

# Integrating tobacco control into the NCD and Human Capital Agenda

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# CONCLUSIONS

- Human capital (health, education, skills) can be substantially improved in Mexico with investments particularly in NCD control
- NCDs have unexpectedly large effects on Human capital (especially CVD), and tobacco is key risk factor for NCD
- Tobacco is a big cause of poverty and tobacco control reduces poverty
- A tripling of the excise tax on cigarettes worldwide would cut consumption by 1/3 and avoid ~200 M deaths

# Comparison of World Bank Human Capital Index for Mexico and Canada

## Mexico

### 0.61 Human Capital Index

#### Gender Distribution



> 0.99 Probability of Survival to Age 5

> 12.6 Expected Years of School

> 430 Harmonized Test Scores

> 8.6 Learning-Adjusted Years of School

> 0.88 Fraction of Children Under 5 Not Stunted

> 0.89 Adult Survival Rate

## Canada

### 0.80 Human Capital Index

#### Gender Distribution



> 0.99 Probability of Survival to Age 5

> 13.7 Expected Years of School

> 537 Harmonized Test Scores

> 11.7 Learning-Adjusted Years of School

> no data Fraction of Children Under 5 Not Stunted

> 0.94 Adult Survival Rate

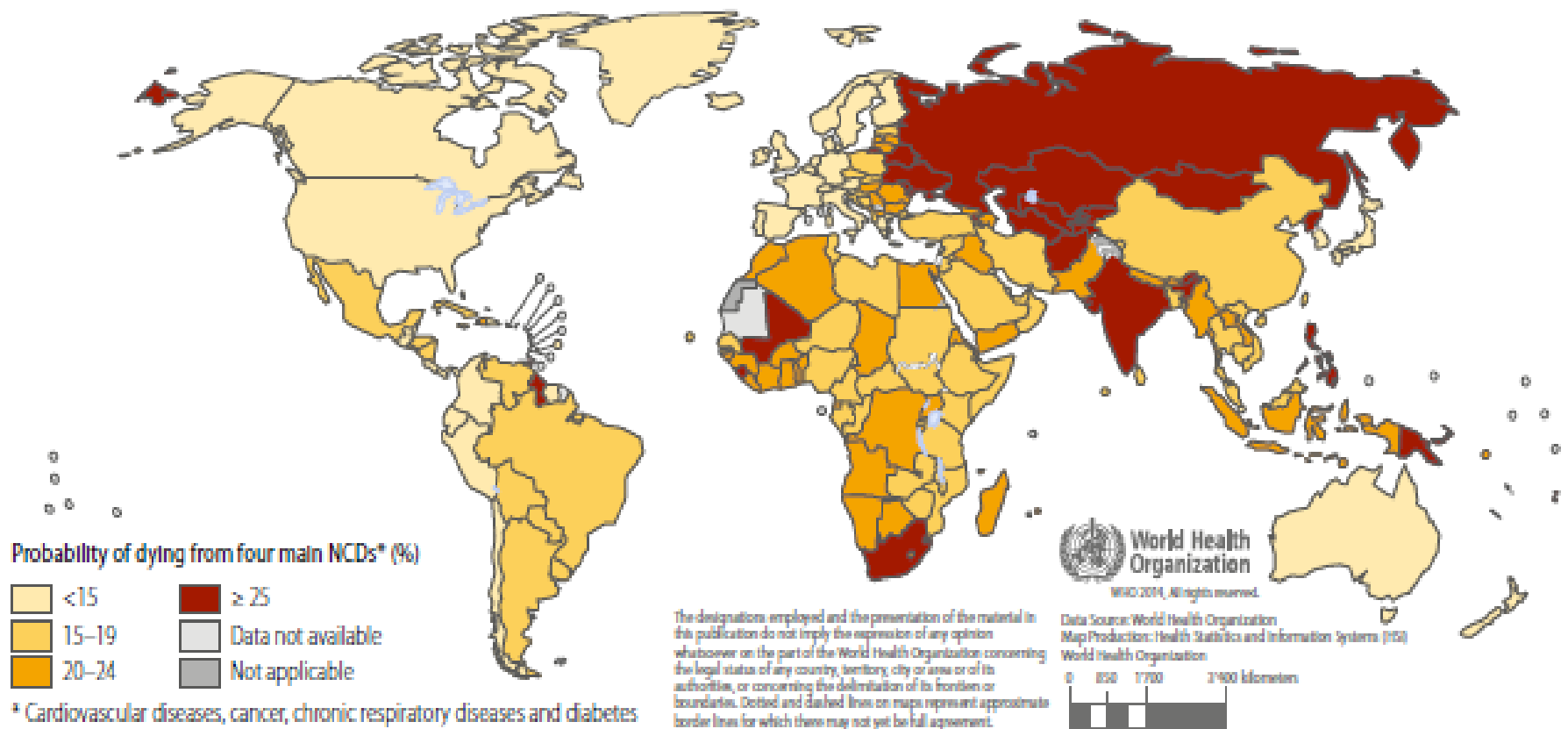
# Male mortality 1970-2010

% of 15 year old males  
dead by age 60

Country	1970	1990	2010	Change	Rank 2010
Russia	31	32	41	+34%	159
South Africa	42	38	53	+28%	177
Brazil	27	24	19	-29%	84
India	33	27	23	-31%	106
China	24	20	15	-35%	59
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-42%</b>	<b>62</b>
United States	23	17	13	-43%	45
Canada	19	13	8	-55%	11
Chile	29	19	12	-61%	33
Korea (Rep)	38	23	11	-71%	31

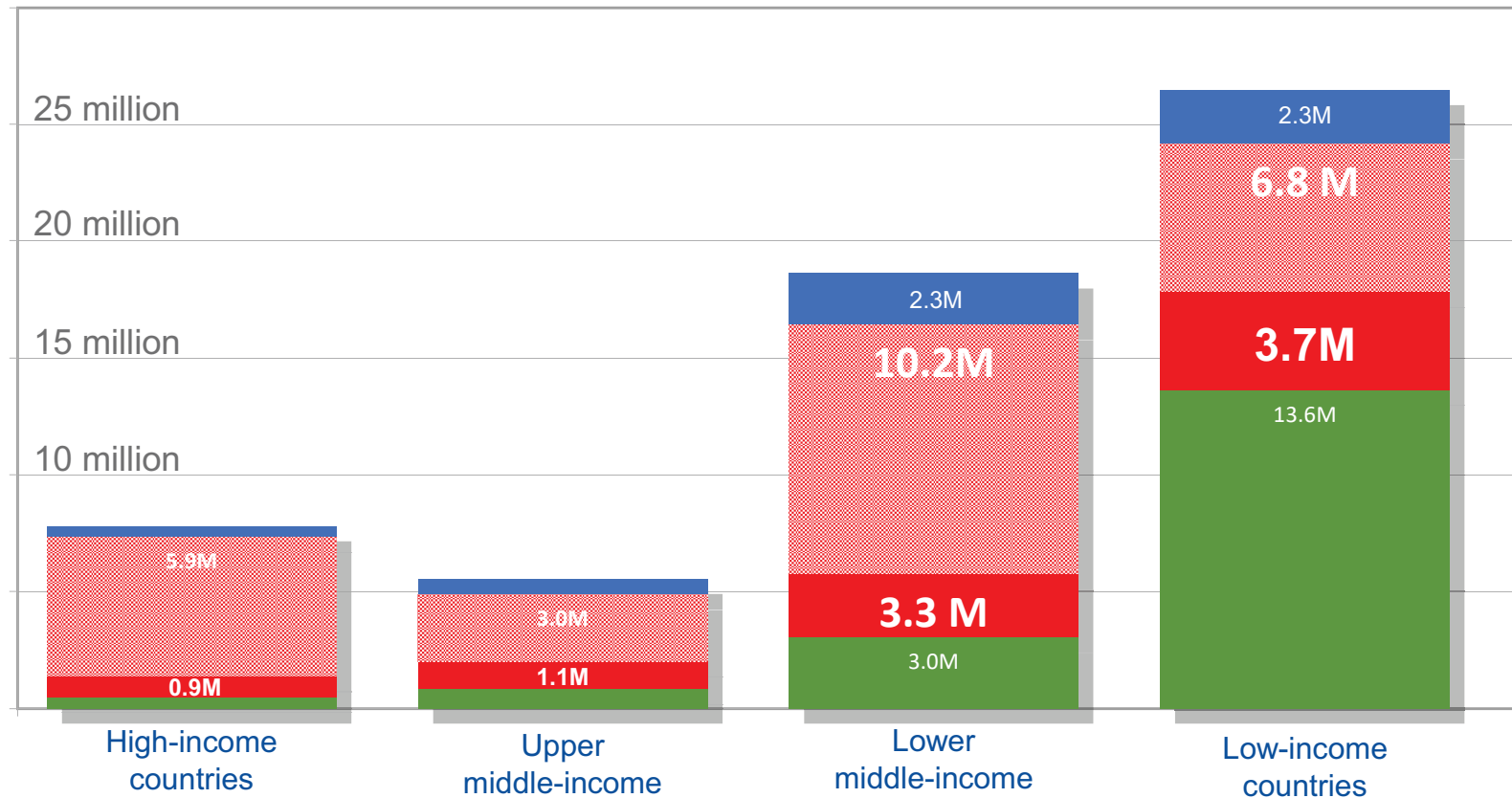
# NCD Mortality Risks

**Fig. 1.5a** Probability of dying from the four main noncommunicable diseases between the ages of 30 and 70 years, comparable estimates, 2012



Source: WHO, 2014

# Total Deaths by Income



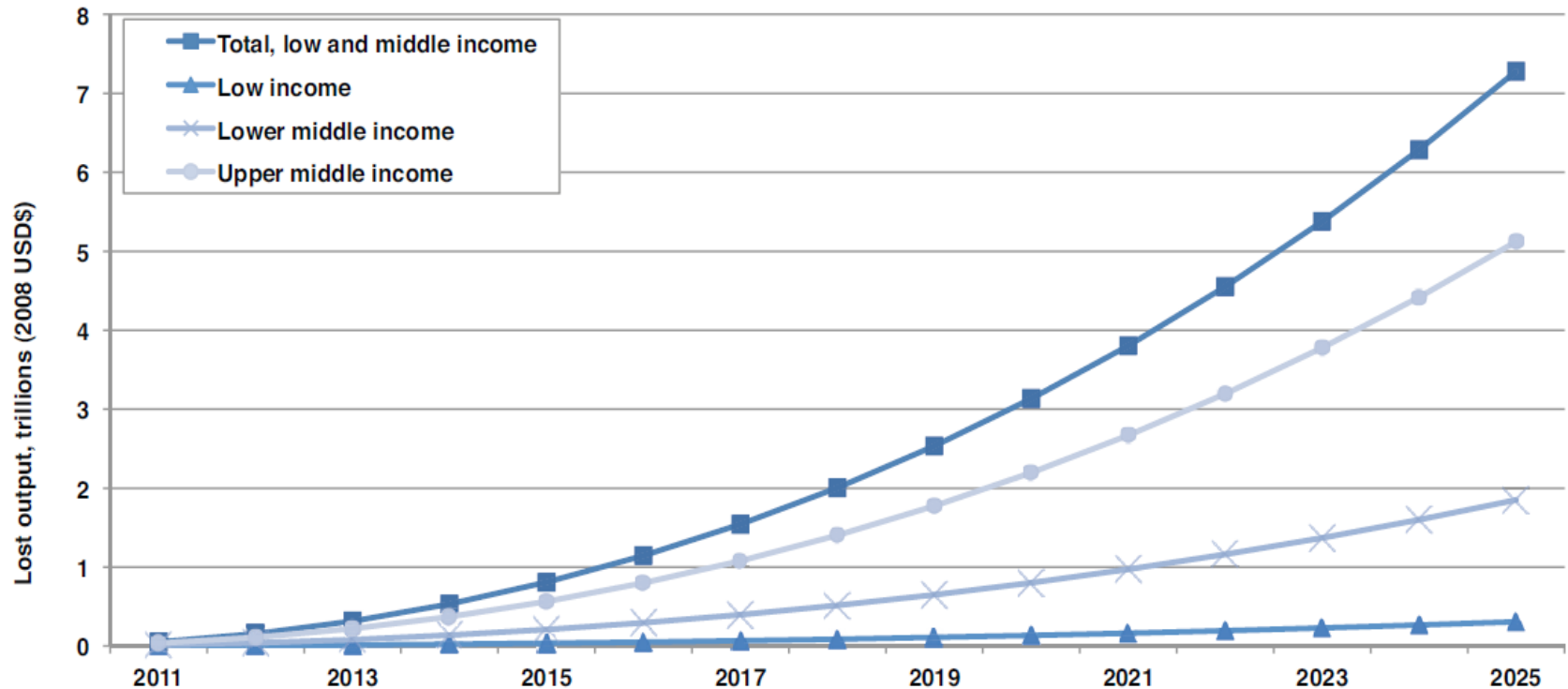
- Group III - Injuries
- Group II – Other deaths from noncommunicable diseases
- Group II – Premature deaths from noncommunicable diseases (below the age of 60), which are preventable
- Group I – Communicable diseases, maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions

# Economic Consequences of NCDs

- **Large economic burden from NCDs:**
  - Considerable, growing health care costs from treating NCDs
  - Significant lost productivity
  - Cause of poverty
  - Account for much of inequalities in health

# Growing Economic Costs

Figure 2: Cumulative NCD loss, beginning in 2011



Source: Based on The Global Economic Burden of Non-communicable Diseases  
– Prepared by the World Economic Forum and the Harvard School of Public Health (2011)

