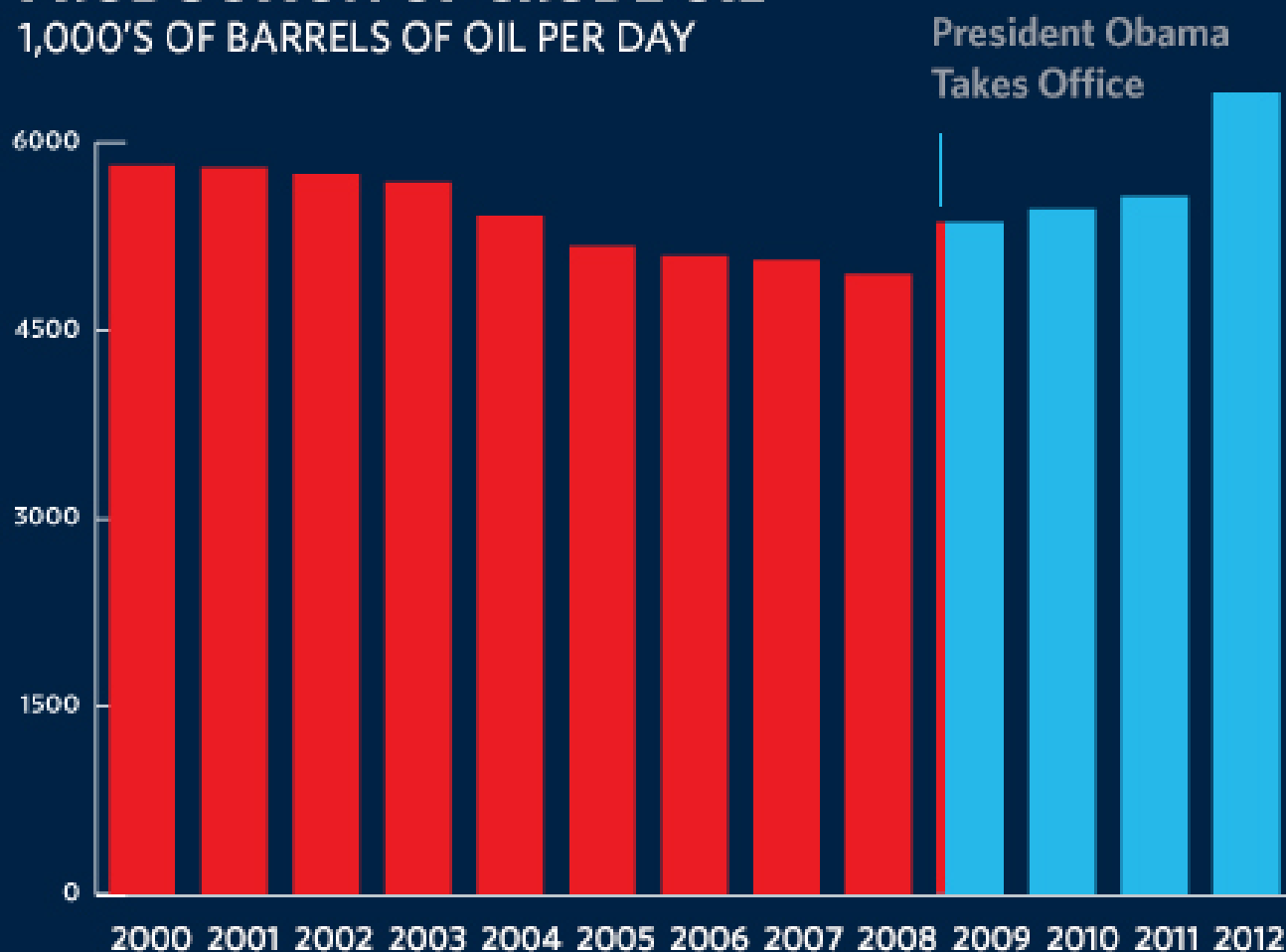




# DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION HAS GONE UP EVERY YEAR UNDER PRESIDENT OBAMA

## PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL

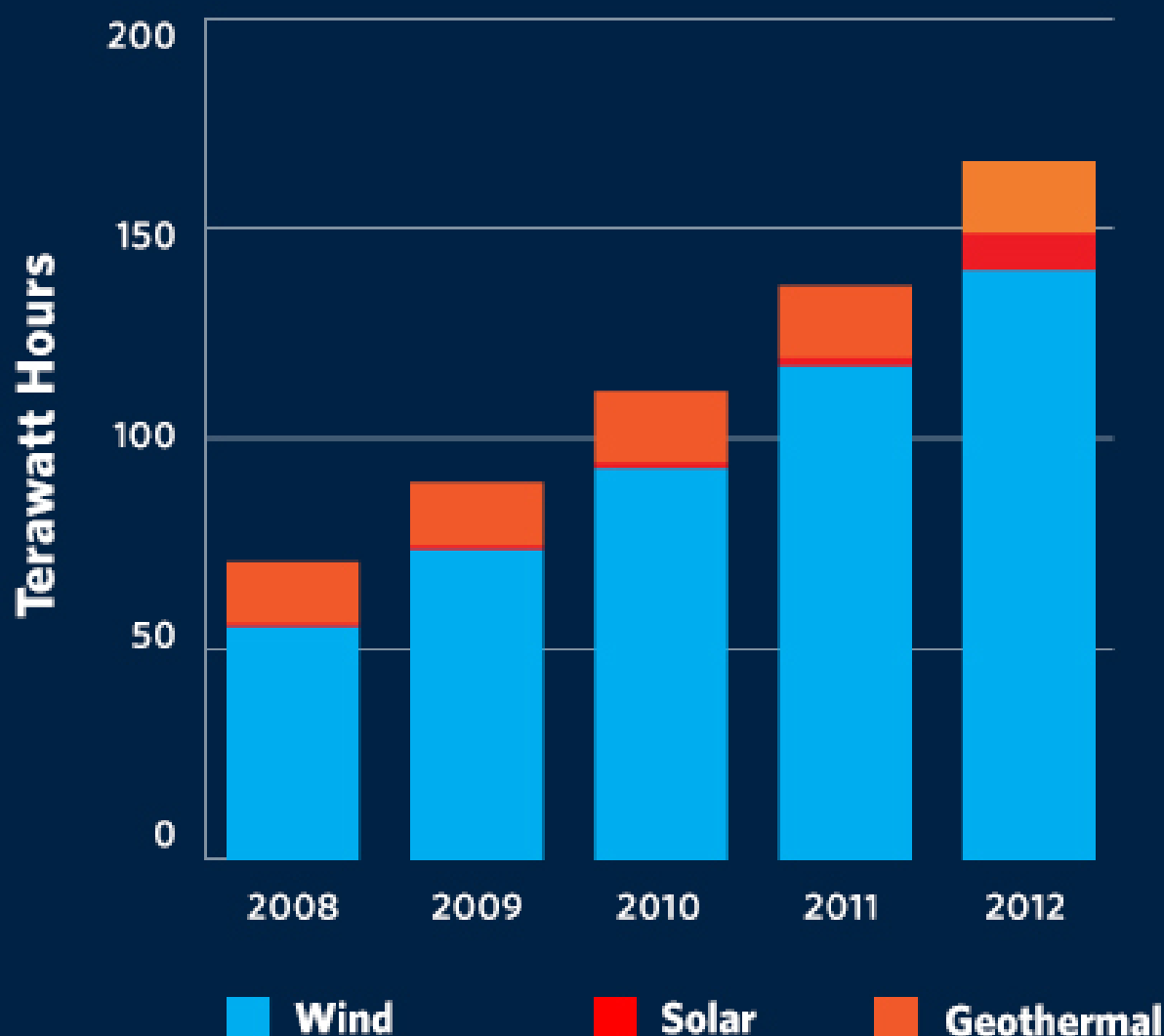
1,000'S OF BARRELS OF OIL PER DAY



