

U.S. Department of Education

Federal Priorities for Education

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What's the goal at Ed?

**PRESIDENT OBAMA : “PRODUCE A HIGHER
PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGE GRADUATES THAN ANY
OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BY THE END OF THE
NEXT DECADE”**



Why is This The Goal?

**“AMERICA CANNOT LEAD IN THE 21ST CENTURY UNLESS WE
HAVE THE BEST EDUCATED, MOST COMPETITIVE
WORKFORCE IN THE WORLD”**

**-PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA ON HIGHER EDUCATION
APRIL 24, 2009**



Know Your History





The U.S. Became Dominant World Power Because:

19TH CENTURY:

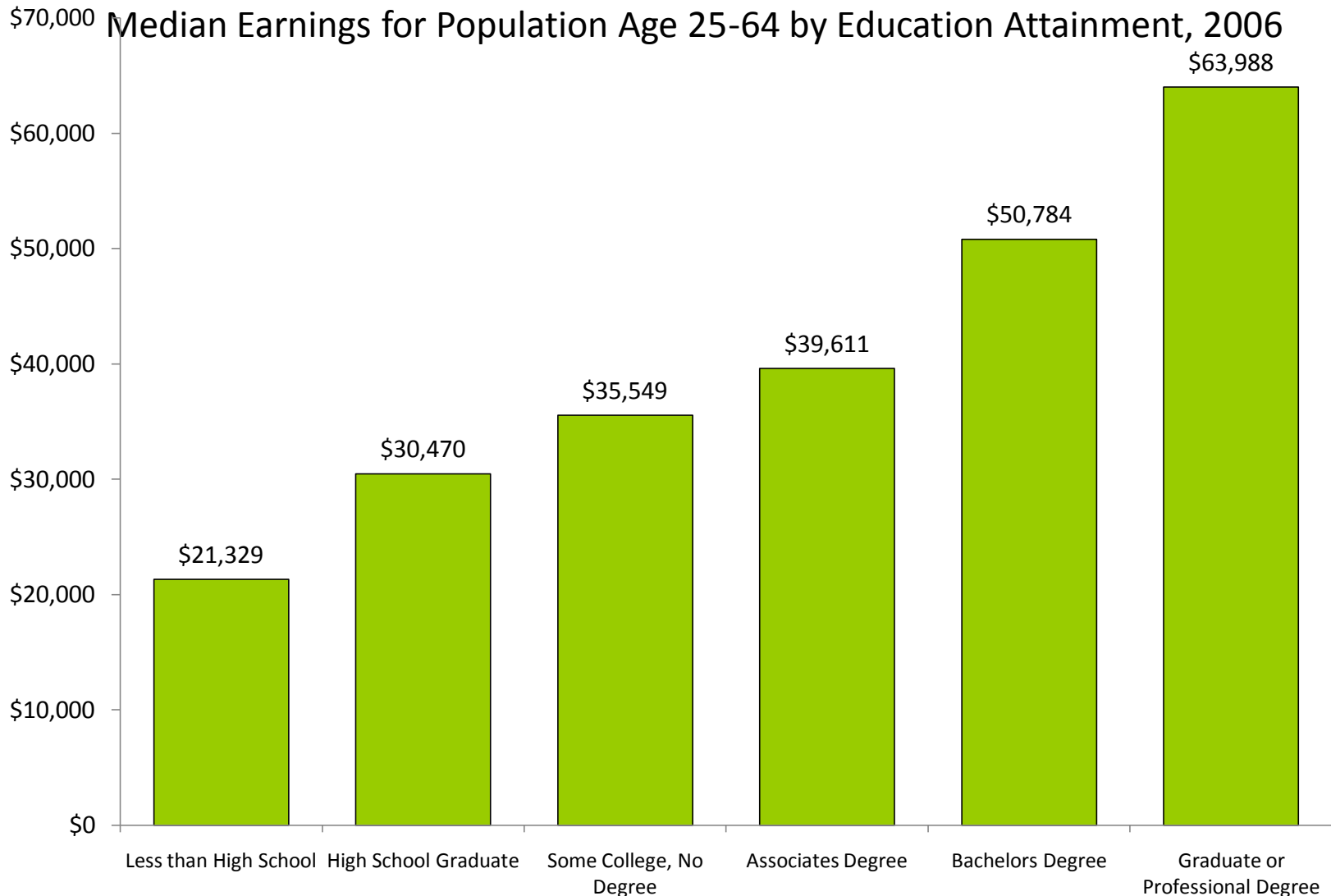
FIRST FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD

20TH CENTURY:

GI BILL BIGGEST INVESTMENT IN HIGHER ED IN HISTORY

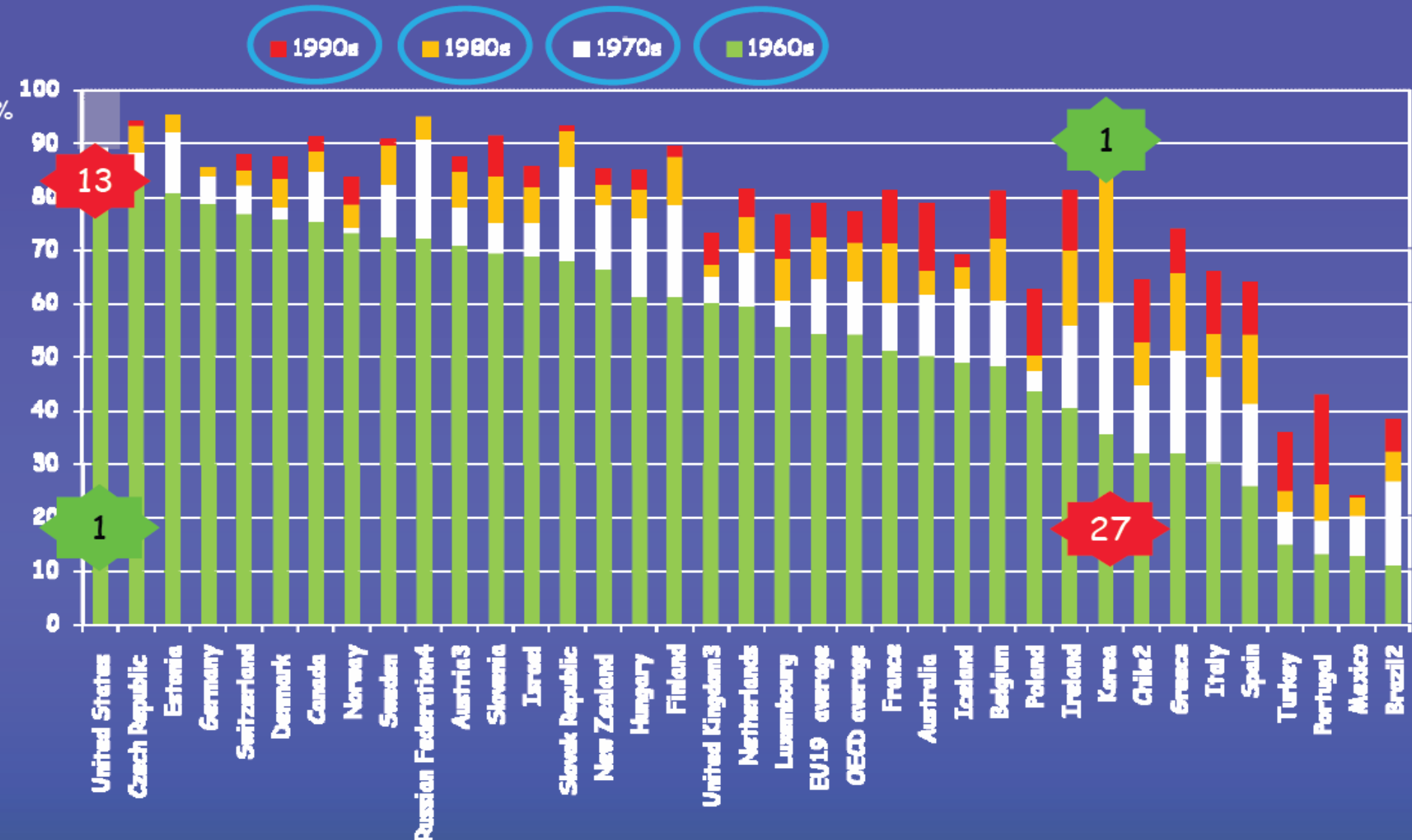
**CREATED THE MOST EDUCATED, KNOWLEDGEABLE
CITIZENRY THE WORLD HAD EVER SEEN**

Education Determines Earnings



A world of change in baseline qualifications

Approximated by percentage of persons with high school or equivalent qualifications in the age groups 55-64, 45-55, 45-44 und 25-34 years