# **NCD impact on Human Capital**

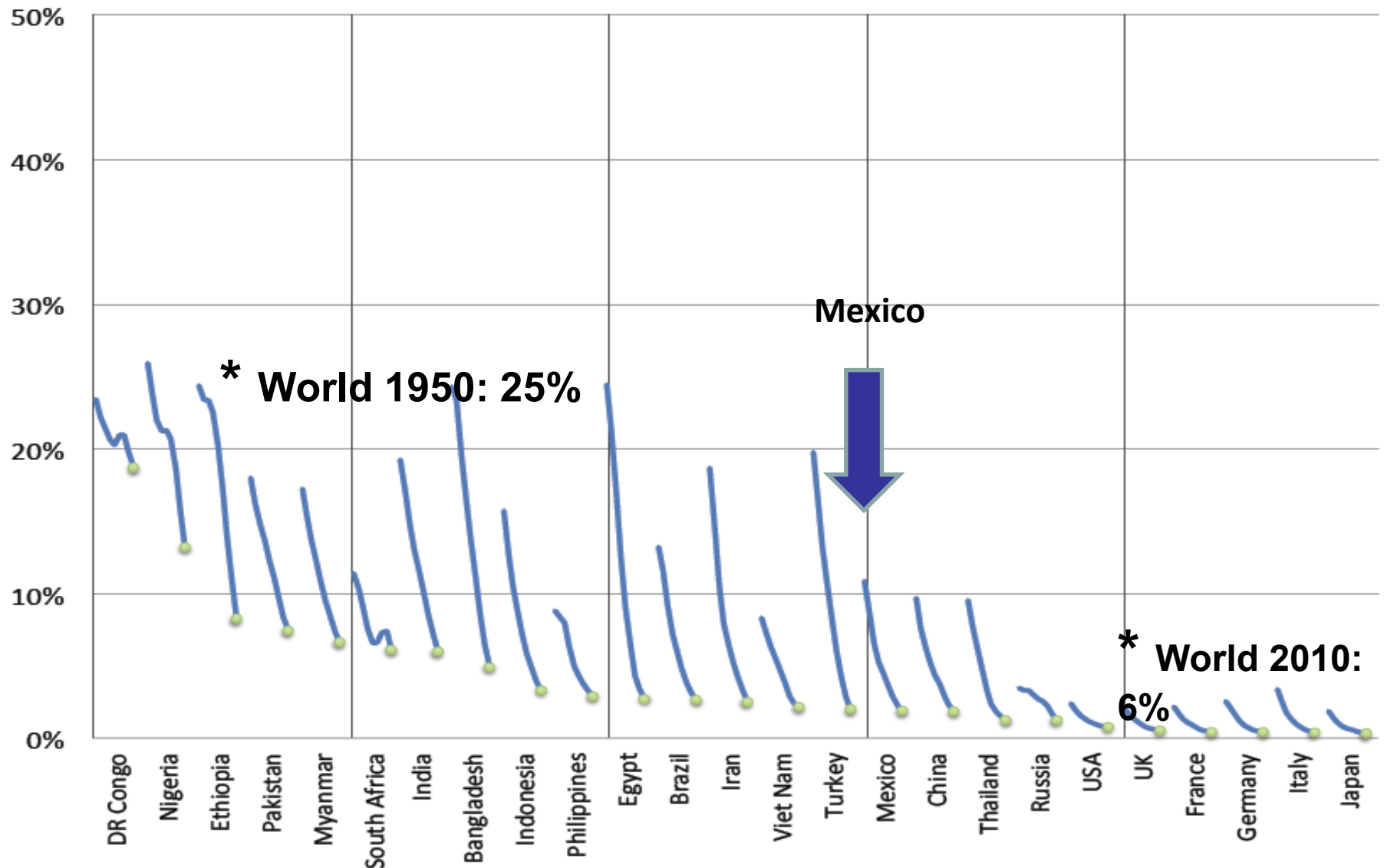
## **Preliminary evidence (World Bank)**

- **NCD interventions (WHO package) would generate 0.7% GDP per capita gains over 5 years**
- **CVD control (optimal 10%) increases life expectancy by 1.4 years for males, 1.1 years for females**
  - **CVD control yields \$970-2130 per capita**
- **Cross country analyses finds that NCD (40q30) fell from 2000-16 with higher income, greater health spending, and reduced out of pocket expenditure**
- **Childhood NCDs predict educational gains and adult height**

# Household mechanisms for risk factors (notably tobacco) to impact HCI

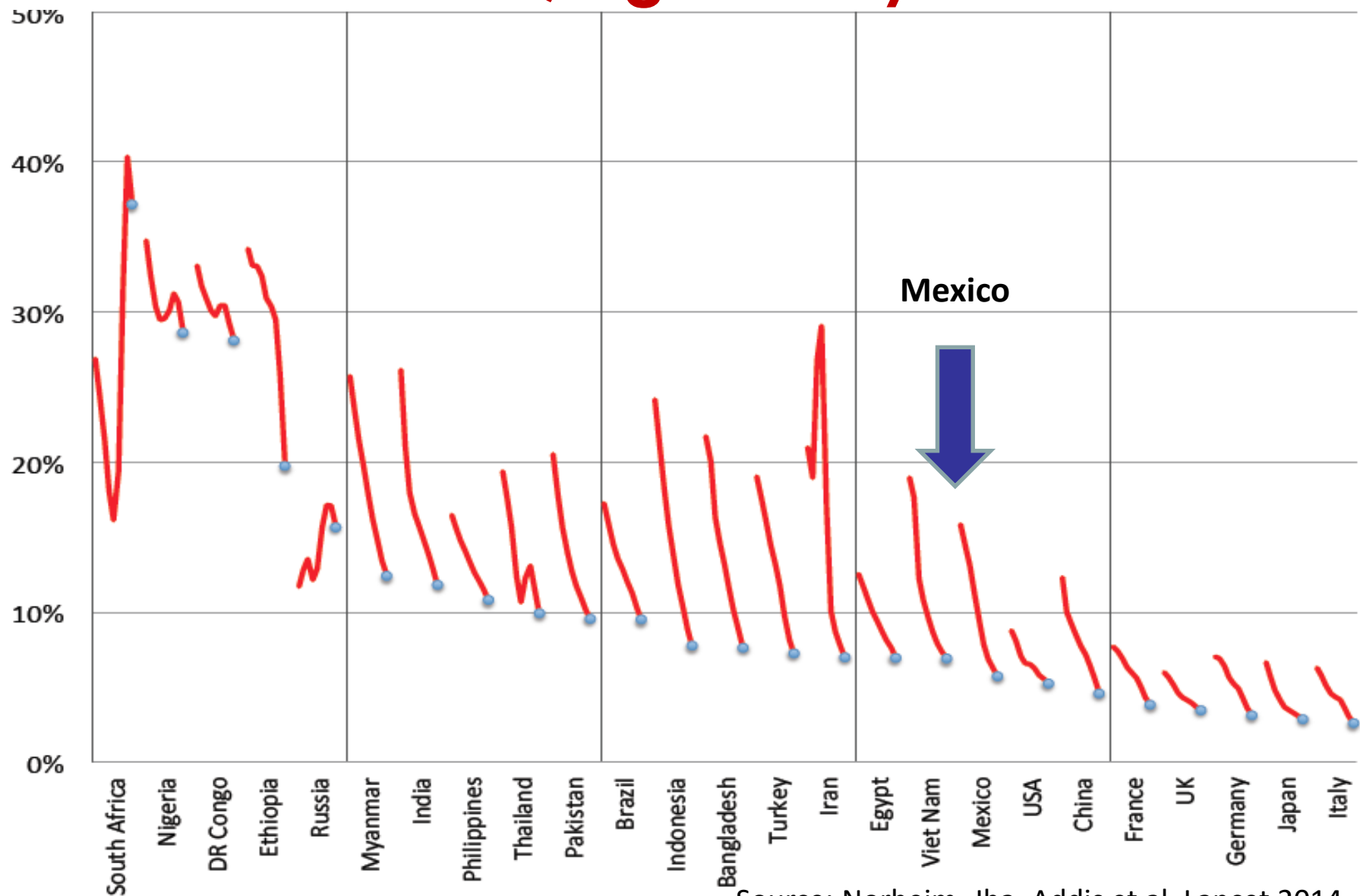
- Reduced adult survival (40q13 or 45q15)
- Female smoking/chewing and neonatal mortality or low birth weight (reduced breastfeeding?)
- Crowding out household expenditures on child health, nutrition/stunting (and education?)
- Catastrophic health expenditures
- Worker productivity, health shocks and absenteeism (De Nardi, NBER 2017)

# 1970-2010 trends in risk of death, 25 countries, age 0-4 years



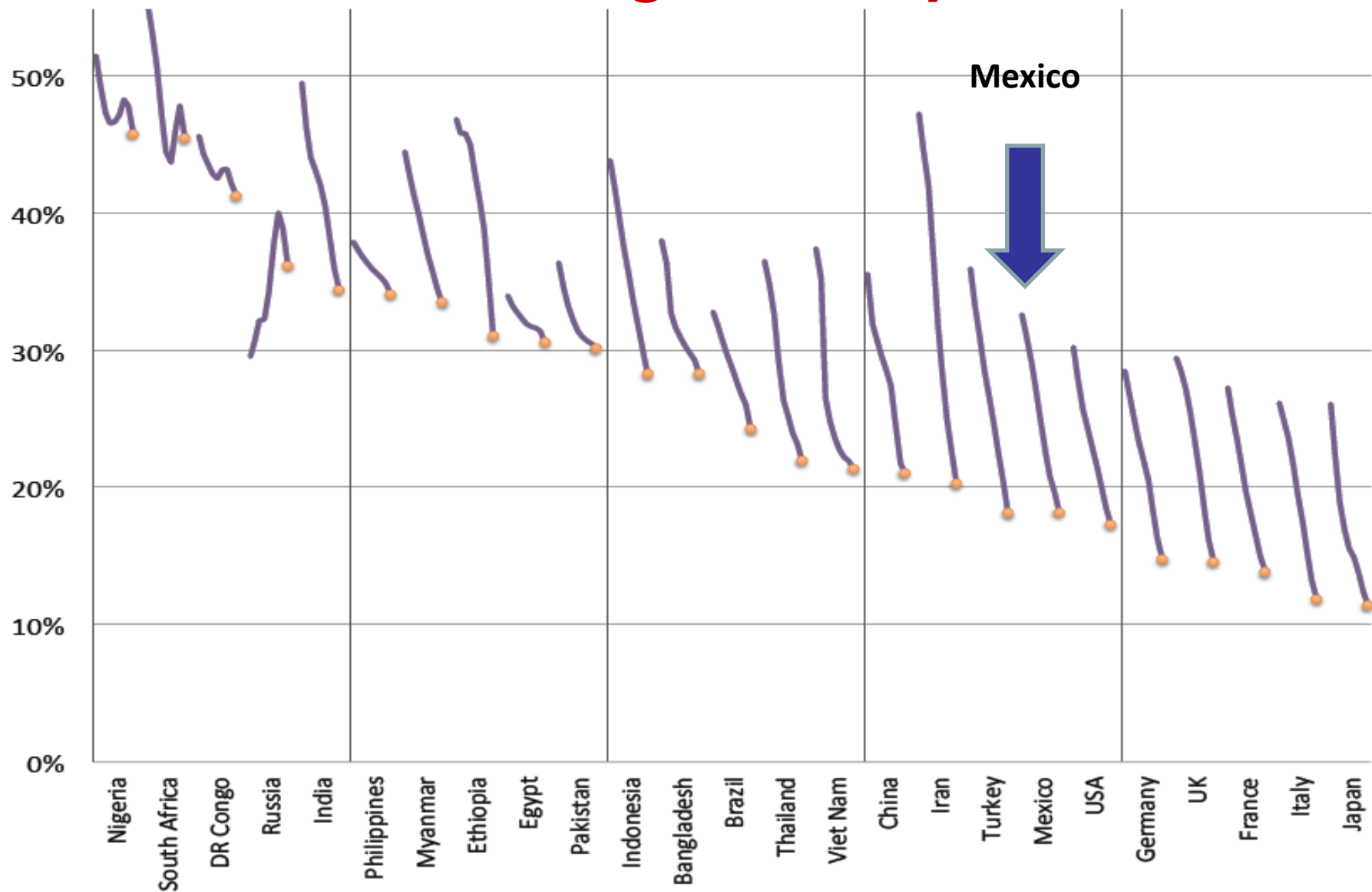
Source: Norheim, Jha, Addis et al, Lancet 2014