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

# DOUBLING

## RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION, 2008-2012

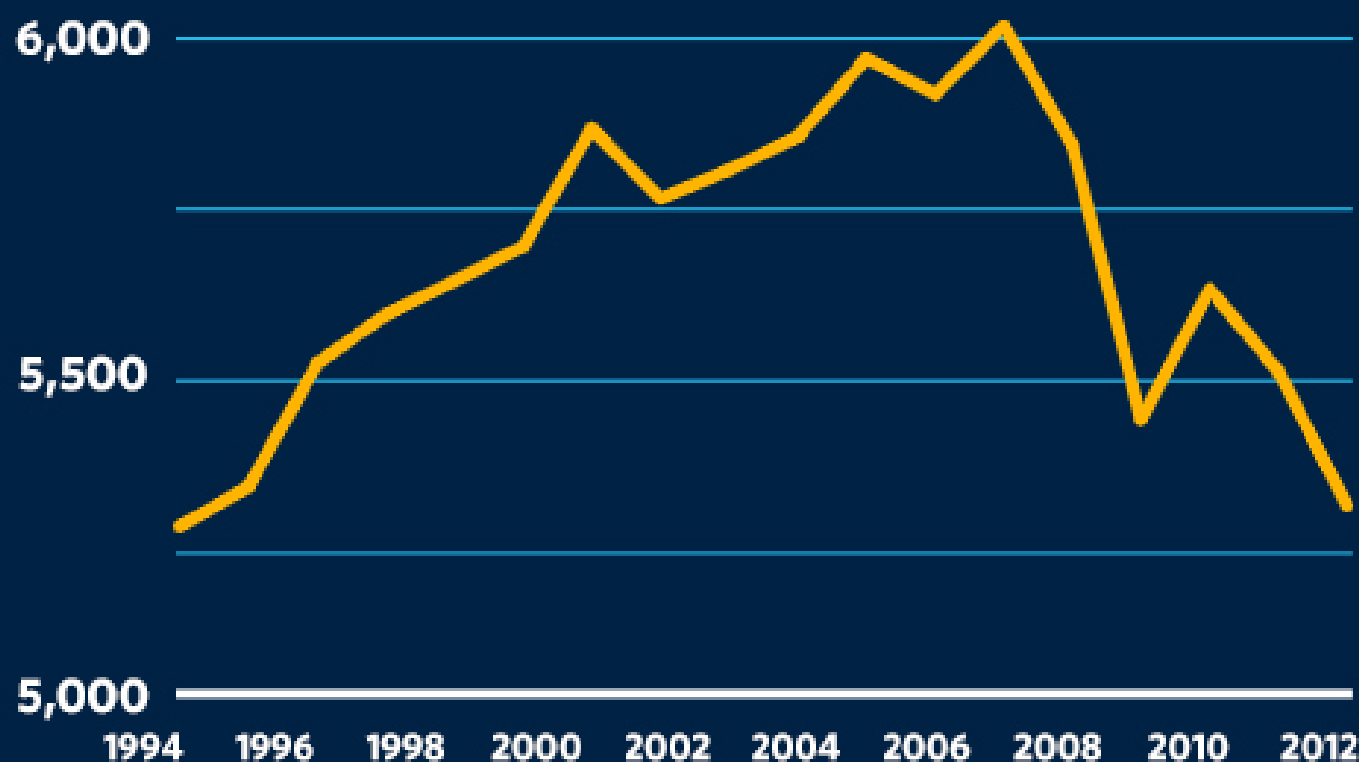




**THE U.S. SOLAR INDUSTRY  
EMPLOYS MORE THAN  
120,000  
PEOPLE TODAY**

# 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**



