

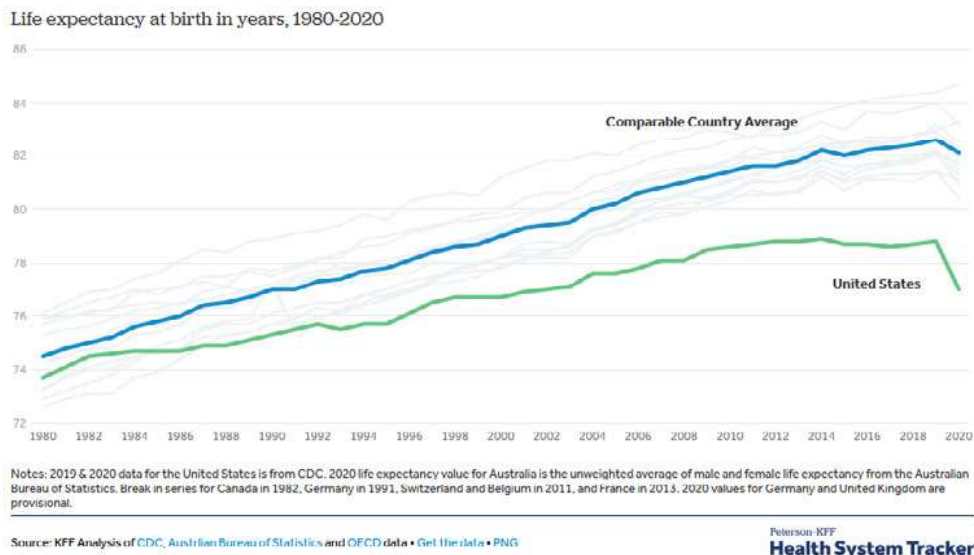
Widening Gap

Life expectancy may be the ultimate economic indicator. It's why we commonly wish both prosperity and long life to our friends. They go together.

This chart shows life expectancy for the US vs. an average of all the other OECD developed countries. Both dipped in 2020 thanks to COVID, but that's not the most interesting part. Note how the gap between the two lines has been widening over time.

In 1980, the US was less than a year below average and was ahead of Austria, Belgium, Germany, and the UK. By 1992 the US had the lowest life expectancy in the OECD, and the gap has kept widening. As of 2020, the average non-US OECD resident could expect to live 5.1 years longer than the average American.

Changing this trend is essential if the US economy is to stay the world's strongest.



Source: [Peterson-KFF](#)

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