# 1970-2010 trends in risk of death, 25 countries, age 5-49 years



Source: Norheim, Jha, Addis et al, Lancet 2014

# 1970-2010 trends in risk of death, 25 countries, age 50-69 years

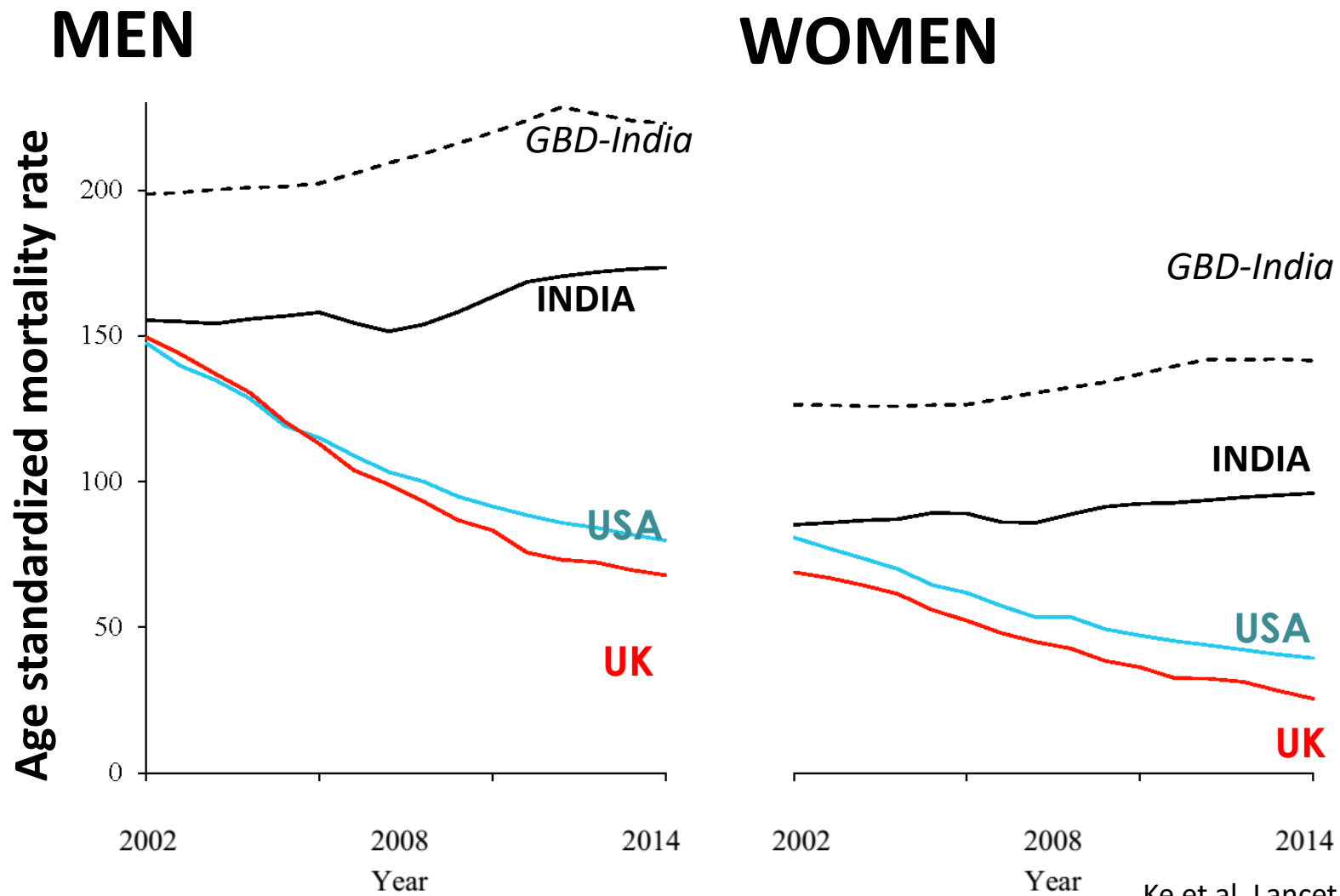


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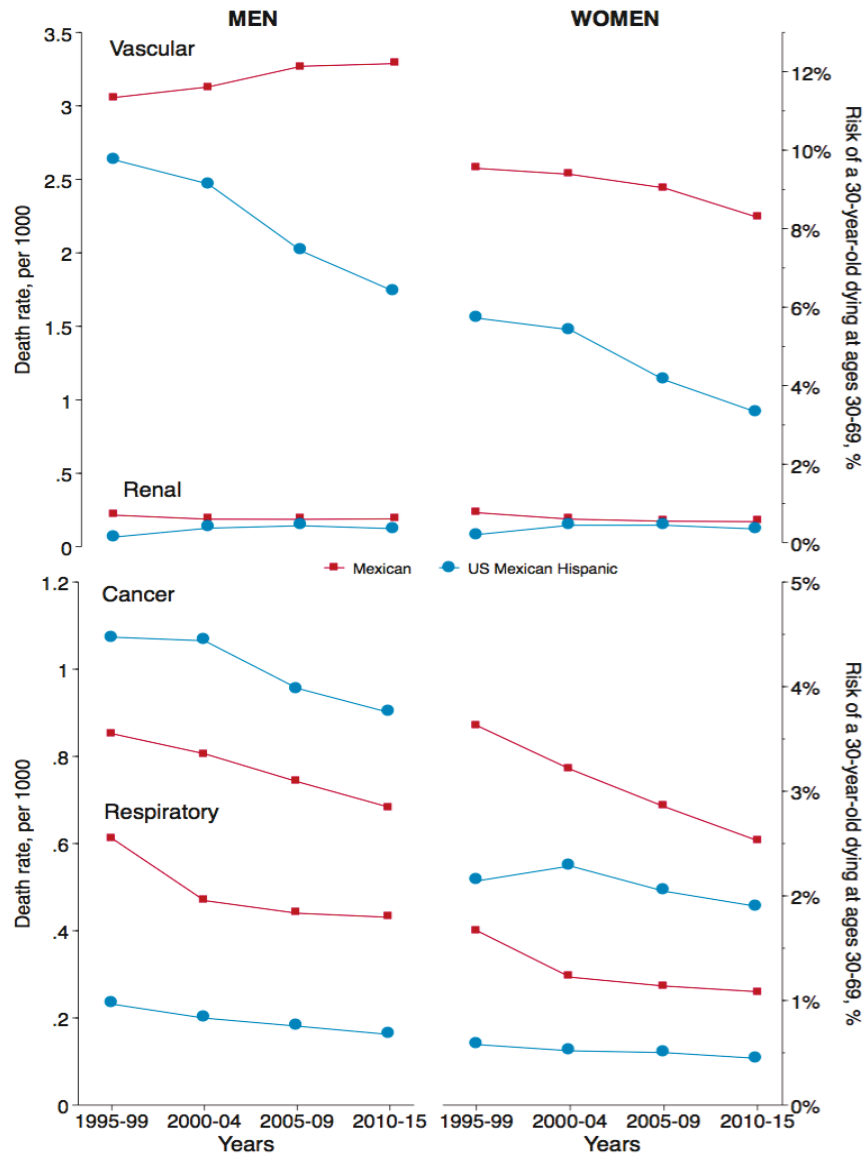
# **VASCULAR DISEASE: Risk of death at ages 30-69, 2000 and 2015, India**

	<b><u>2000</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b><u>Ischemic Heart Disease</u></b>		
<b>Men</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b><u>Stroke</u></b>		
<b>Men</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>

# Trends in age-standardized mortality rates, all ages: ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE (IHD), India, UK, USA, GBD- India



# Trends in vascular, cancer and respiratory mortality in Mexico by sex, 1995-2015



# Cancer deaths and change in death rates <70 years, 2000 and 2010, LMICs

	Deaths in 2010 (millions)	Change between 2000-10
<b>All cancer</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-9% *</b>
Tobacco-attributable ( <i>lung, esophagus</i> )	0.9	-9%
Infection-attributable ( <i>liver, cervix, stomach</i> )	0.9	-15%
Other cancers	1.6	-8%

\* Decline of 13% in high-income countries

# NCDs: Major Risk Factors

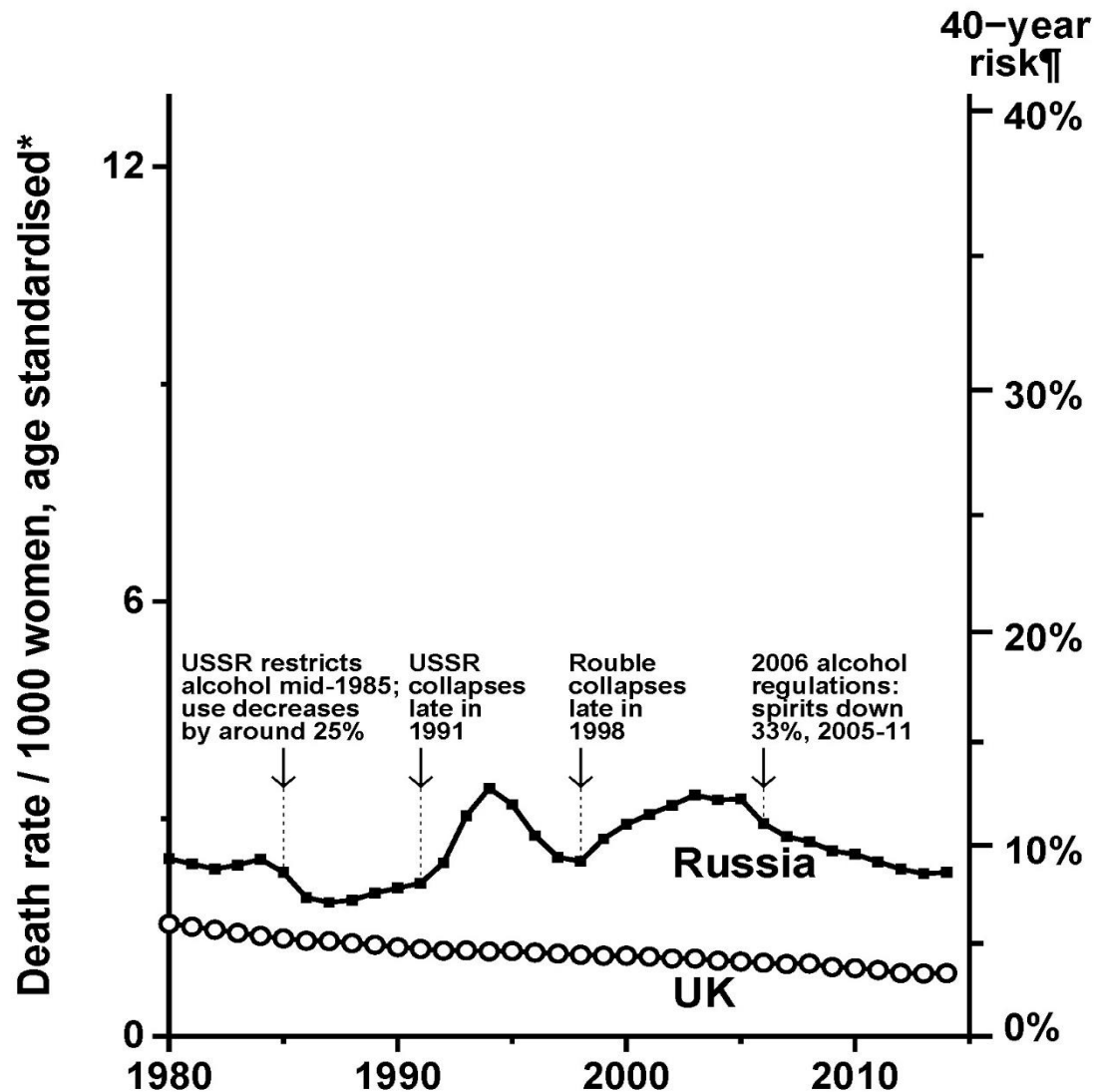
Major NCD	Major modifiable causative Risk Factors			
	Tobacco Use	Unhealthy Diet	Physical Inactivity	Harmful Use of Alcohol
Heart Disease & Stroke	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diabetes	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cancer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chronic Lung Disease	✓			

Source: WHO, 2010; Mackay, 2012

# Worldwide no of smokers, drinkers and obese (B=billions, M=millions)

<u>Exposure</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Annual deaths</u>
Smoking	1.3 B	5-6 M
Drinking	2.0 B	2 M
Obese (BMI>30)	0.6 B	~ 1.5 M

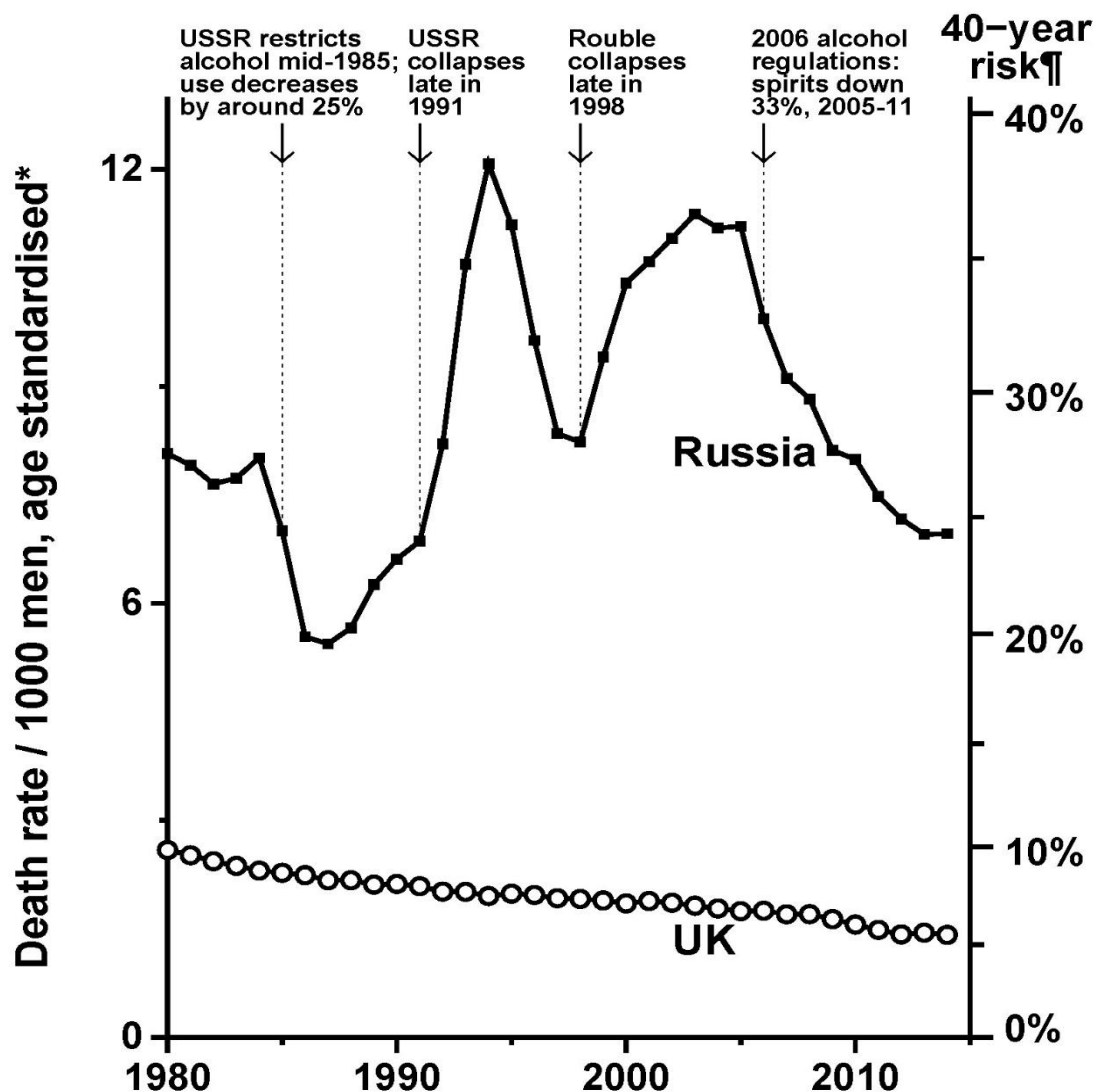
# Russia and UK, 1980-2014, FEMALE: All-cause mortality at ages 15-54



\* Mean of the age-specific death rates in 8 component 5-year age groups of 15-54.  
WHO/Eurostat deaths, UNPD populations

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Courtesy of H Pan, CTSU, Oxford University

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# **Russian 1990s male death rate ratios ~1 bottle of vodka/day vs <1 bottle/week**

**2 x any medical cause**

**4 x road traffic accident**

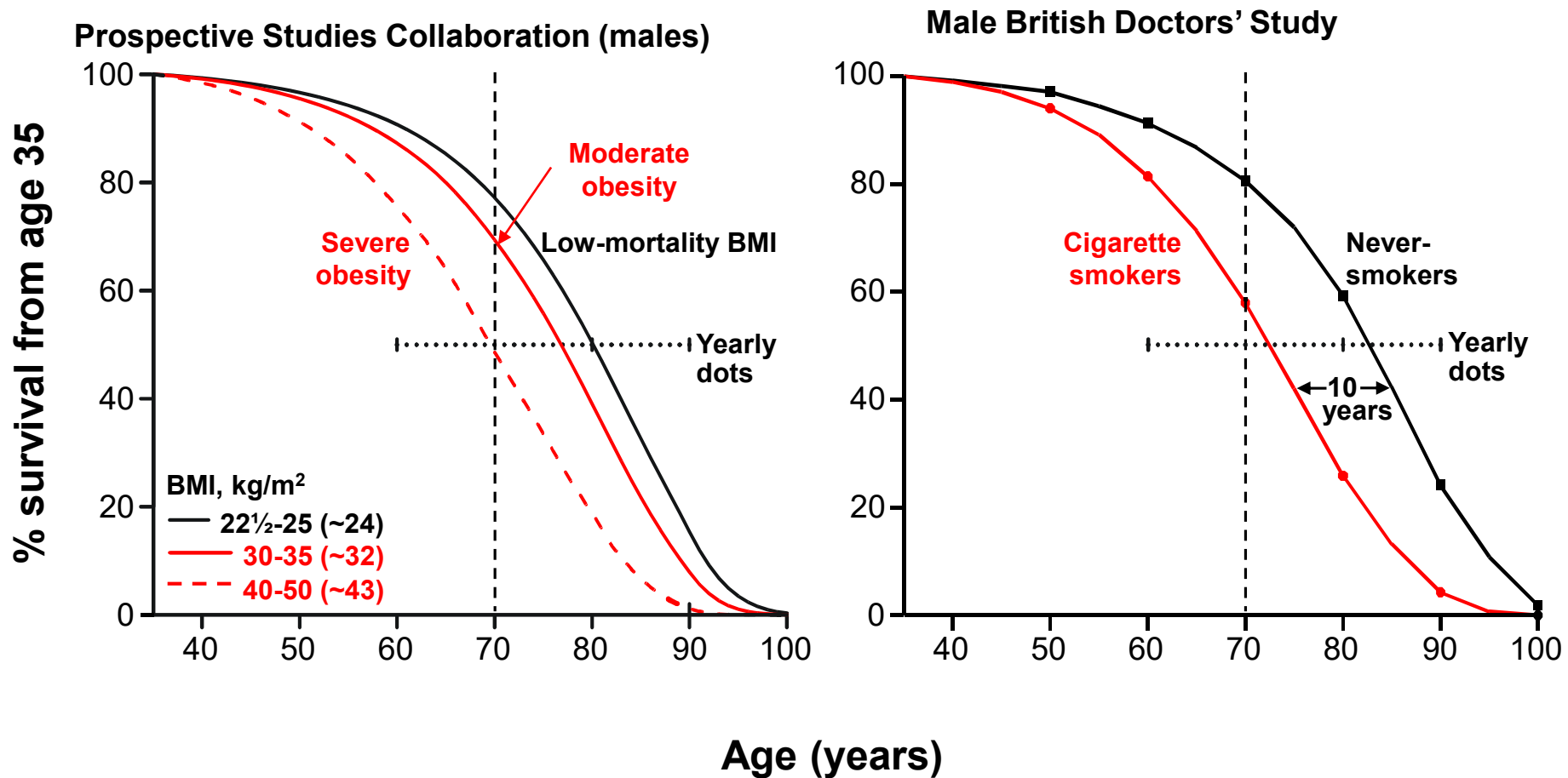
**6 x any other accident**

**8 x suicide**

**10 x murder**

# Life expectancy loss of 3 years with moderate obesity and 10 years with smoking

2 kg/m<sup>2</sup> extra BMI (if overweight) or 10% smoking prevalence shortens life by ~1 yr