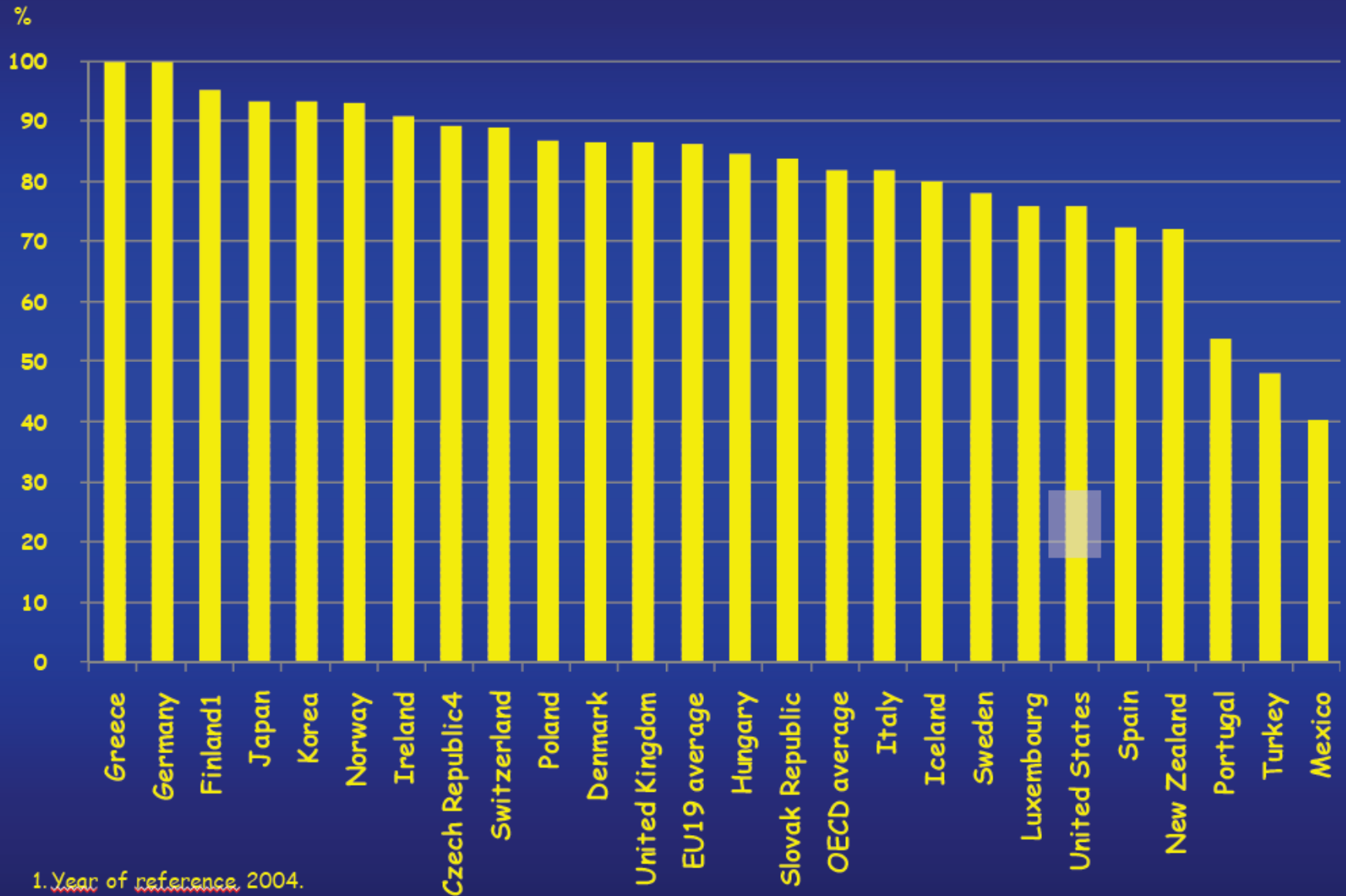


1. Excluding ISCED 3C short programmes
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2. Year of reference 2004