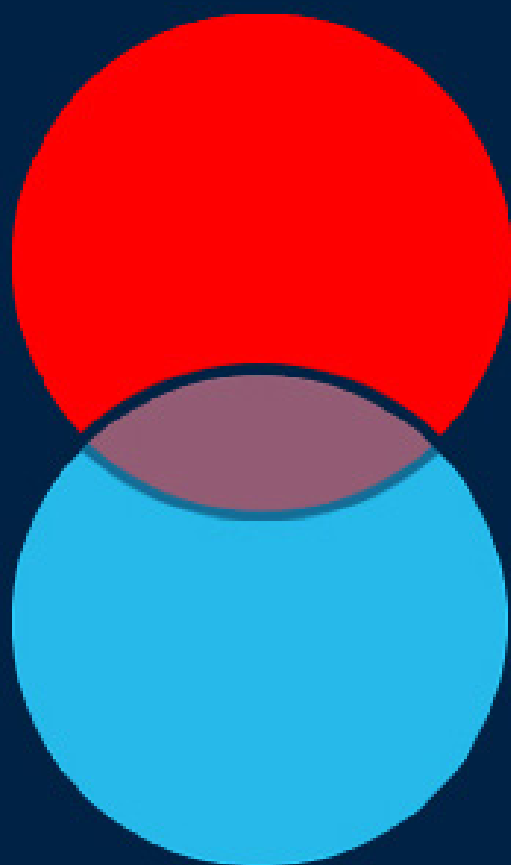


**U.S. SOLAR GENERATION**  
SURGED  
NEARLY **400%**

FROM 2008-2012

# CHINA AND THE U.S. ARE MATCHING PACE

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



CHINA

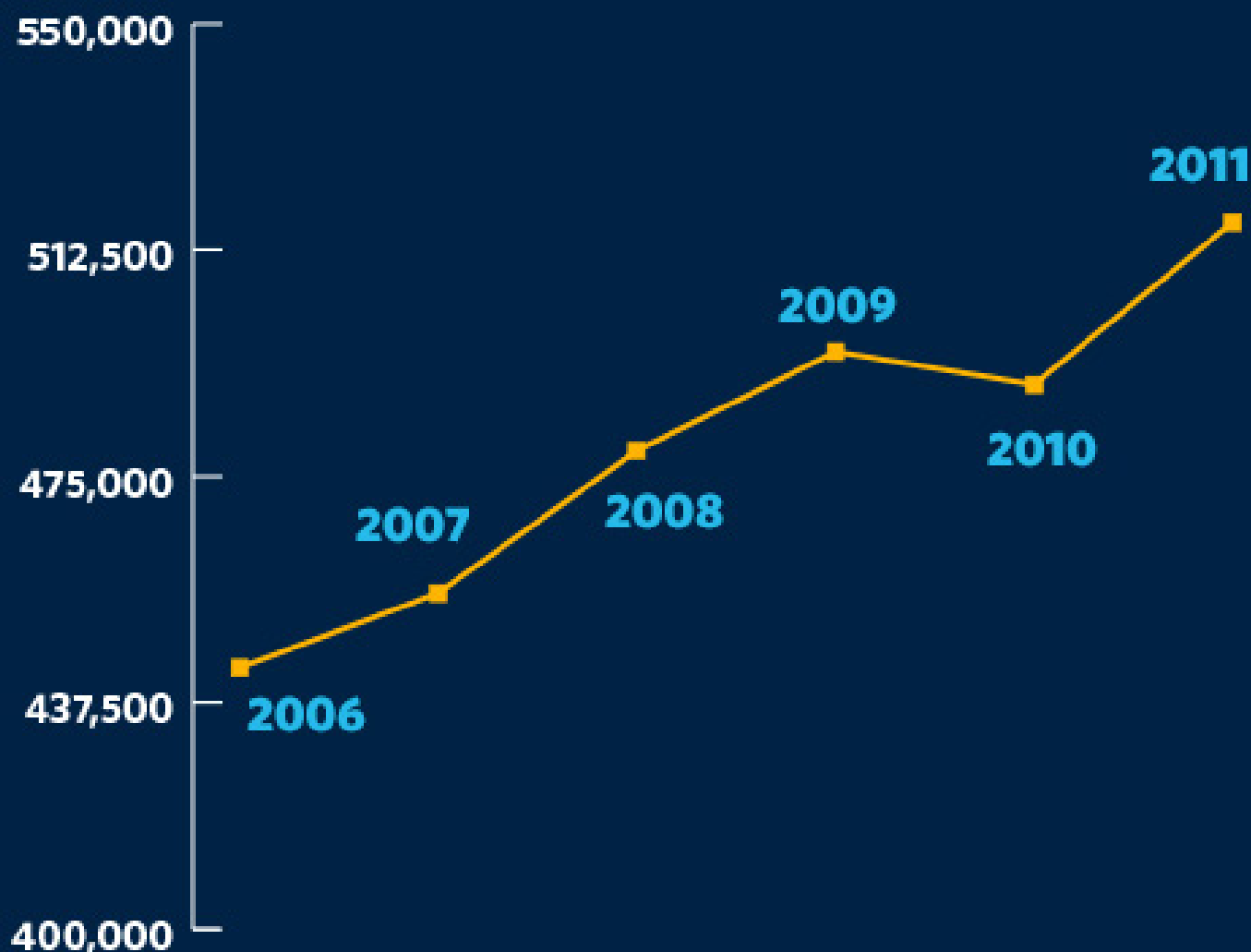
**\$52.5 BILLION**

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**