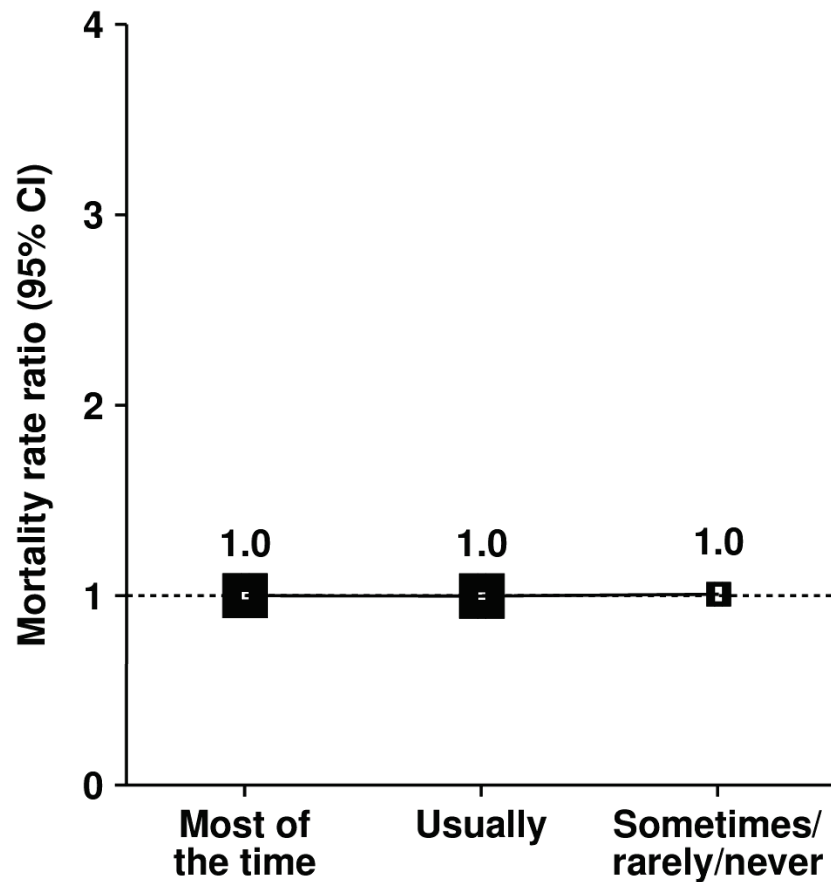


# **Adiposity → BP, lipids, DIABETES**

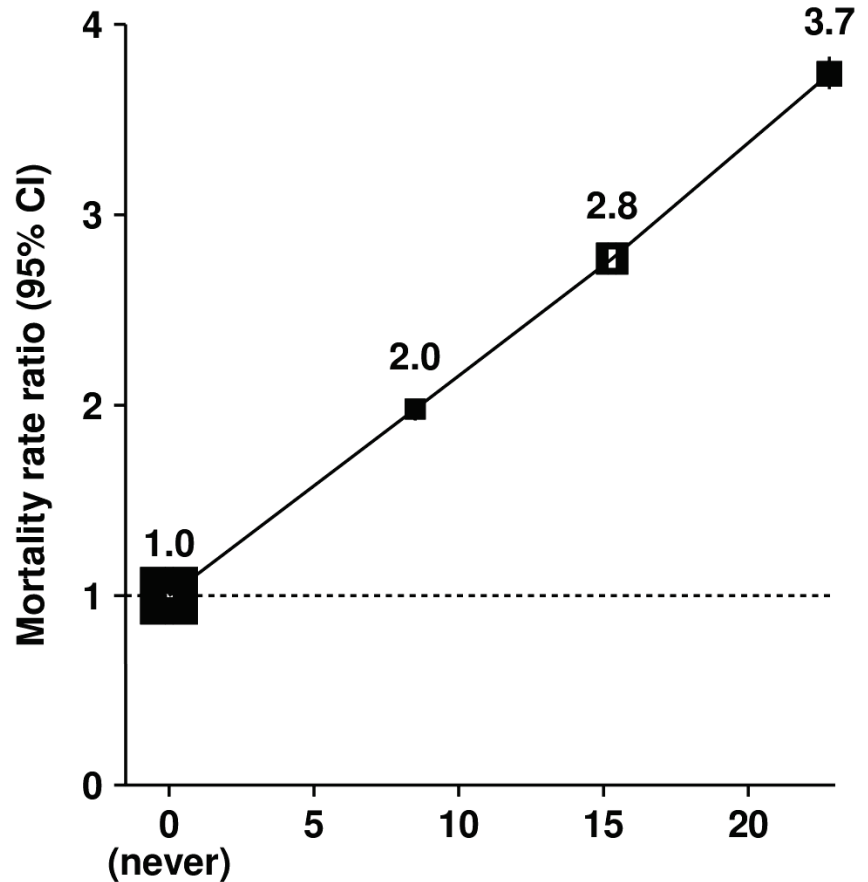
**Mexico: more diabetes than in the US, & MUCH greater mortality per diabetic**  
(diabetic vs not: under-70 mortality RR=4, probably reflecting inadequate treatment)

**BUT, total adult mortality rates are still falling rapidly in Mexico & US**

# UK Million Women Study: contrast between the relevance of happiness and of smoking to 10-year all-cause mortality among women who do not already have a chronic disease



How often do you feel happy?



Usual daily cigarette consumption

# Three main messages for the individual smoker

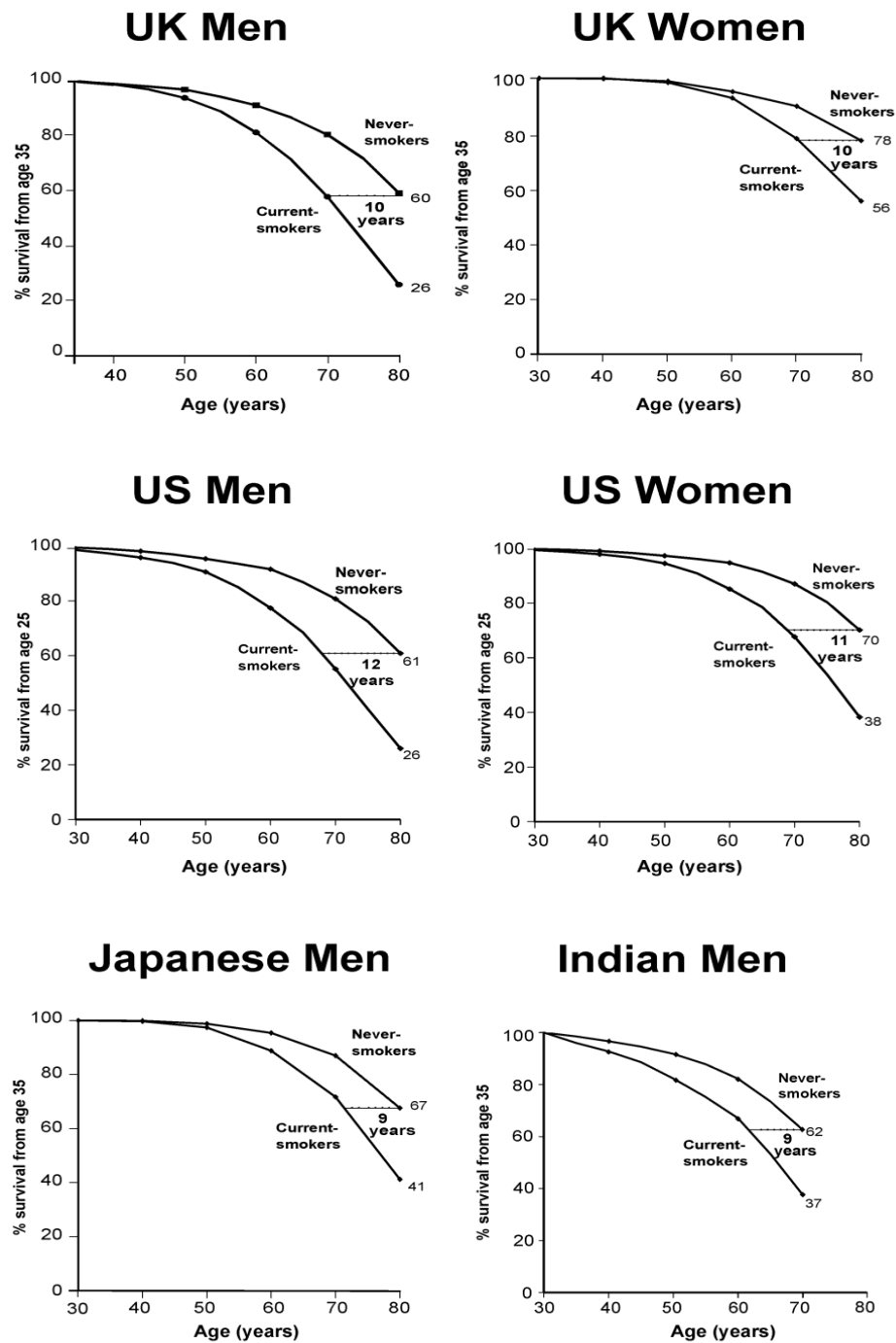
**1. Risk is BIG: 1/2 are killed  
(cancer & vascular & respiratory)**

**Mexico: ~14 M smokers (about 8M <35 years, of whom  
~4 M will die from smoking unless they quit)**

**2. 1/4 are killed in MIDDLE age  
(30-69), losing many years**

**3. STOPPING smoking works**

# 21<sup>st</sup> century hazards of cigarette smoking in 6 distinct populations



Jha and Peto, NEJM 2014



# Survey US women and men & link them to the National Death Index *“Facebook of death”*

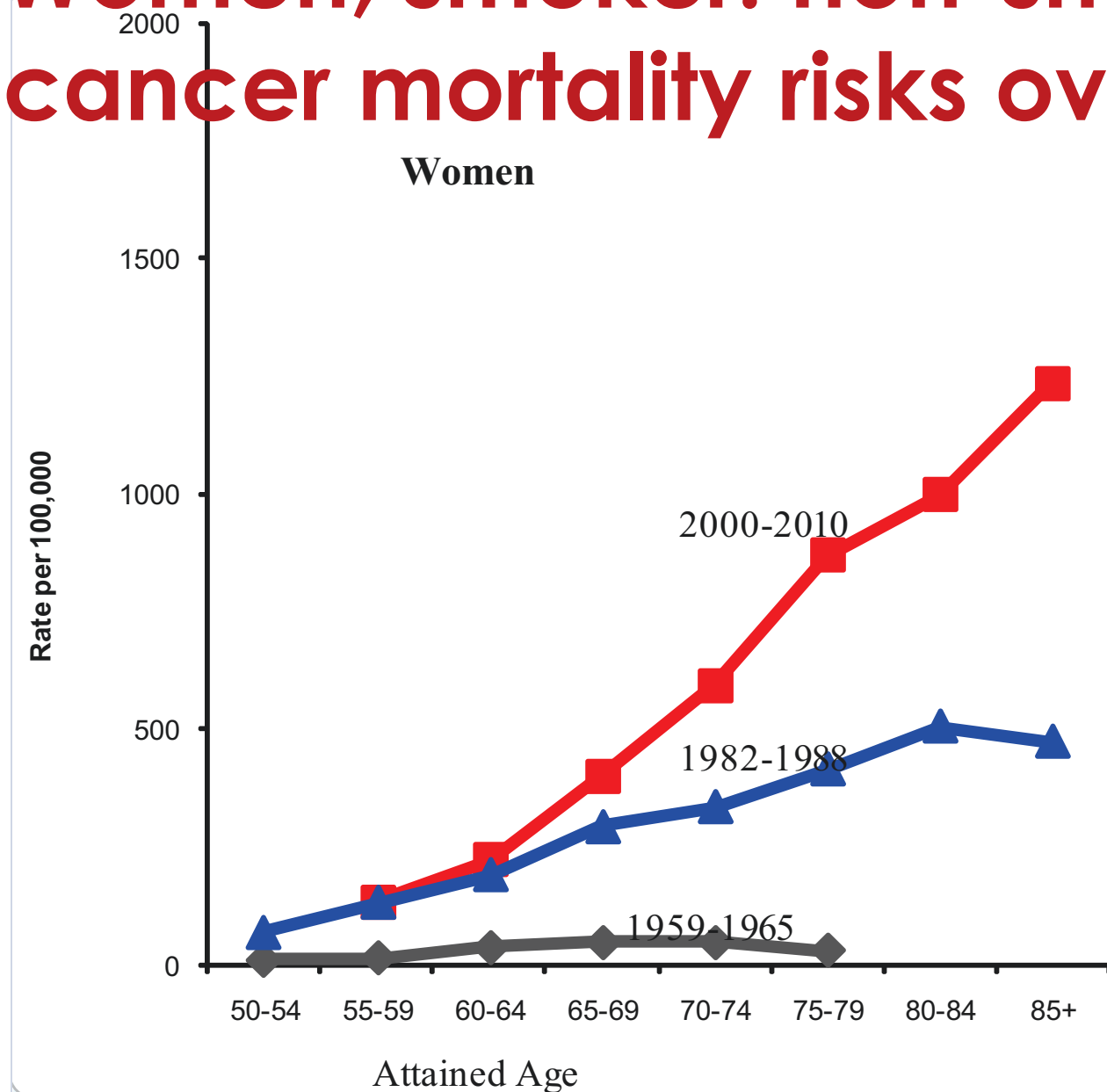
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(Hazard ratios\* current vs. never smokers,  
ages 25-79, by gender)