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High school graduation rates

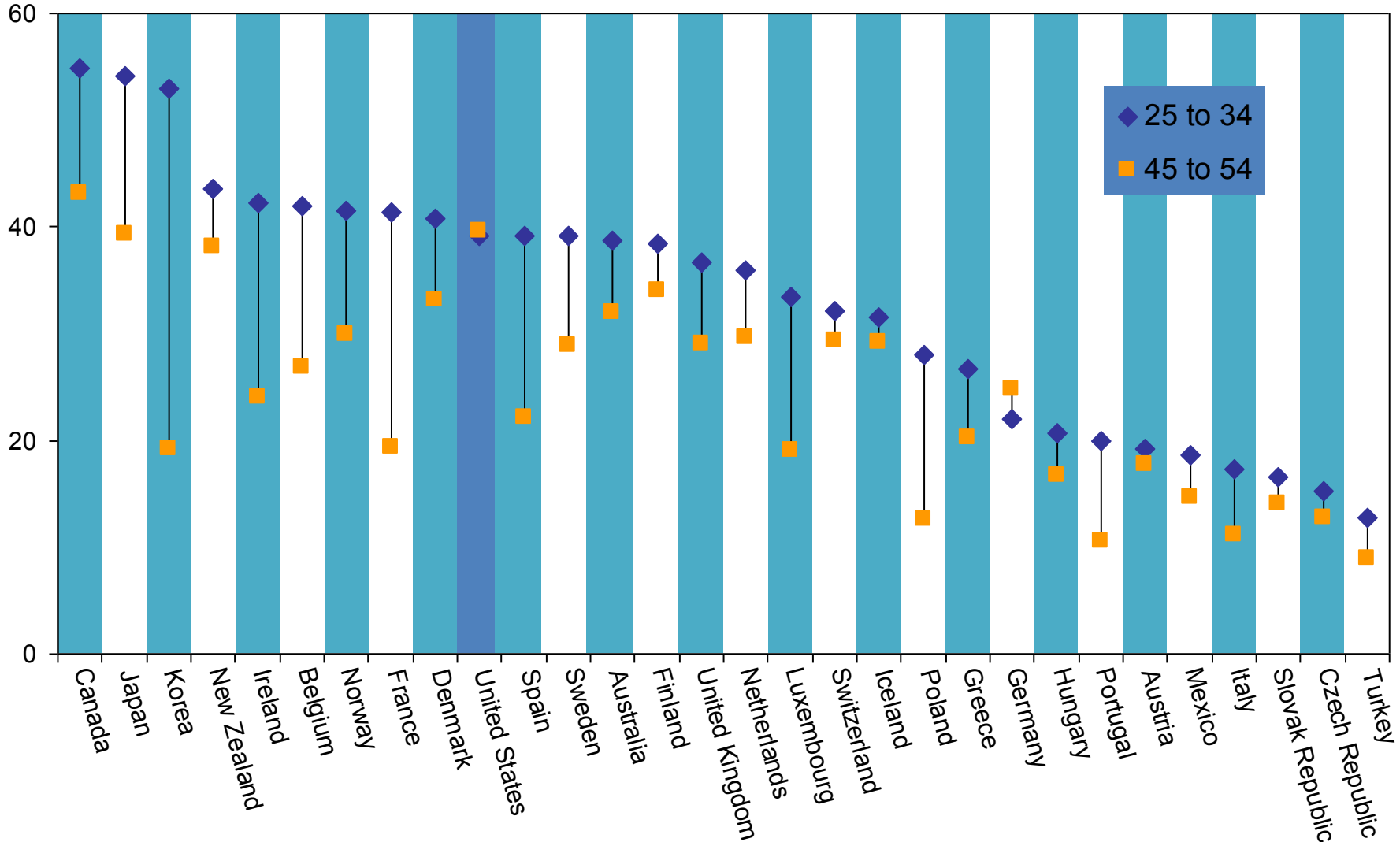
Percentage of graduates to the population at the typical age of graduation