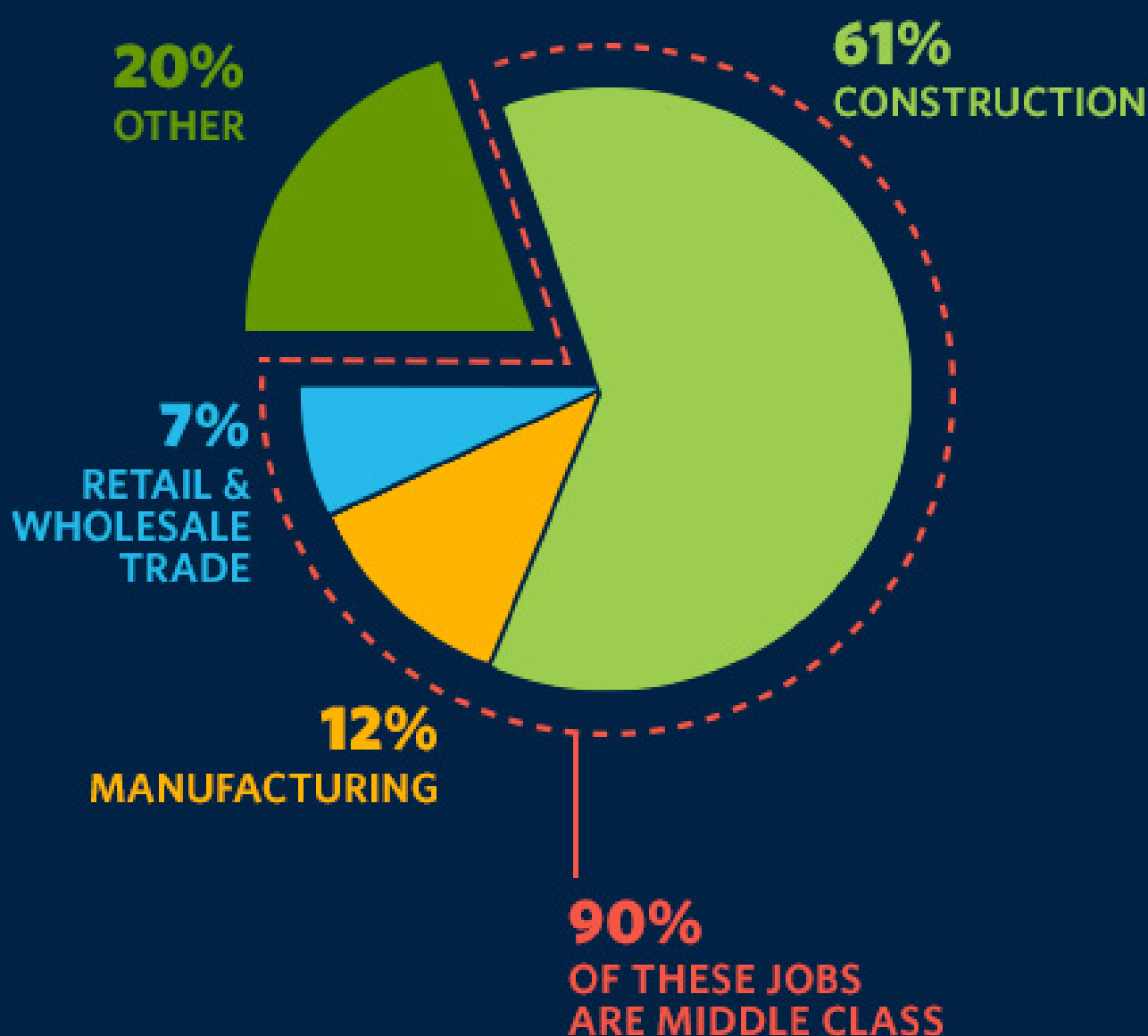
OVER THE NEXT  
TWENTY YEARS



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

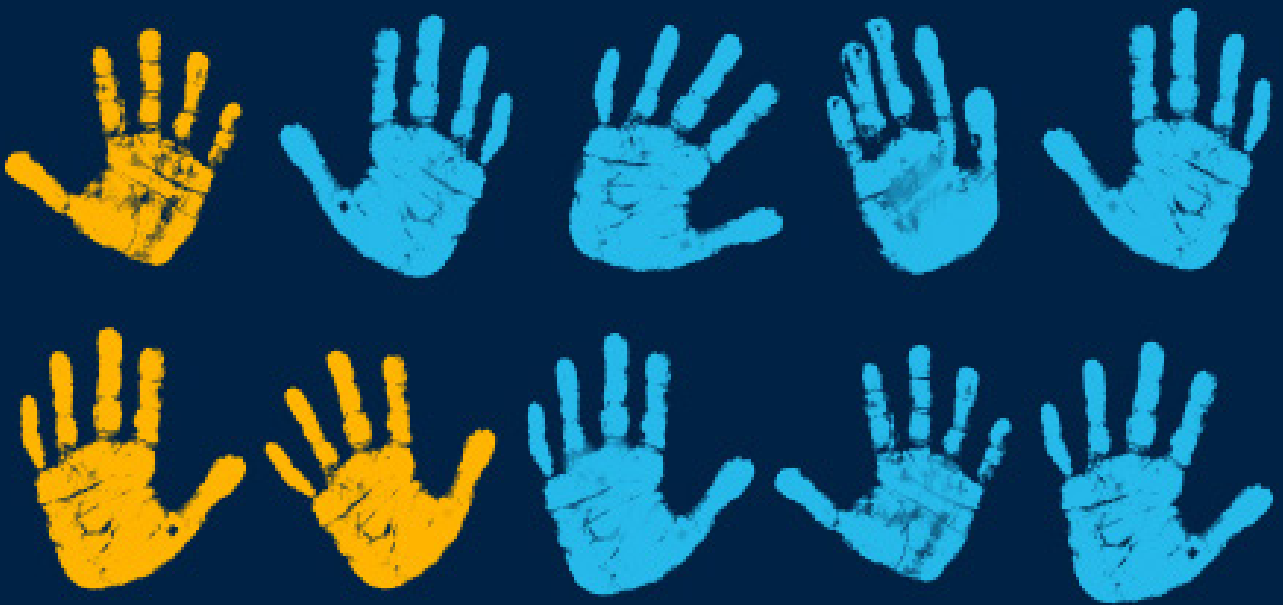


TODAY, 39 STATES AND DC HAVE STATE-FUNDED PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