**WOMEN WHO SMOKE: 3.0 times more likely  
to die**

**MEN WHO SMOKE : 2.8 times more likely  
to die**

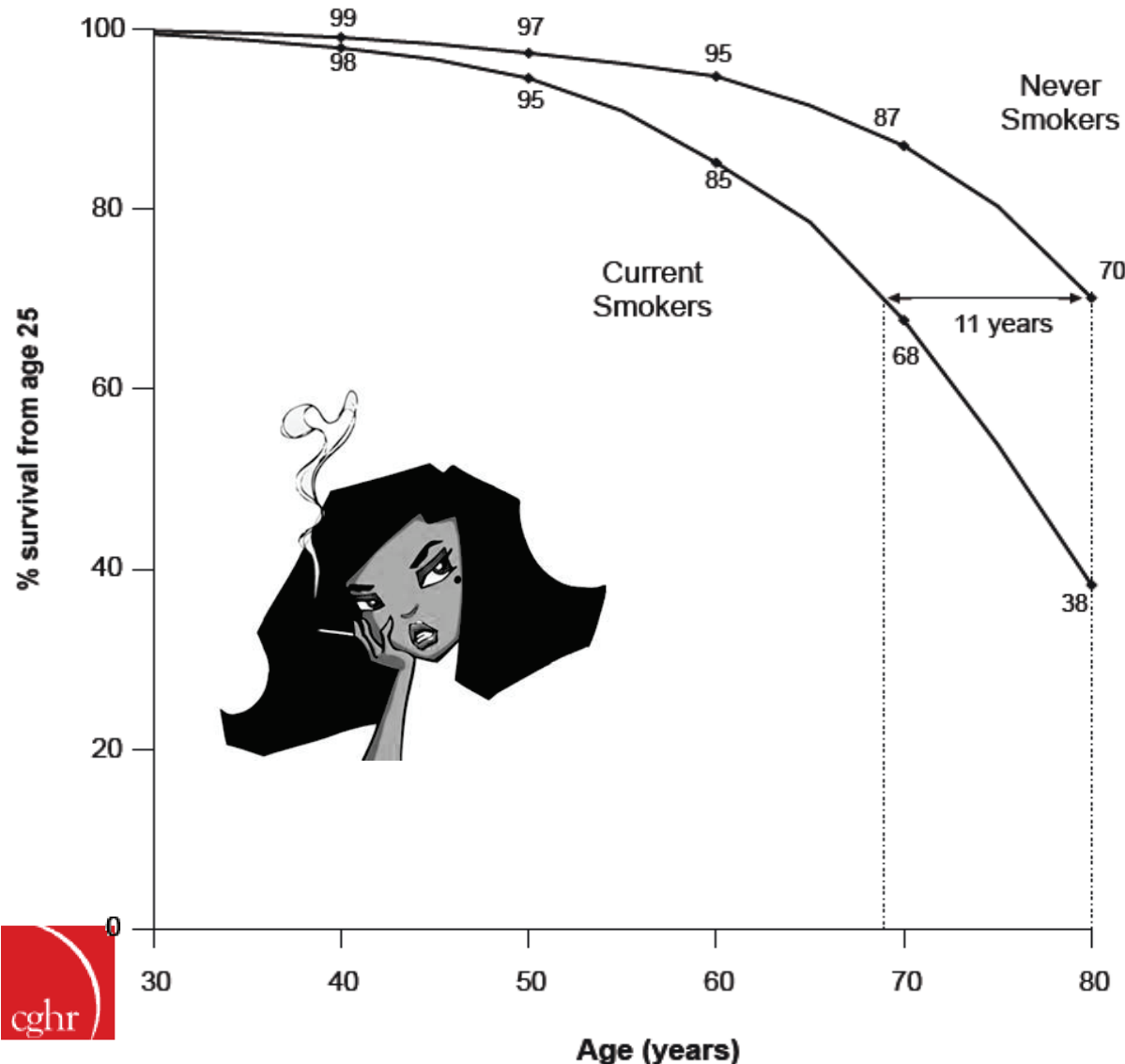
# US Women, smoker: non-smoker lung cancer mortality risks over time



Source: Thun et al, NEJM 2013

# FEMALES: Survival probabilities

between ages 25 and 80 years among current and never-smokers in the US



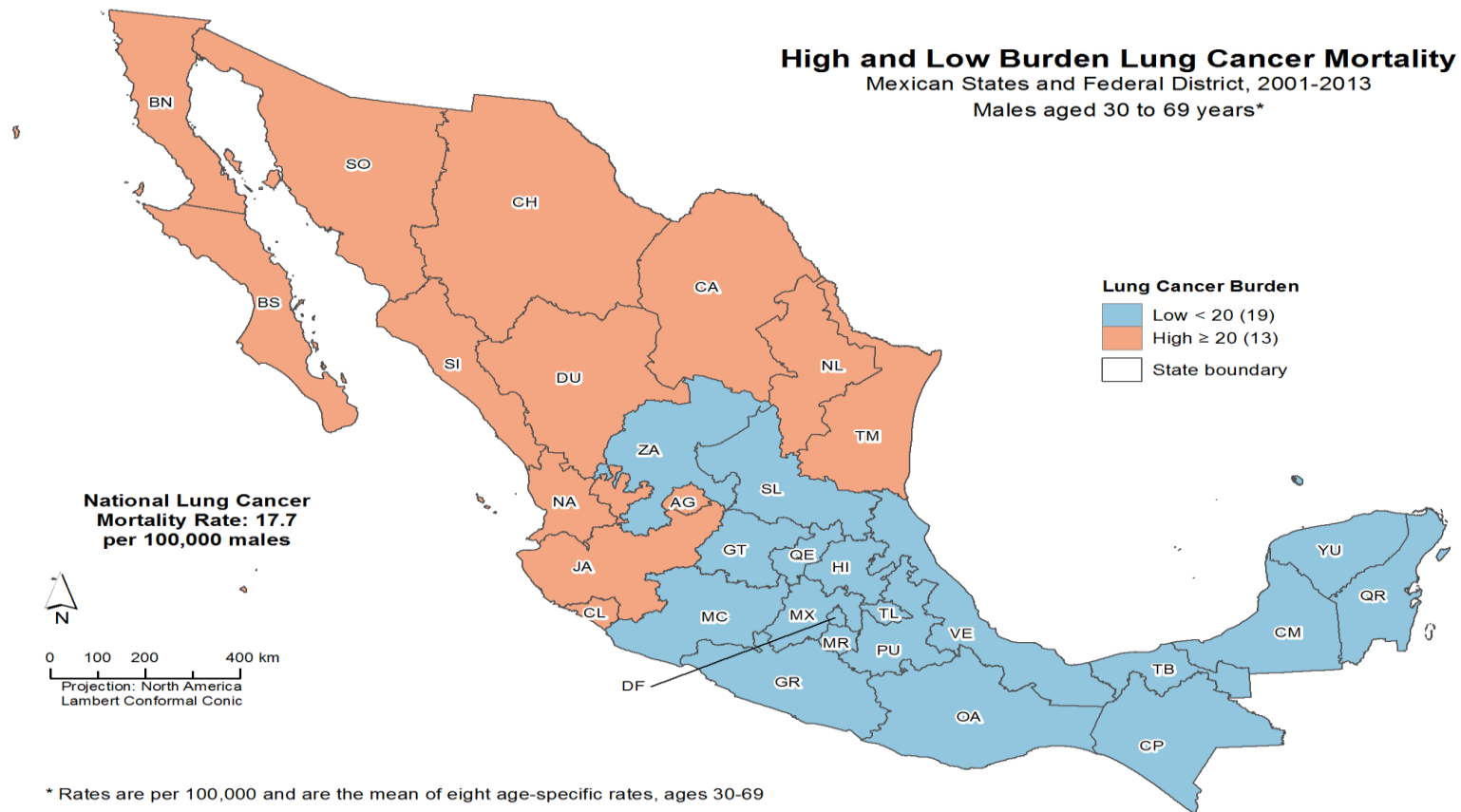
HR adjusted for age, education, alcohol, adiposity (BMI), scaled to 2004 national rates, but comparable results if only actual cohort used

# Mexican smoking patterns age 15+

<u>Group</u>	<u>% M / F</u>	<u>No (millions)</u>
Current smoker	25 / 8	14
Ex-smoker	21 / 9	12
Never	54 / 83	49

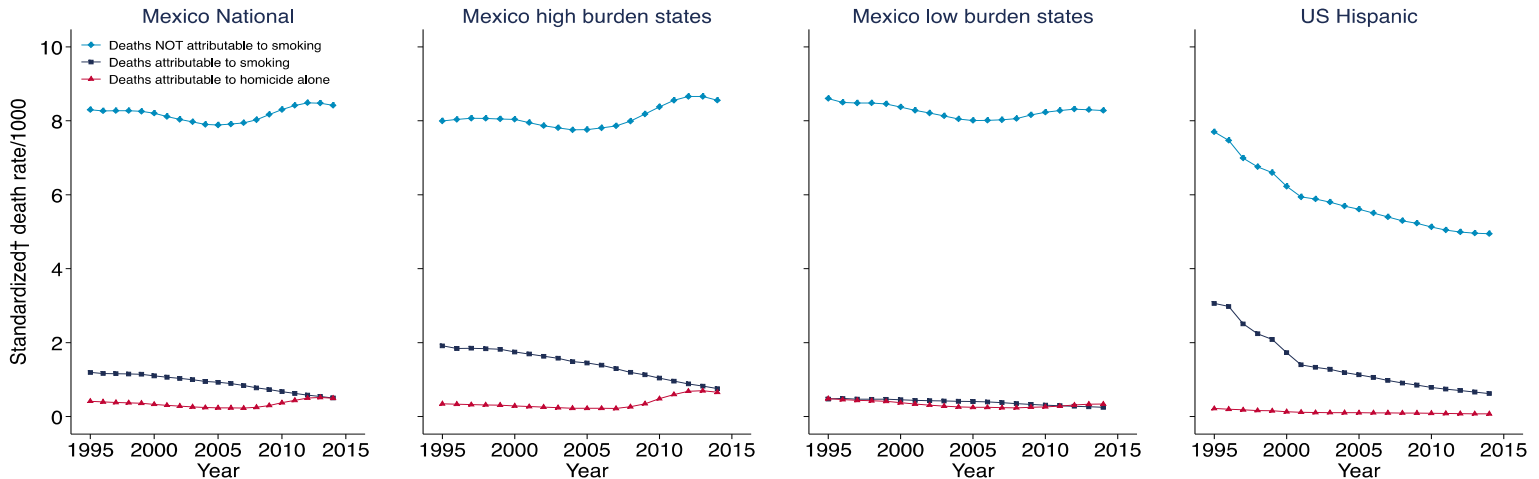
- About 49 billion cigarettes produced or about 2/per adult per day, vs US (about 5/adult/day)
- Early age of onset (most smokers start by age 20)
- Compare to ex-smoking rates of 30-40% in UK and Canada
- Rising rates in young? (each 10% increase, will reduce overall life expectancy by 1 year)

# High and low burden lung cancer mortality (males), Mexican states, 2001-13

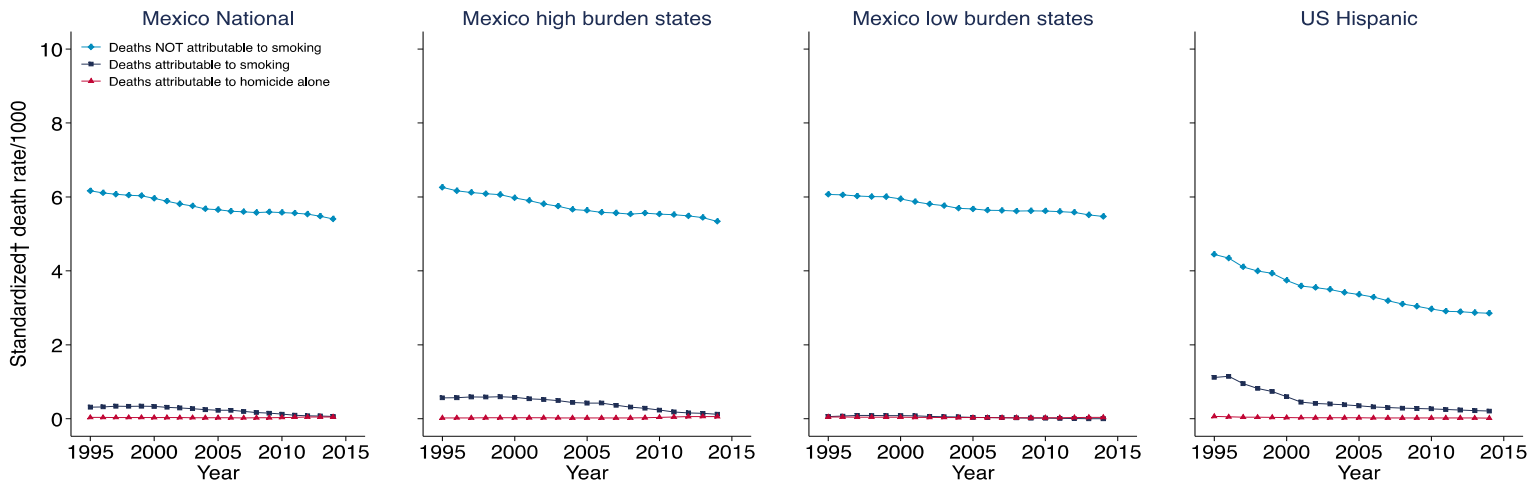


# Death rates attributable to smoking and not attributable to smoking and from homicide in Mexico and US Hispanics, 1995-2015

