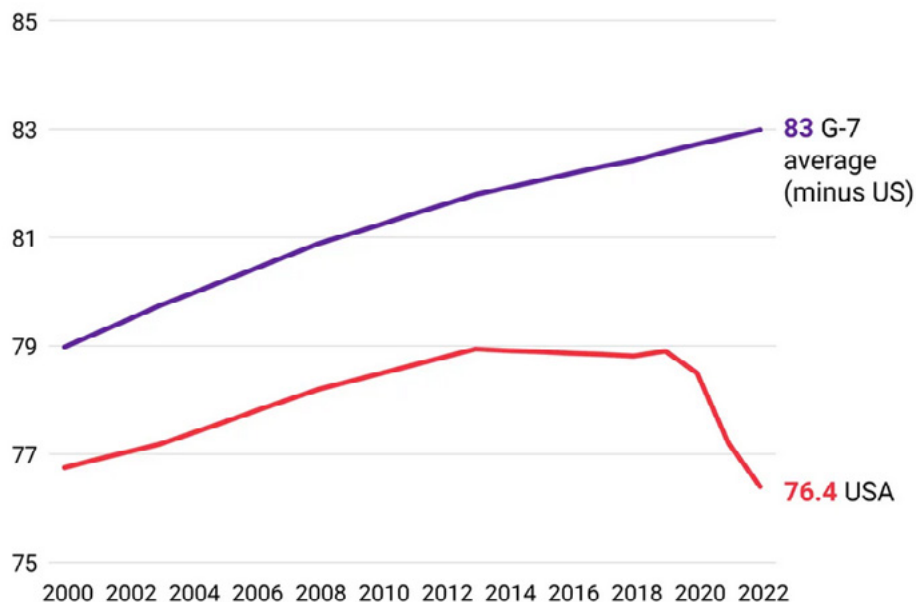


# Turning South

Two weeks ago, we showed you a chart highlighting how life expectancy is falling for younger Americans vs. those in other developed economies. This is a broader and, in some ways, more disturbing look.

Life expectancy years in the Western world, 2000-2022



Source: [GZERO Media](#)

In the G-7 countries minus the US (i.e., Canada, the UK, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan), life expectancy grew every year since 2000, even during the COVID pandemic. In the US it was lower in the first place and recently took a sharp downturn. The average American should now expect to die almost 7 years before the average resident of other G-7 countries.

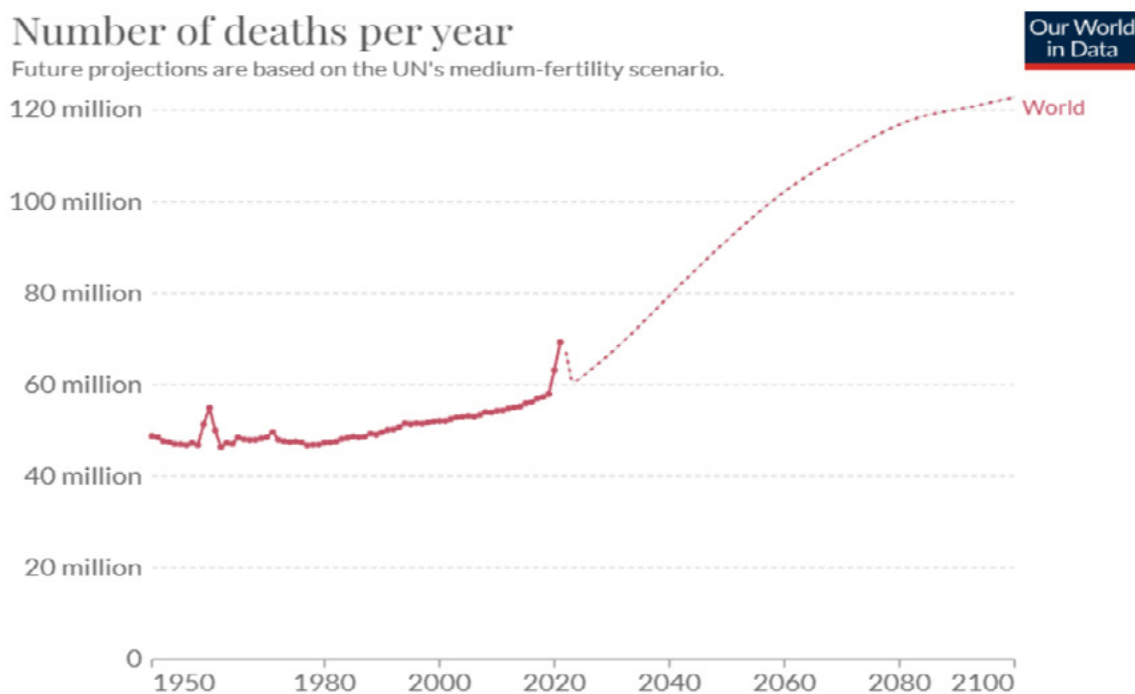
That doesn't *necessarily* put the US at an economic disadvantage, but it certainly doesn't help.

## Two Spikes

This chart shows total global deaths by year since World War II, along with a future projection. The number naturally rises along with population growth, but the year-to-year growth is usually quite small.

Notice those two spikes, though. The first one was Mao Zedong's "Great Leap Forward," which caused around 40 million excess deaths over a few years. The second spike is the COVID pandemic.

If you ever wished you could live through historic times, congratulations. You just did.



Source: United Nations, World Population Prospects (2022) OurWorldInData.org/world-population-growth • CC BY

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