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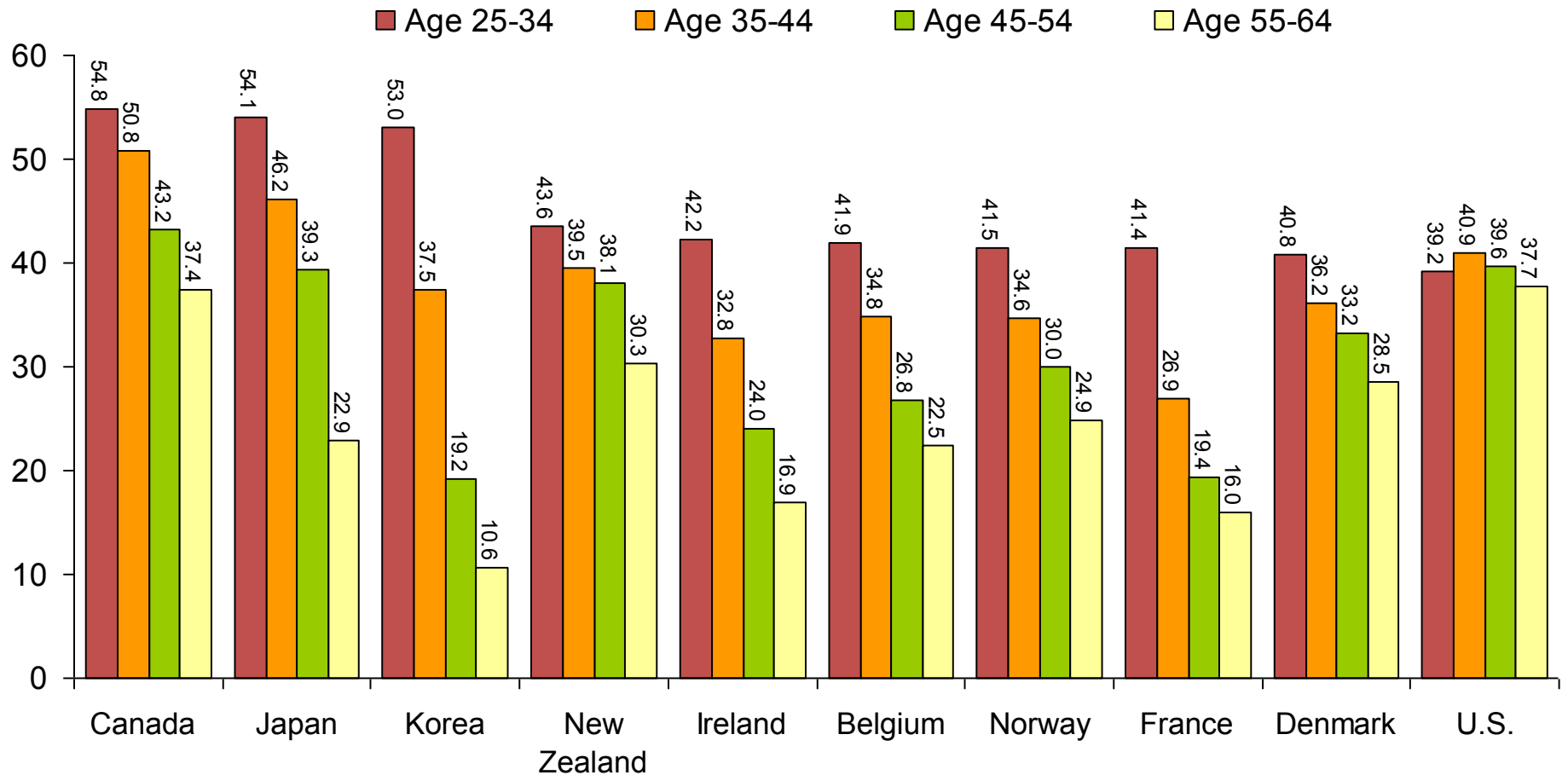
The U.S. Has Slipped From 1st to 10th in College Education in Less than Three Decades