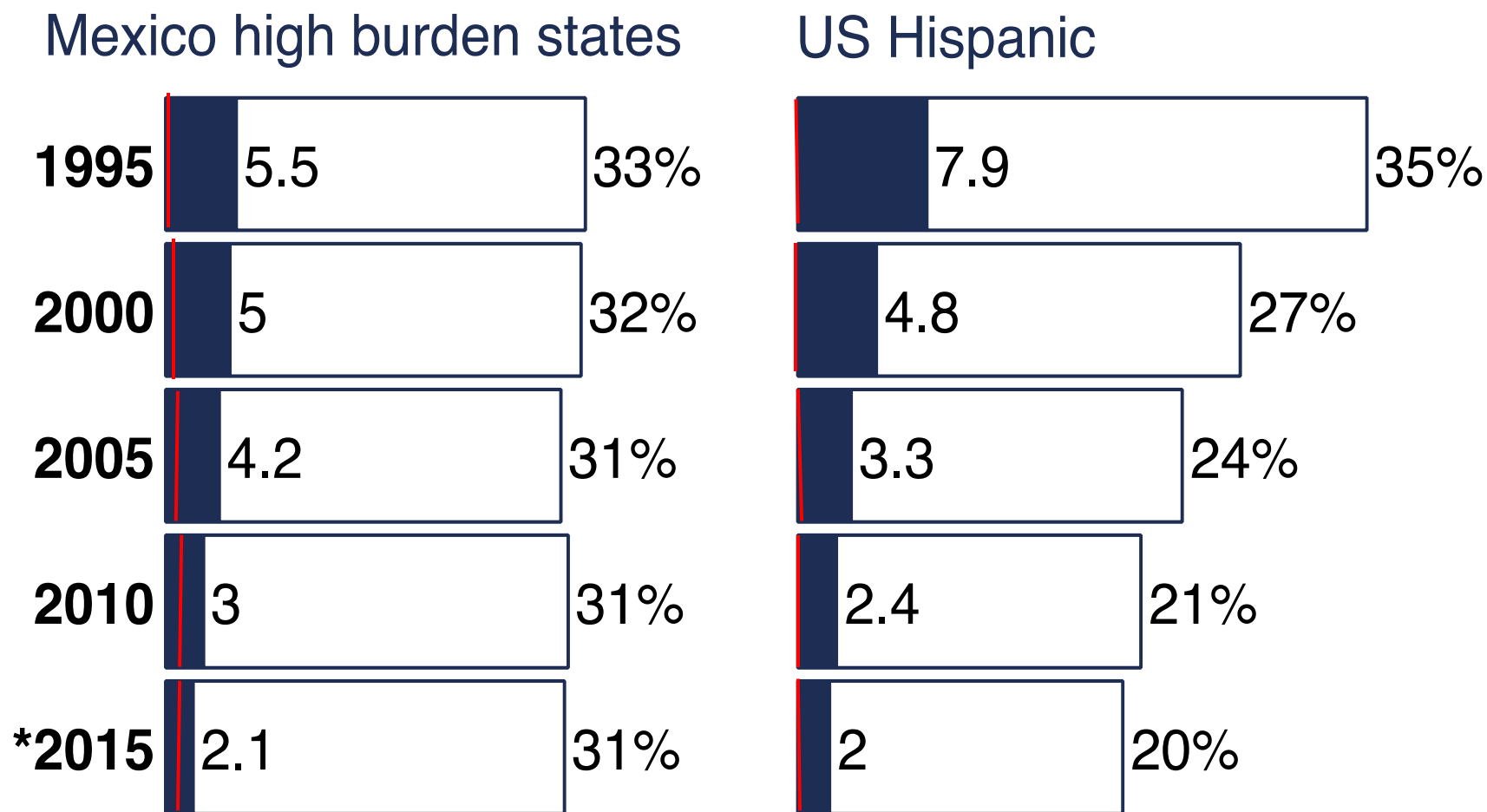
## A. Men



## B. Women

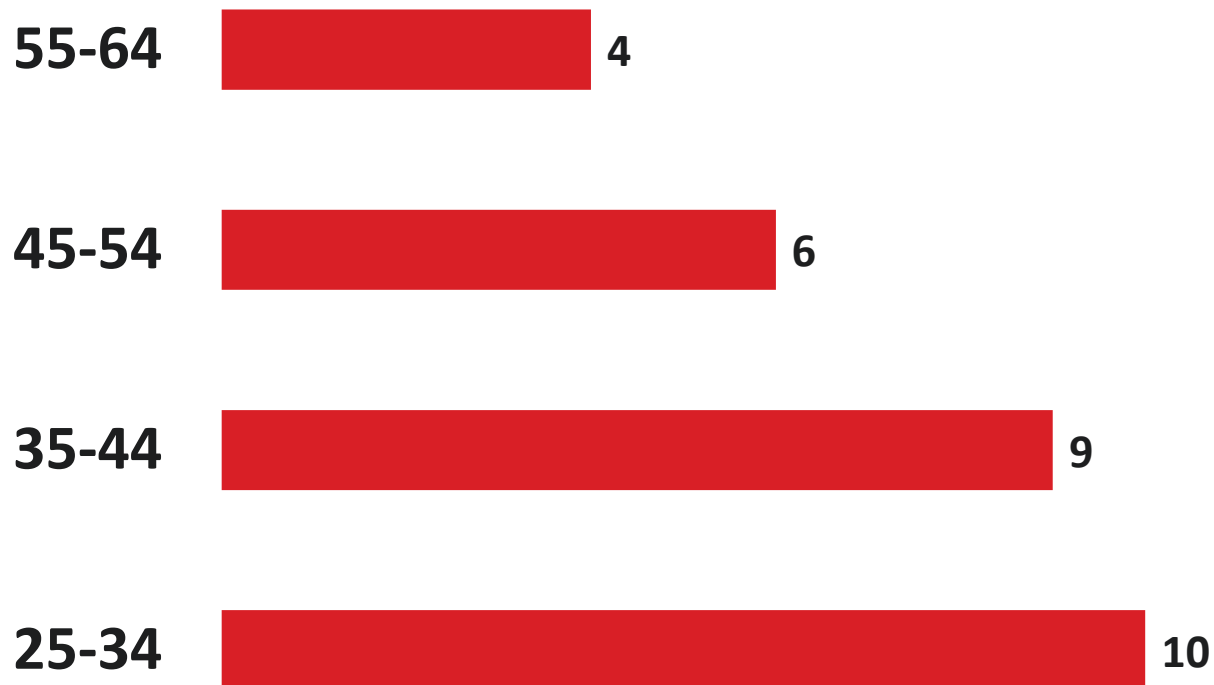


# Population risk of a 30-year-old man dying at ages 30–69 from smoking (shaded) or from any cause (shaded and white) in Mexico and USA, 1995-2014

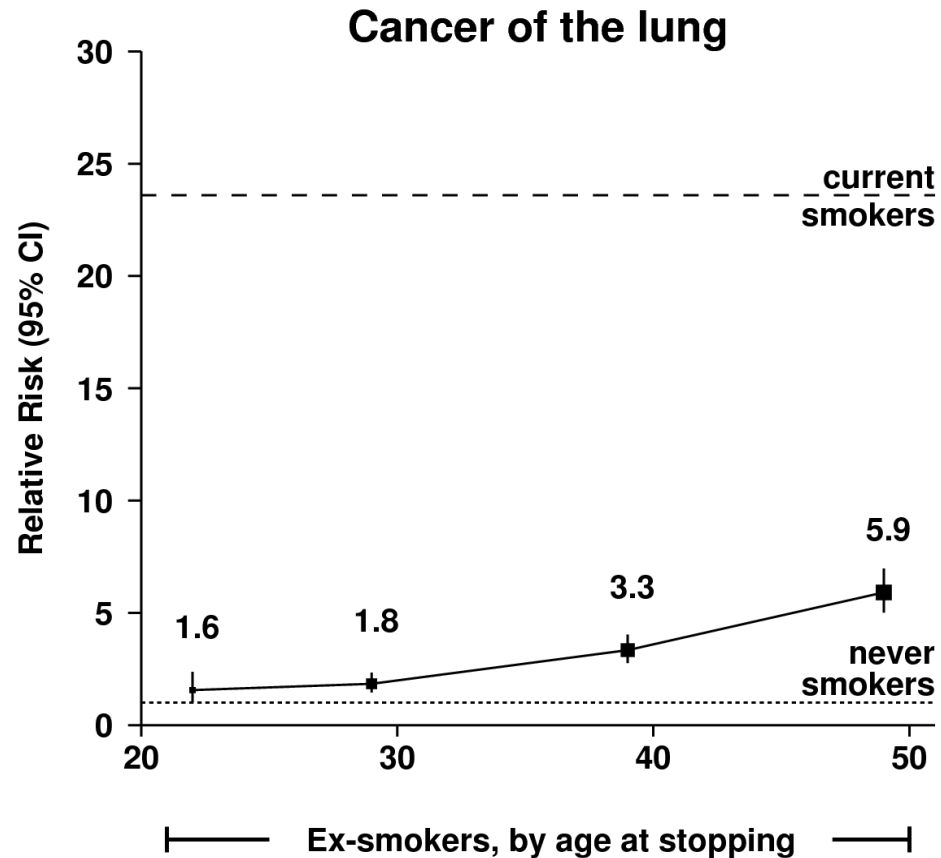
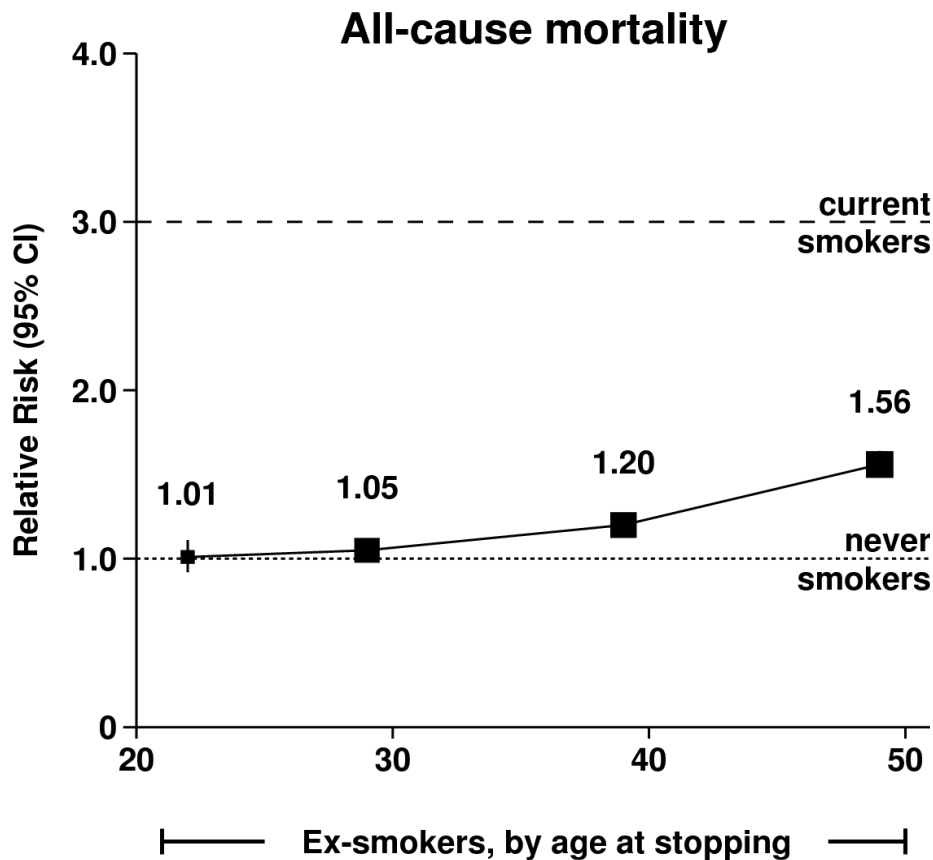


Red line represents deaths attributable to homicide

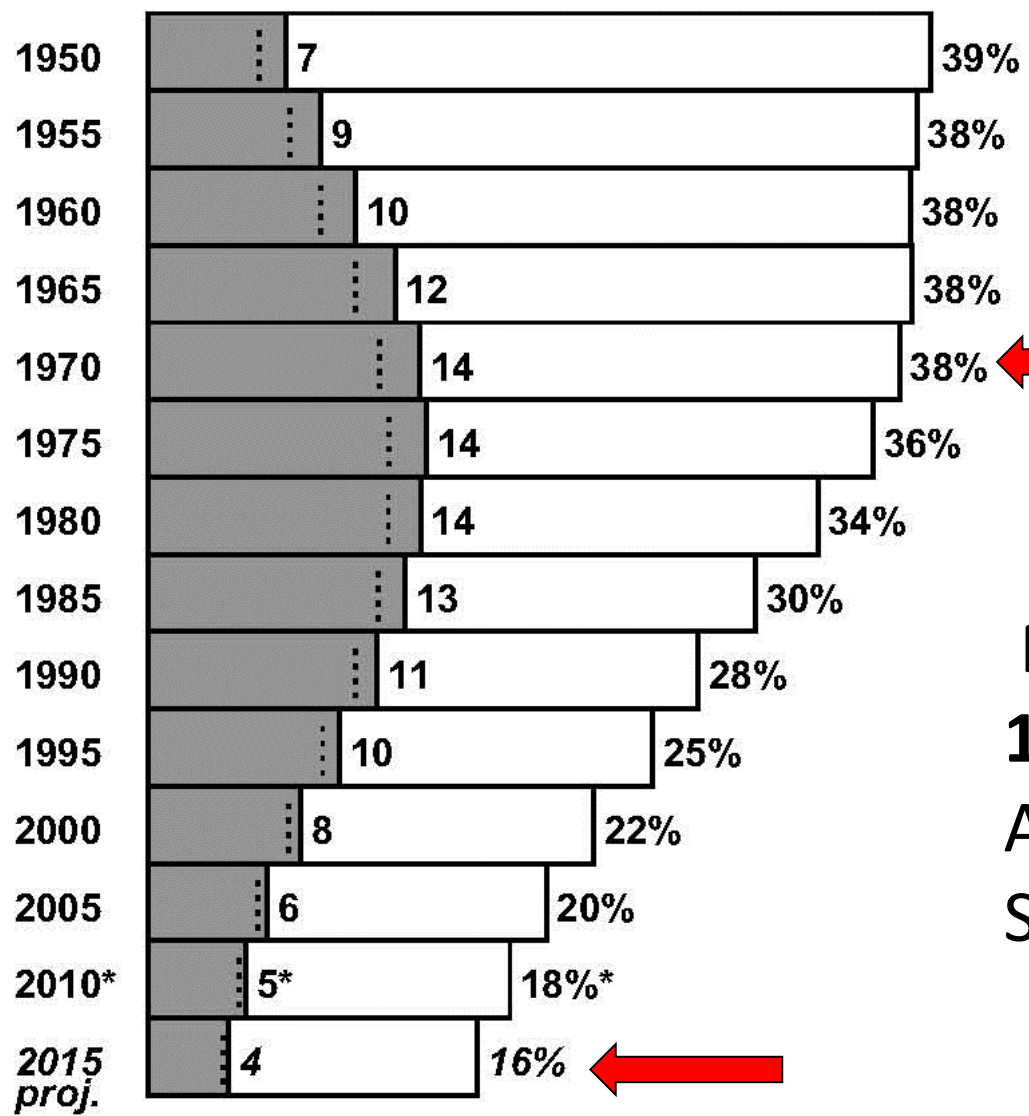
# Years gained by quitting smoking by age