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**

**14<sup>th</sup>**

**IN READING**

*SOUTH KOREA IS #1*

**ONLY**

**17<sup>th</sup>**

**IN SCIENCE**

*SLOVENIA, ESTONIA  
AND ICELAND  
RANK HIGHER*

**ONLY**

**25<sup>th</sup>**

**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:



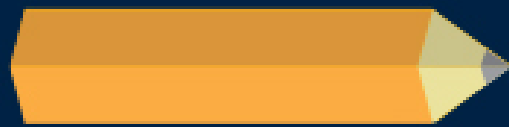
**111,100**

new engineering technicians



**121,900**

new physical scientists



**526,000**

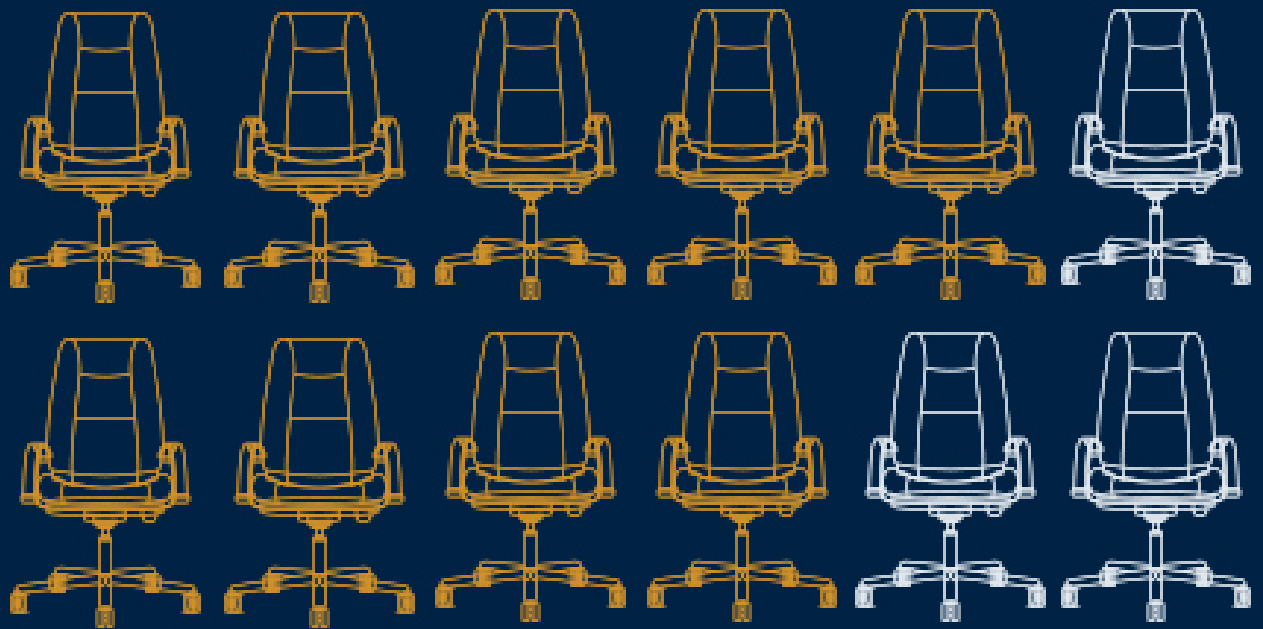
new engineers



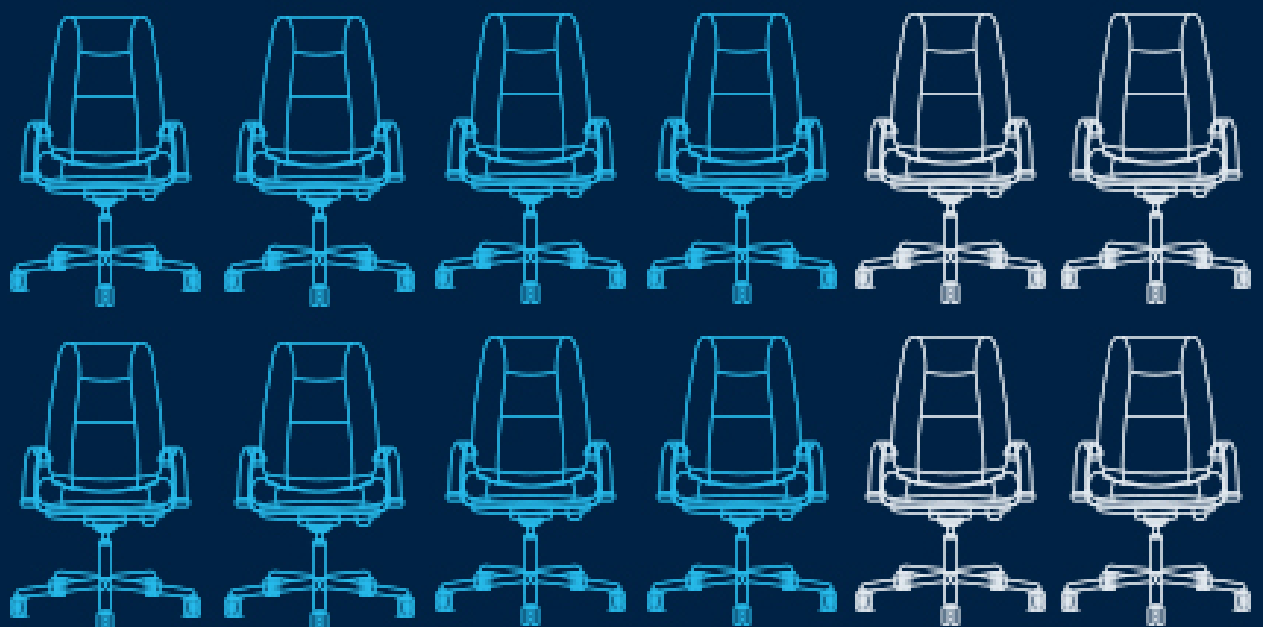
**1,366,200**

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.