Differences in College Attainment (Associate & Higher) Between Younger & Older Adults—U.S. & OECD Countries, 2006



The US: The Higher Ed Leader in the Sixties, the Laggard Today

Percent of Adults with an Associate Degree or Higher by Age Group - U.S. & Leading OECD Countries

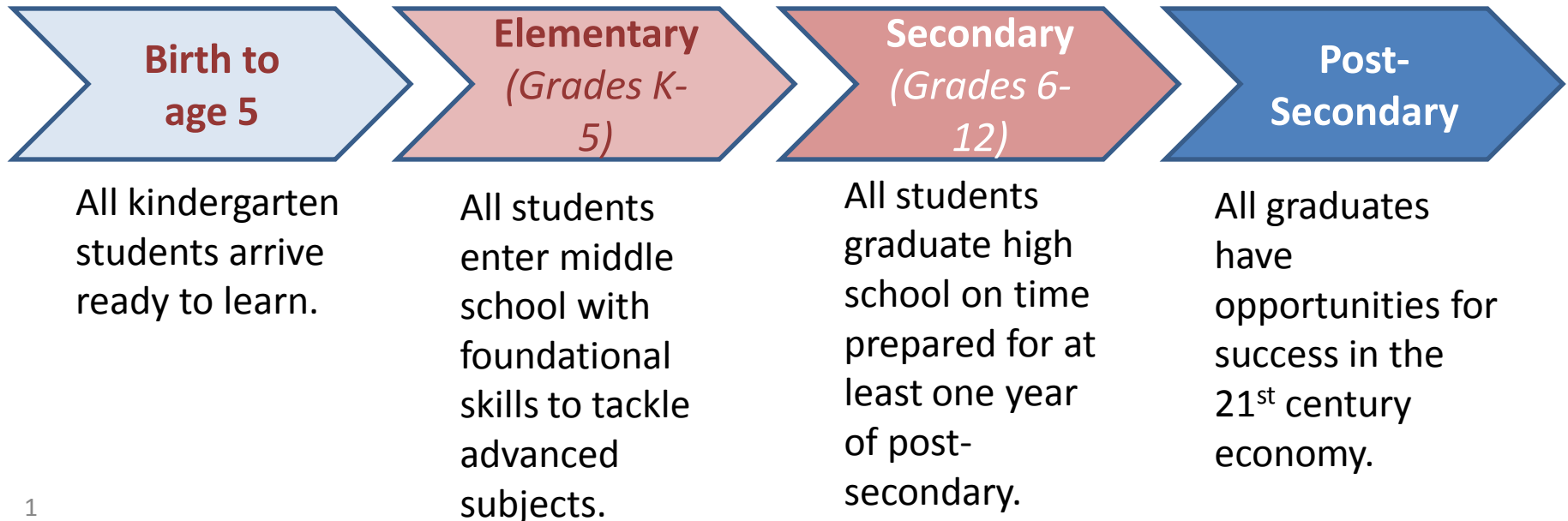




Overarching Vision

“By 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world.”

President Barack Obama, February 24, 2009



American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA):

\$100 billion investment in education



Spend Quickly
to Save and
Create Jobs



Drive
Education
Reform

ARRA: Saving and Creating Education Jobs

U.S. Department of Education Obligation of ARRA Dollars as of September 4th:
\$66,476,426,743

This funding supports **approximately 255,000 education jobs** across the country - (mostly full-time certified teachers).

Since launch of the Recovery Act, there have been **nearly a thousand newspaper** articles nationwide that report the positive impact of these dollars for education.