# Reductions in risk by age stopped, UK Women (Million Women's Study)



# CANADA: Risk of a 35-year-old MAN dying by age 69 from smoking (shaded) or from any cause (shaded+white), 1950-2015



**Mortality change:**  
**1970 to 2015:**  
ANY CAUSE: ↓ 60%  
SMOKING: ↓ 70%



# Evidence for tobacco control

DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE

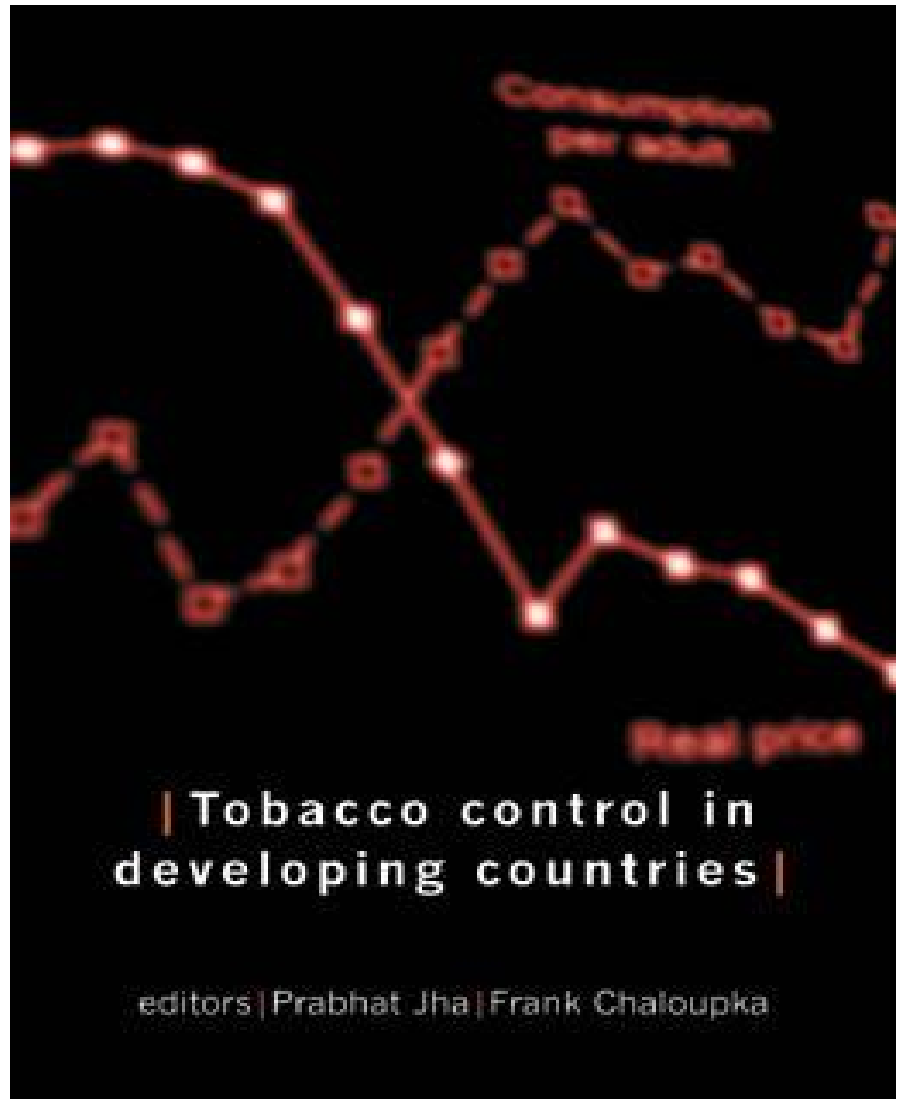
## Curbing the Epidemic

Governments and the

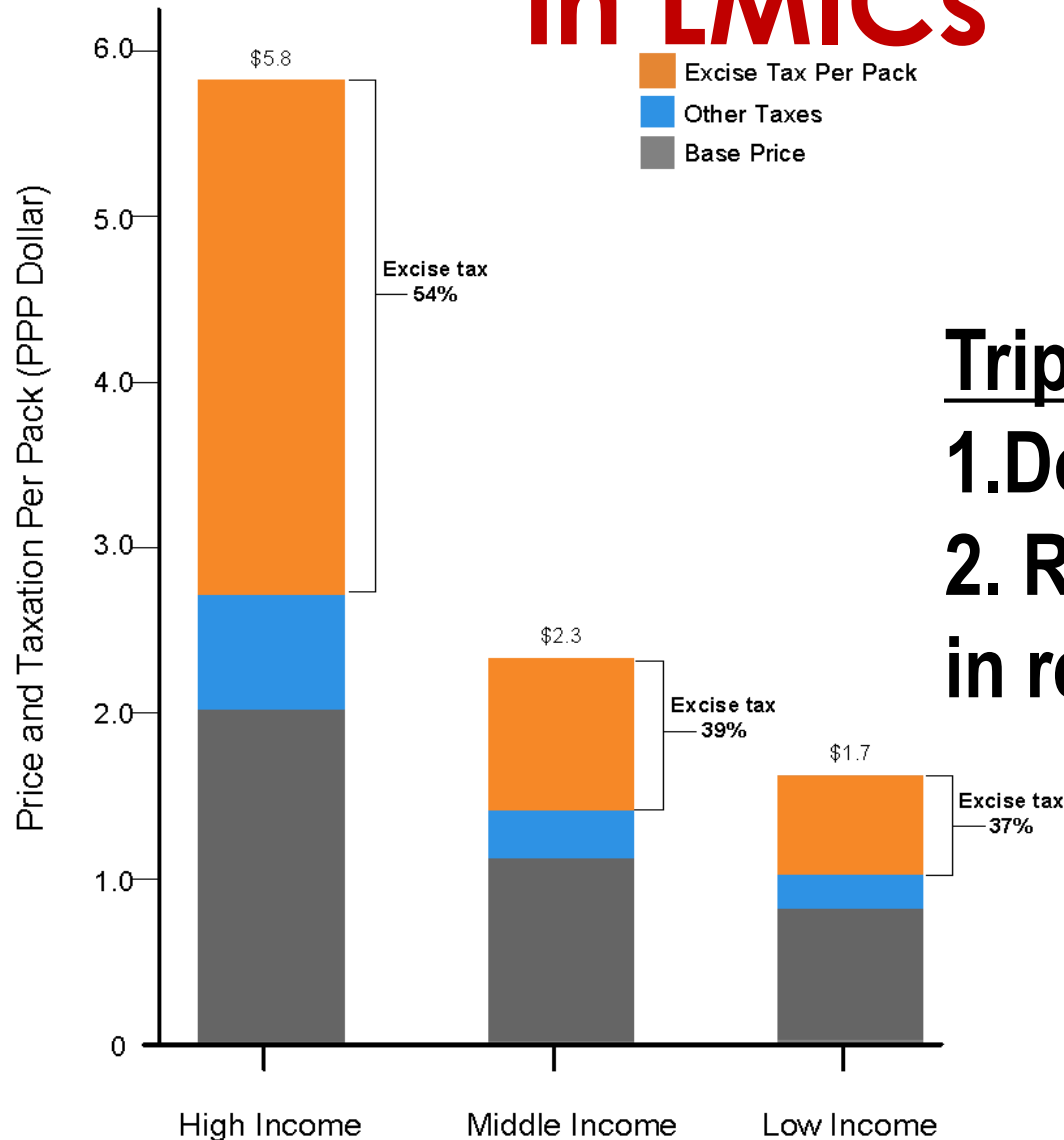
Economics of Tobacco Control



A WORLD  
BANK  
PUBLICATION



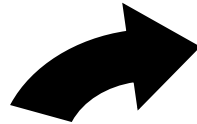
# Low Specific Excise taxes in LMICs



Tripling excise would:  
1. Double street price  
2. Raise \$100 B more  
in revenue

# Tobacco & Poverty

Family falls into poverty



## Foregone income 3:

Breadwinner dies prematurely



## Foregone income 2:

Treatment cost &  
Lost working days &  
income



Breadwinner gets sick due to tobacco use



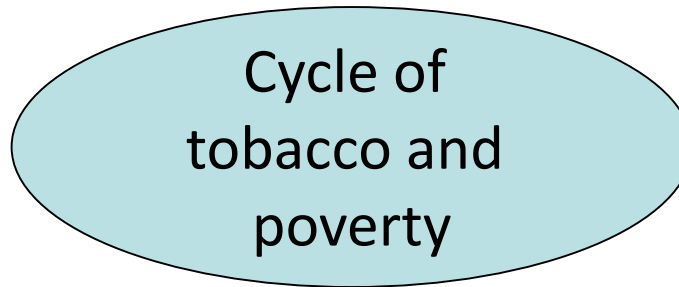
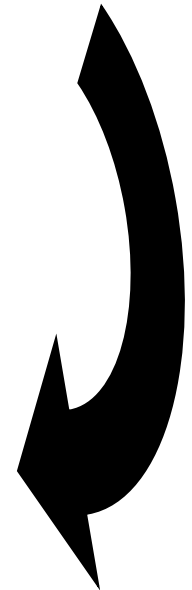
## Foregone income 1:

More money spent  
on tobacco:

Less money spent  
on Education, nutrition etc

*High opportunity cost*

Poor men  
smoke

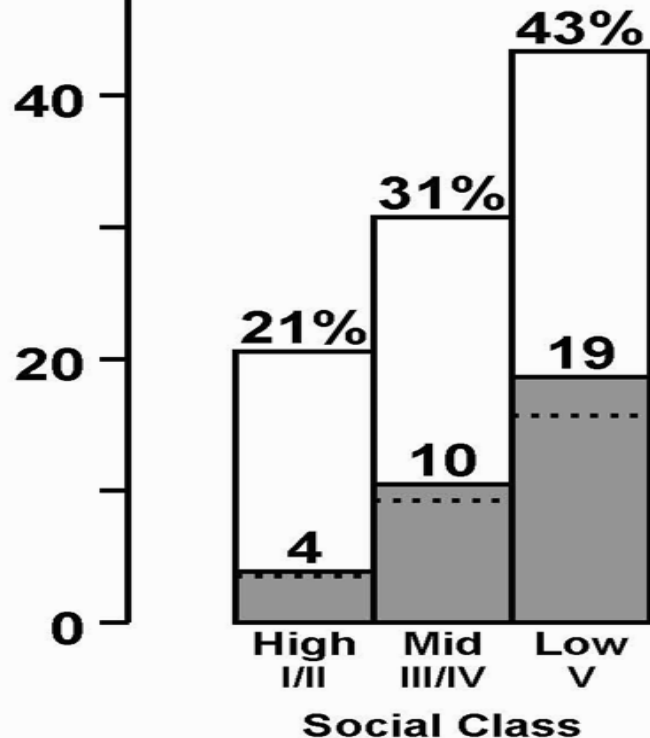


Cycle of  
tobacco and  
poverty

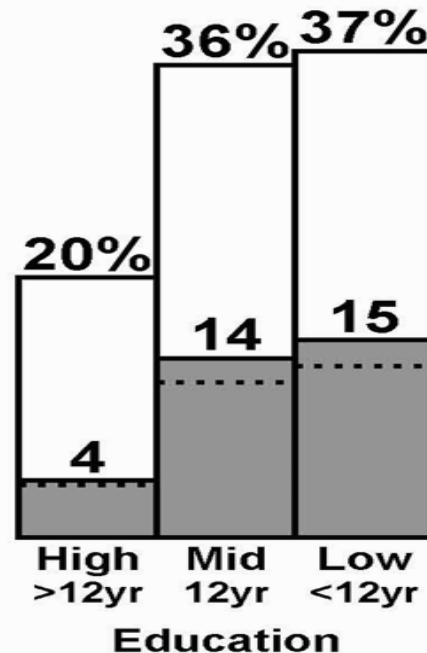
# Social inequalities in male mortality in 1996 from smoking (shaded) and any cause