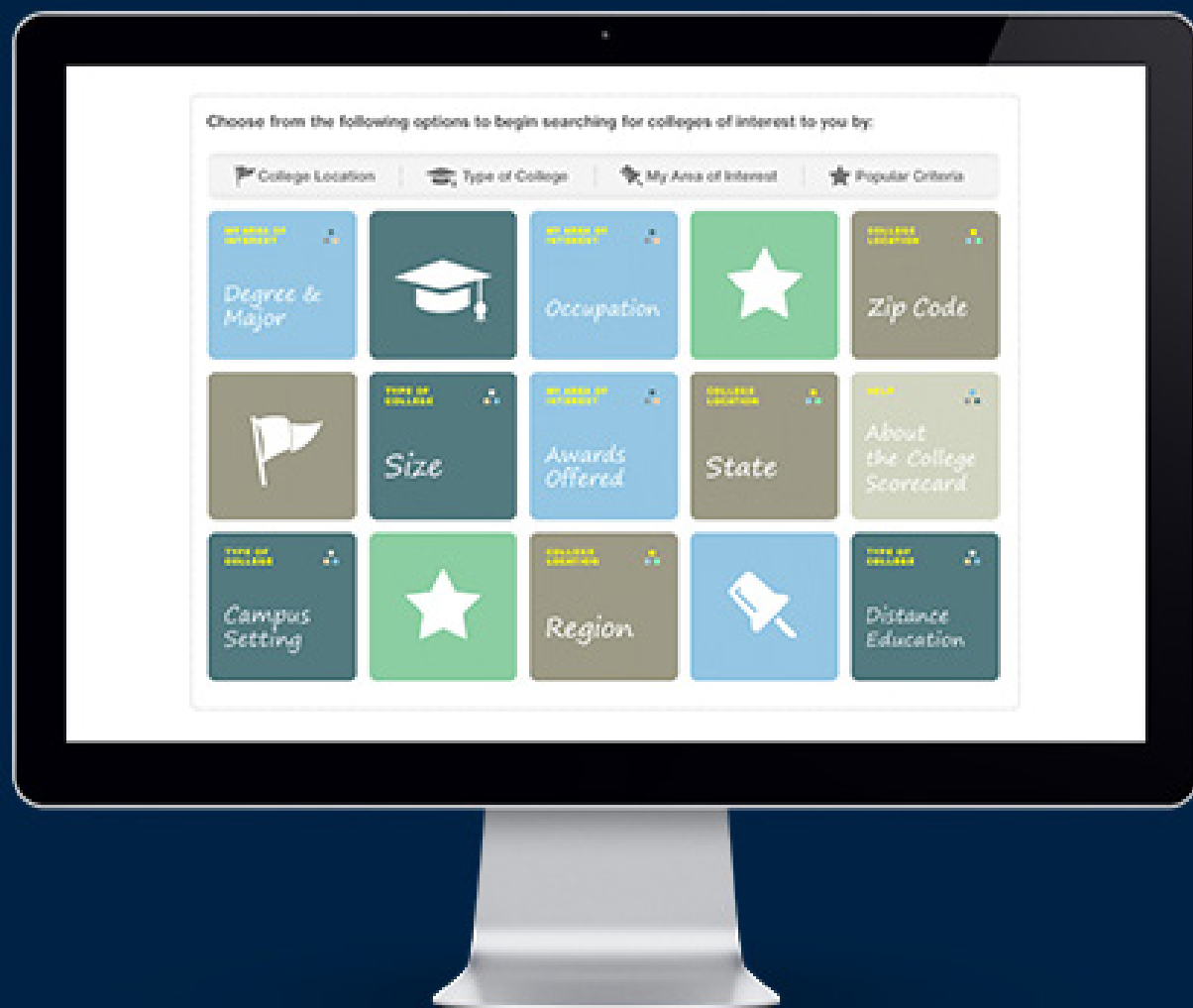
## AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT

**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  
**21<sup>ST</sup> 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:

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IMMIGRANTS REPRESENT

**33%** OF  
AMERICA'S ENGINEERS

**27%** OF  
MATHEMATICIANS,  
STATISTICIANS, AND  
COMPUTER SCIENTISTS

**24%** OF  
PHYSICAL SCIENTISTS.

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# 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  
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**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  
**\$3,500 A YEAR**  
COMPARED TO THE CURRENT  
MINIMUM WAGE.

**THAT'S ENOUGH TO PAY FOR:**

A family's spending on groceries for a year

**OR**

A family's spending on utilities for a year

**OR**

A family's spending on gasoline and clothing  
for a year

**OR**

Six 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.**



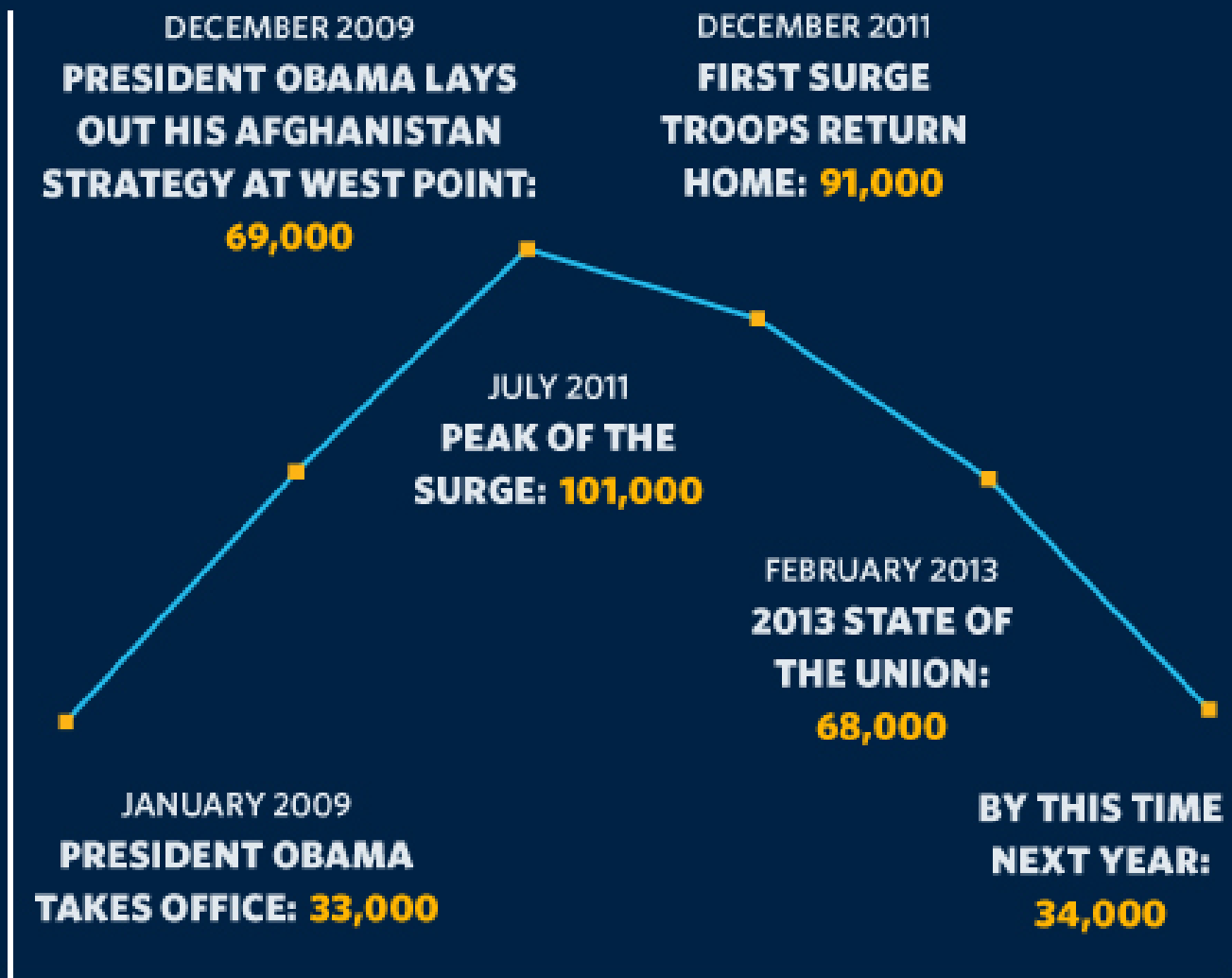
**STRONGER  
FAMILIES**

**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 HEIGHT OF THE COLD WAR, THE U.S.  
AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD A COMBINED  
NUCLEAR STOCKPILE OF MORE THAN