Examples of Jobs SAVED:

Sand Springs, Oklahoma (46 teachers – 10% of teaching staff)

Scottsbluff, Nebraska (18 teachers – 7% of teaching staff)

Macon, Georgia (30 teachers)

Richmond, VA (72 teachers)

Indianapolis, Indiana (242 teachers)

New York City (8,850 teachers)

Miami Dade County Public Schools (1,944)

Las Vegas (1,100)



Four Key Reforms

Raise **standards**
and improve
assessments.

Support states in developing...

- **A coherent system** of standards, assessments, curriculum, instruction, and educator development.
- **Common standards and assessments** that are vertically aligned, internationally benchmarked, and college and career ready.
- Assessments that **fairly and validly measure progress.**
- **Curricula** that support effective instruction.



Four Key Reforms

Raise standards and improve assessments.

Recruit, retain and support **effective educators**, and ensure that they are equitably distributed.

- Dramatically **increase the number of effective educators**, and decrease the number of ineffective educators.
- Attract and retain a higher percentage of effective educators and eliminate the gap based on income and race/ethnicity.
- Make teaching and school leadership more attractive as a profession.



Four Key Reforms

- Tackle the dropout crisis by turning around our 5,000 lowest-performing schools.
- Implement one of four aggressive strategies:
 - Turnarounds with **new leaders and staff**.
 - Closing schools and **restarting them as charters**.
 - Closing schools and **reassigning students**.
 - Transformations that include **extended learning time, using data** to identify students at risk of dropping out, **rewarding effective educators** willing to work in turnaround schools.

Recruit, retain and support **effective educators**, and ensure that they are equitably distributed.

Turn around **low-performing schools**, focusing on dropout factories and their feeder schools.



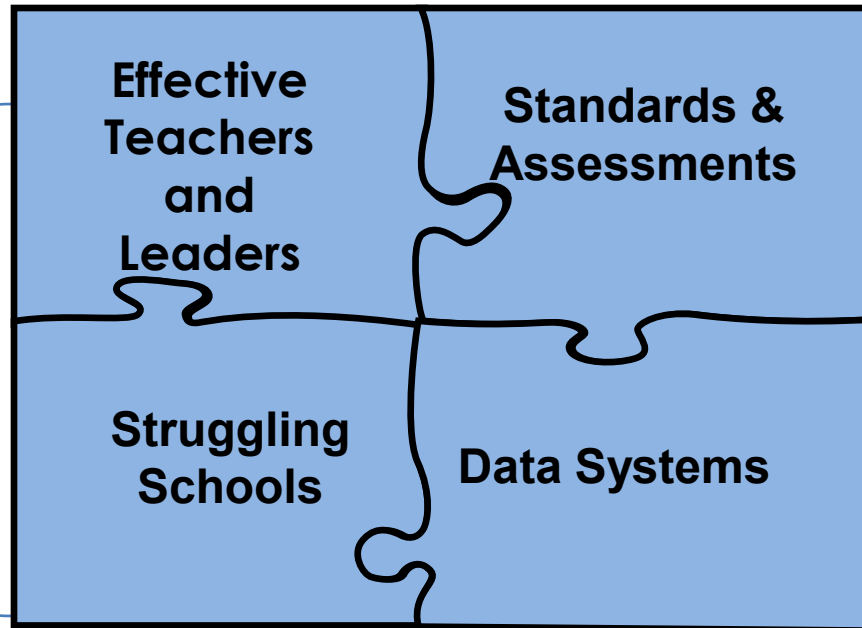
Four Key Reforms

<p>Raise standards and improve assessments.</p>	<p>Recruit, retain and support effective educators, and ensure that they are equitably distributed.</p>
<p>Build robust data systems that track student progress and improve practice.</p>	<p>er</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transparency• Accountability• Performance management• Innovation

K-12 Reform Priorities

K - 12

**State Fiscal
Stabilization
Fund
\$48.6 billion**



**Race to the
Top & Other
New Grants
~\$9.7 billion**

**Title I, IDEA & Other Existing Formula Grants
~\$26 billion**

A Comprehensive Approach