% risk  
of dying  
at ages  
35–69

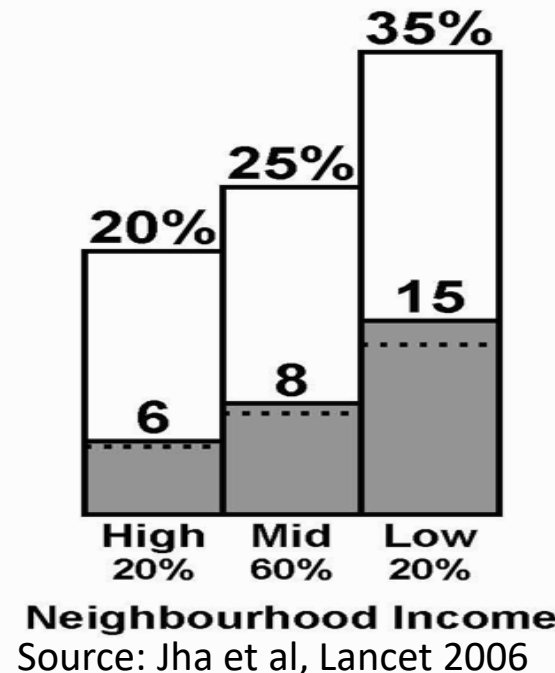
England  
& Wales



USA

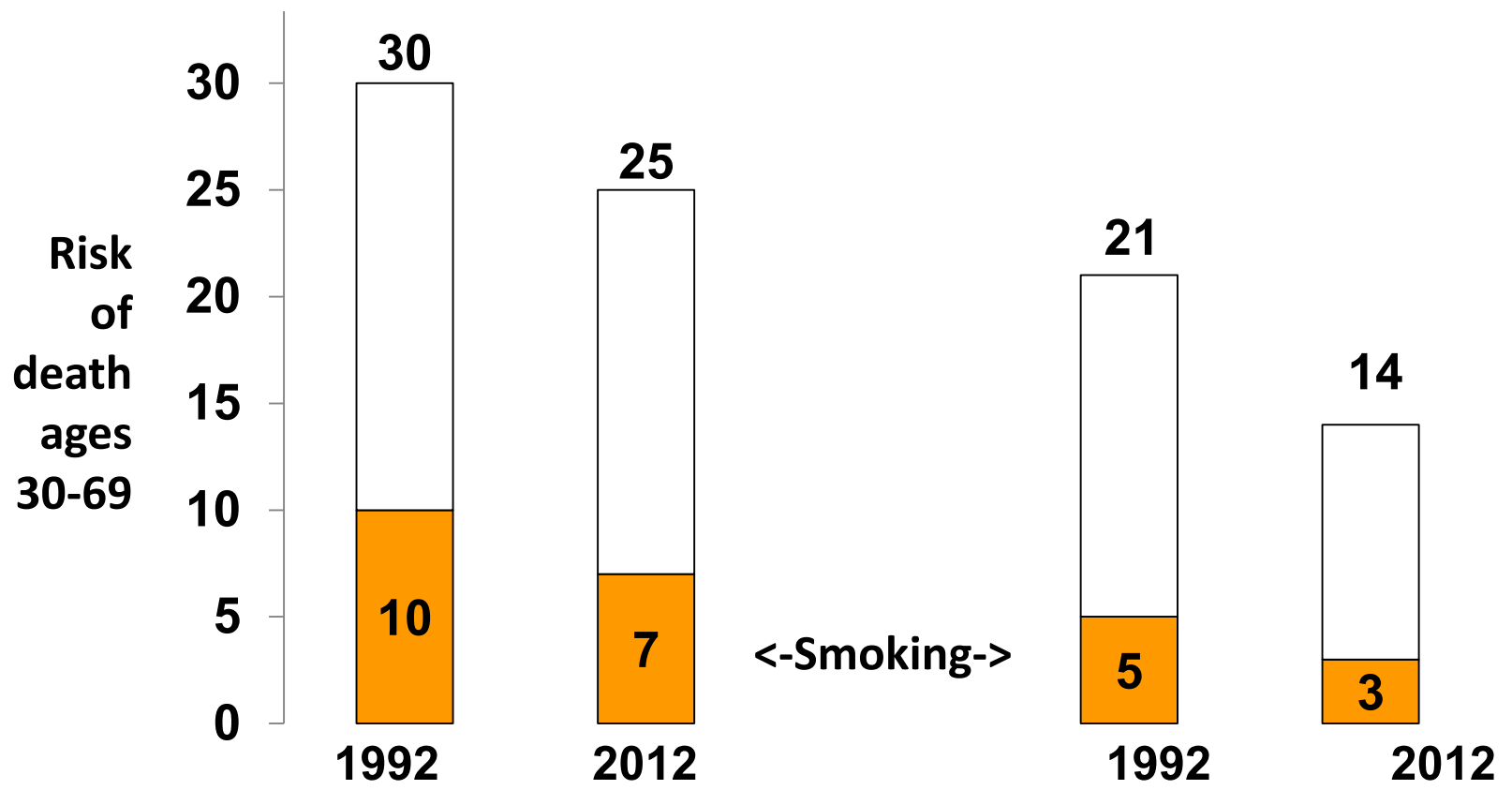


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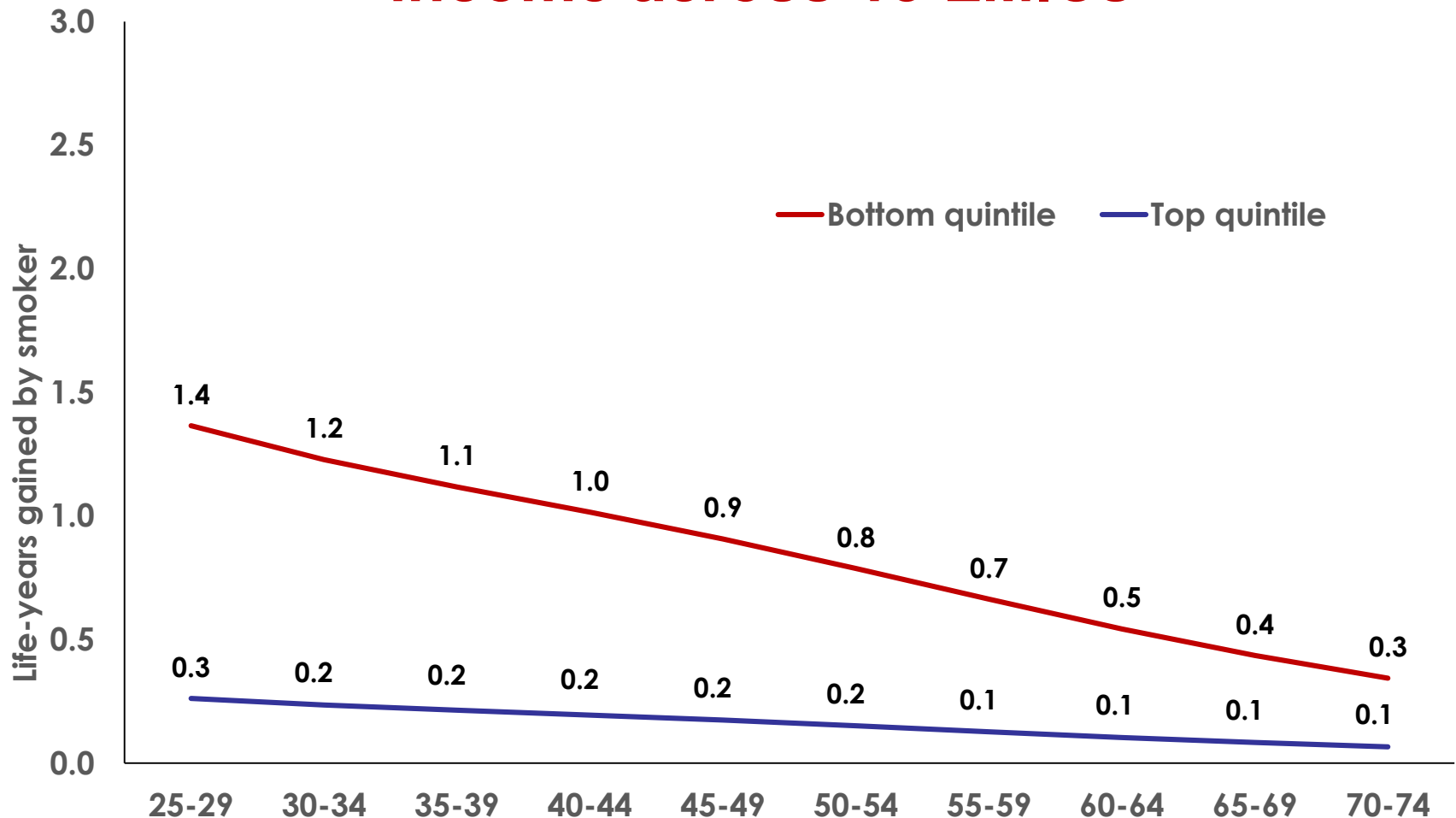


# Mortality decline in the poorest and richest quintile of Ontario men ages 30-69, all causes and smoking 1992 to 2012

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Poorest men</u>	<u>Richest men</u>
All causes	-5	-7
Smoking	3 (60%)	2 (29%)

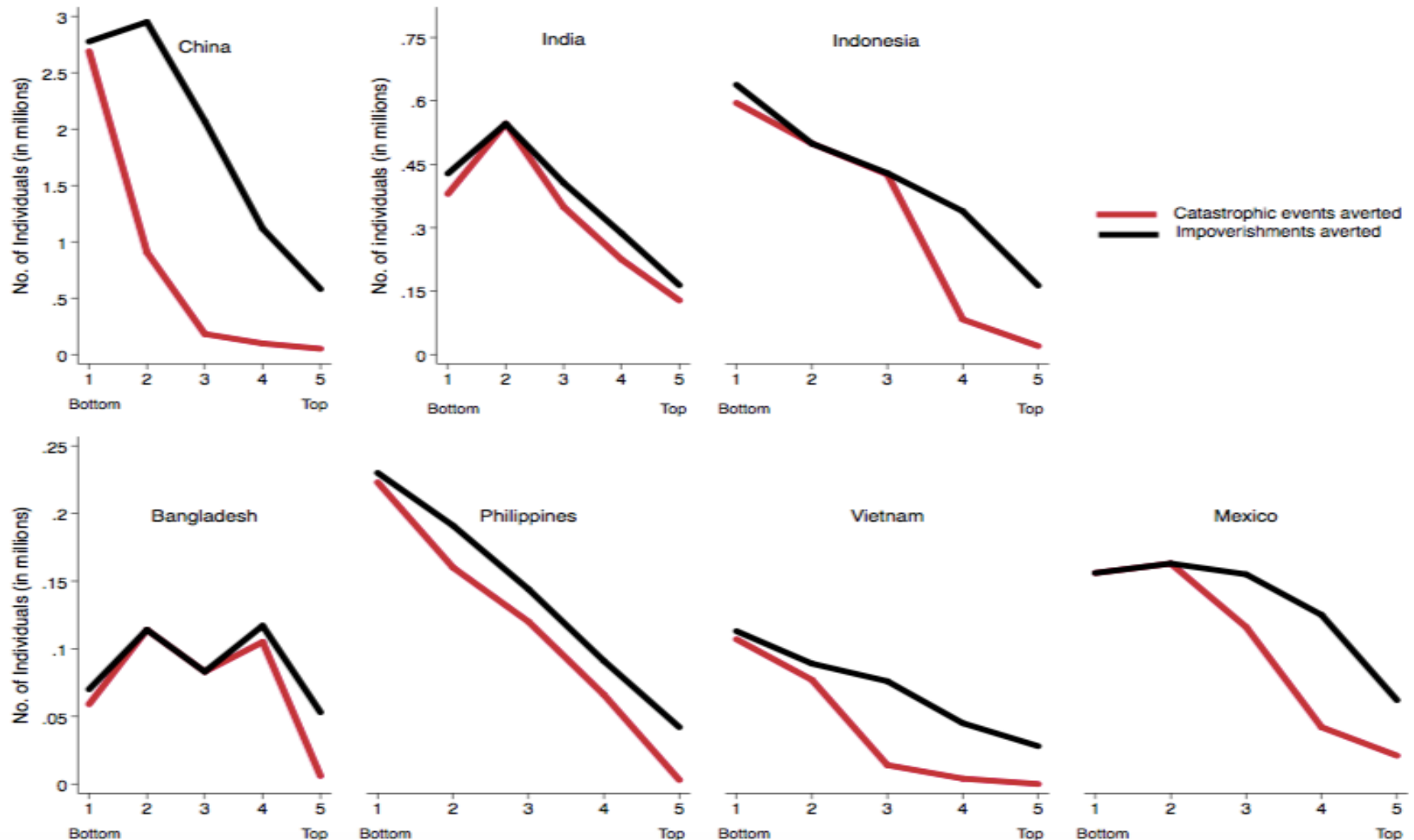


# Life-years gained per male smoker by age and income across 13 LMICs



*Bottom and top quintiles refer to the poorest 20% and richest 20% of the population*

# Men averting impoverishments and catastrophic healthcare spending with 50% cigarette price increase in 7 countries



# Key messages (2 of 2)

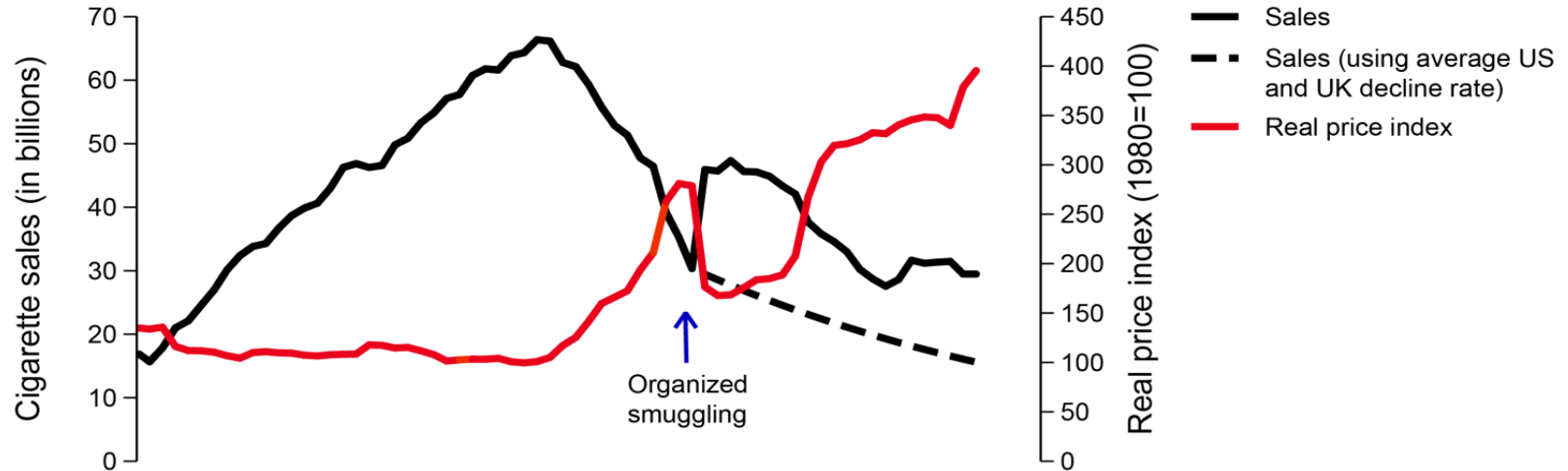
Relevance of Large tax hike to SDGs is high

- NCD goal of 1/3 reduction unlikely to be met without large tobacco tax hike
- Poverty goal has a powerful weapon- avoid catastrophic health care expenditures from tobacco-related diseases
- Universal Health Coverage goal more complex- revenue gains from tobacco helpful but insufficient to meet UHC funding needs

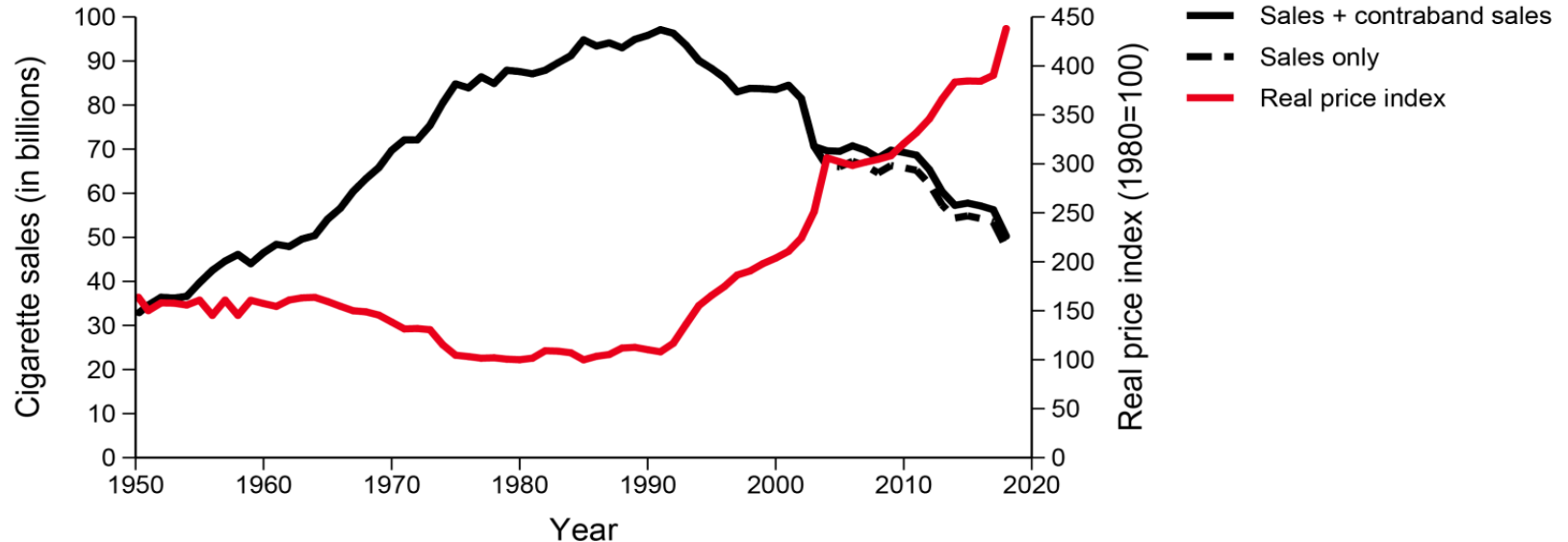
# Cigarette sales and prices 1950-2015

## FRANCE vs CANADA

### Canada



### France



# **A tripling of excise tax in every country would reduce consumption by 1/3 and avoid ~200M deaths this century (and at least 2 M in Mexico)**

**Example of South Asia: 1.8 B people, 30% adult men and 4% adult women currently smoke**

- 140 M current and future smokers <35
- 100 M current smokers >35
- A 1/3 reduction would avoid ~35-45 M deaths
  - 25-35 M deaths in smokers <35
  - ~10 M deaths in smokers > 35

# Alcohol Prices & Consequences

- Recent systematic review concluded:
  - Doubling of alcohol taxes would reduce:
    - Alcohol-related mortality by 35%
    - Traffic crash deaths by 11%
    - Sexually transmitted disease by 6%
    - Violence by 2%
    - Crime by 1.4%

Source: Wagenaar et al., 2010

# Soda Taxes in Mexico

Evidence from Mexico's peso per liter SSB tax;

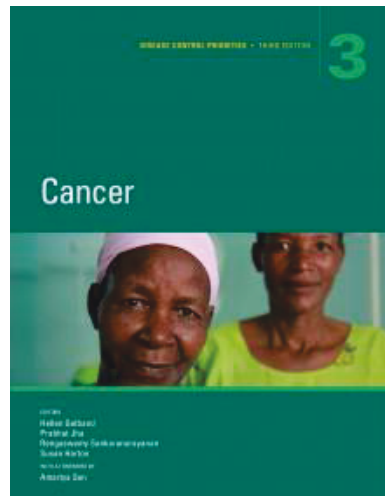
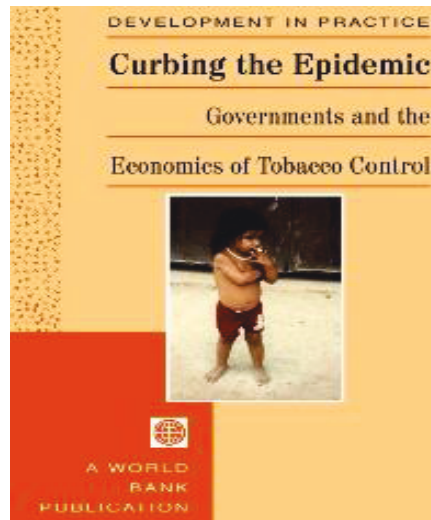
- Increased prices for SSBs relative to non-taxed beverages
  - pass through varies by type, size, location
- Significant reduction in SSB sales, consumption
  - growing over time
- Significant increase in bottled water consumption
- Greater impact on heavier consumers, low-income population

# CONCLUSIONS

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