**63,000 WARHEADS.**

UNDER THE NEW START TREATY WITH  
RUSSIA, BOTH COUNTRIES WILL SOON  
POSSESS NO MORE THAN  
**1,550 WARHEADS.**



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,**

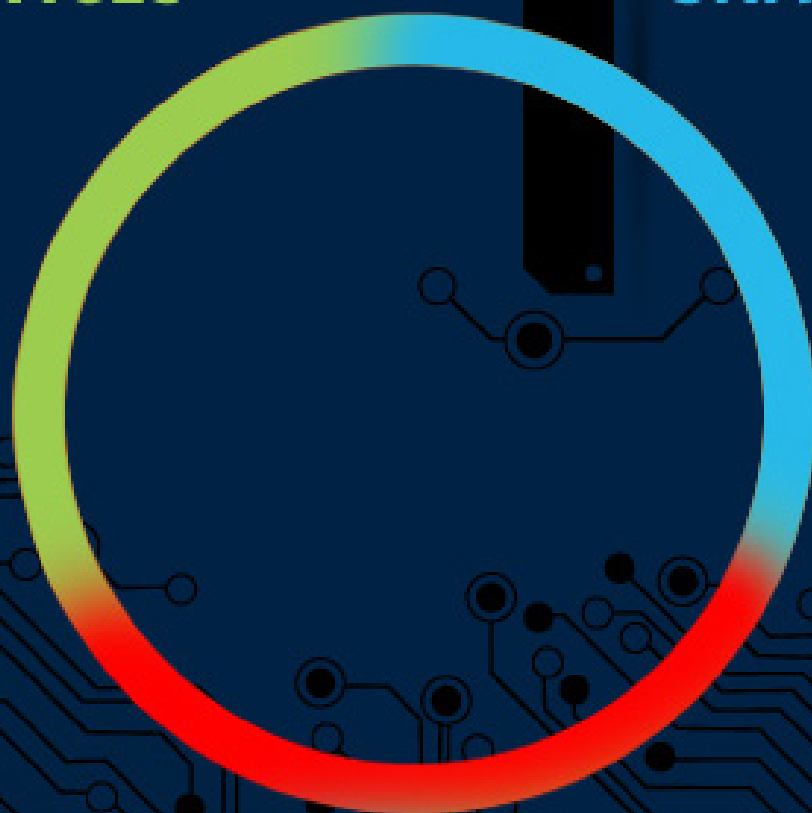
REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL TERRORISTS COULD STEAL OR USE IN A NUCLEAR ATTACK.



# 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



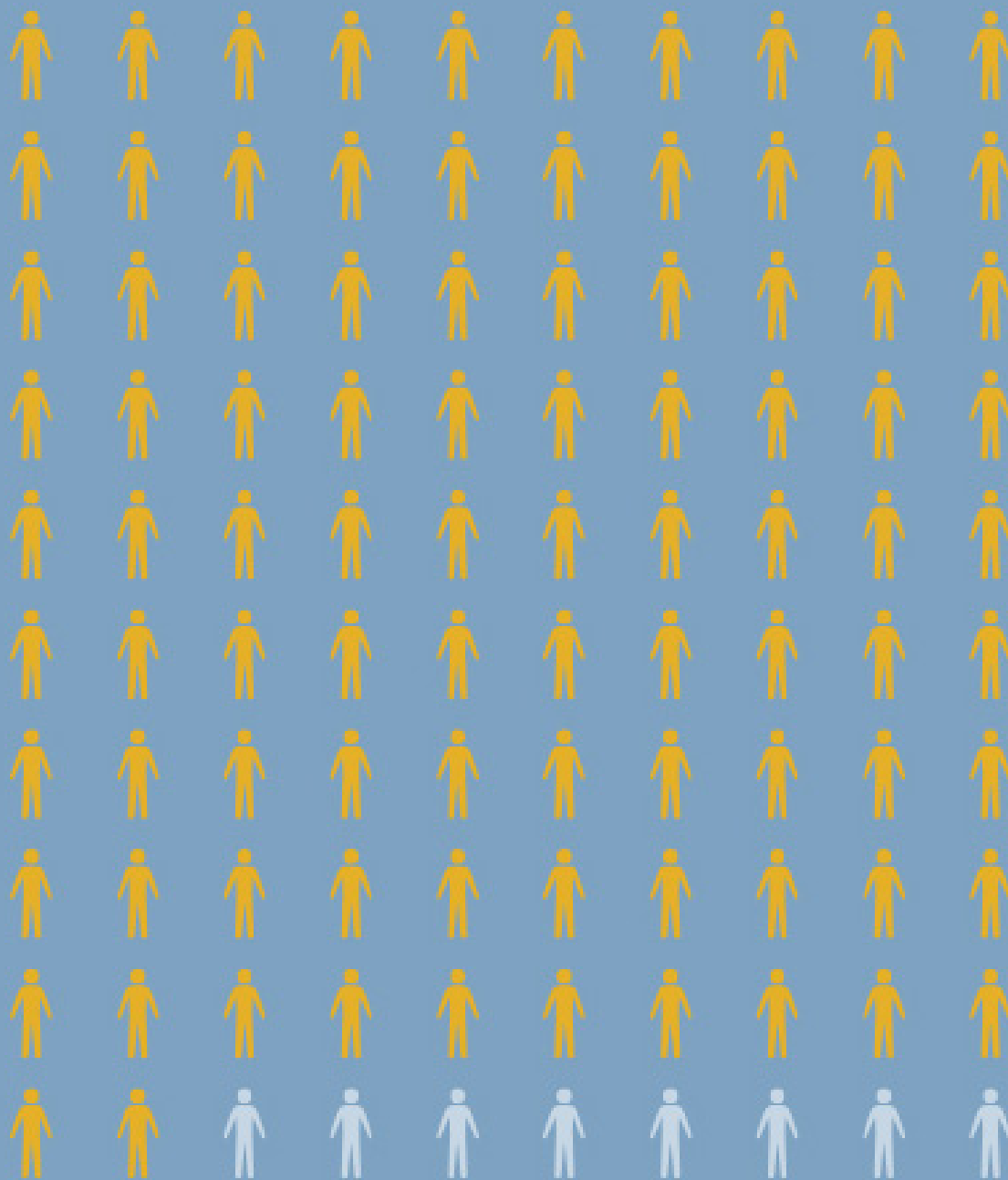
A NEW GOAL BY THE END OF 2014:

**250,000+ HIRED**

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



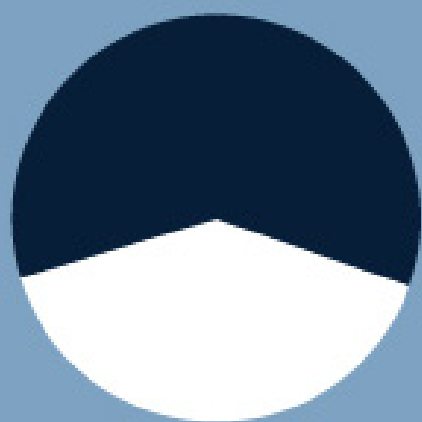


# **92% OF AMERICANS** **SUPPORT BACKGROUND** **CHECKS FOR GUN BUYERS**

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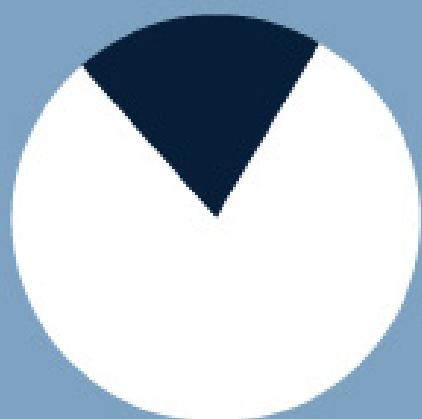
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**40%**

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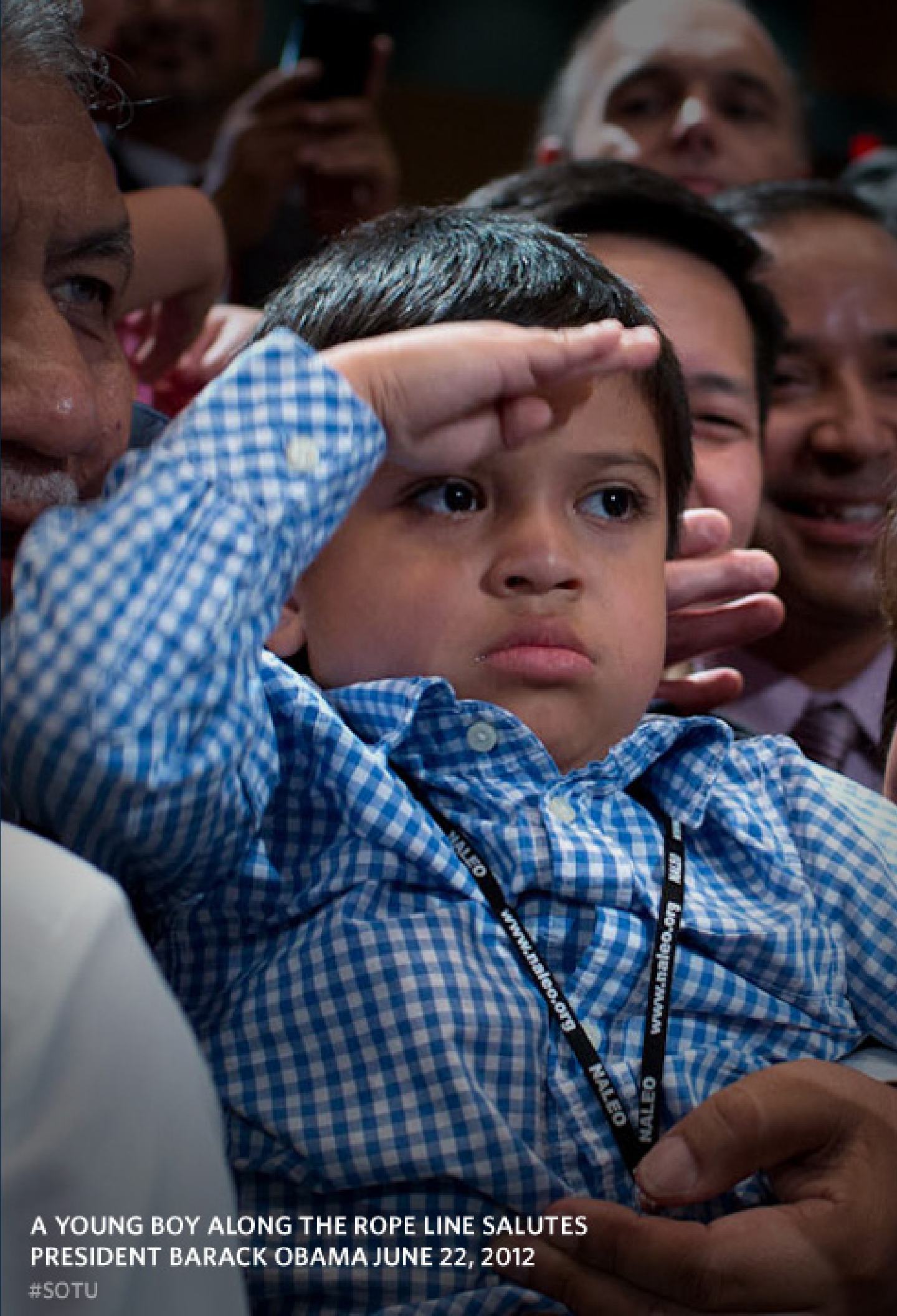
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A YOUNG BOY ALONG THE ROPE LINE SALUTES  
PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA JUNE 22, 2012

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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.

**[WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/SOTU](http://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/SOTU)**

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