

Some reasons to introduce in Congress the

American World Service Corps (AWSCNS) National Service Congressional Proposal

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What is the AWSCNS Congressional Proposal?

The American World Service Corps National Service Congressional Proposal neither establishes a big new bureaucracy nor is expensive.

It is not merely shorthand for a bigger Peace Corps, although it will make the Peace Corps much bigger.

It is a small administrative office that does some marketing, disseminates paychecks to its fulltime volunteers, and takes care of their tuition and other post service grants and gratuities.

Its *raison d'être* is to send **many more** volunteers to **already existing** and effective do-good organizations such as: Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Habitat, Doctors Without Borders, Head Start, Red Cross, International Rescue Committee, Oxfam, Mercy Corps, State Conservation Corps, as well as local community groups, in-need schools, therapy centers at hospitals, homeless shelters, homes for the aged and infirm, etc... These organizations know what to do with additional full time human resources.

This AWSCNS Umbrella heightens the effectiveness of these groups by enlarging them at a time when complexities and needs are growing. As the Greatest Generation passes, we need to involve the push-button, play-game generation as well as the more mature in active service, which builds the nation's character and prepares us to better handle the real world.

Implementing an AWSCNS begins shifting human service resources & inspires others to emulate it

Why should
we legislatively
create a robust
AWSCNS
Umbrella
now?

- Because problems are raining down upon us...
- It's time to build a big, new, different kind of army on the shoulders of already effective development oriented platoons.
- People's Lobby's [American World Service Corps National Service Congressional Proposal](#) does that cost effectively.

What if 21 million Americans for the next 27 years did paid full time national service for a year or two in their choice of...

Domestic

- Americorps, Habitat, Head Start Centers, States' Conservation Corps, homeless centers, homes for the elderly, hospitals' physical therapy departments, effective local non-profits, classrooms in low-income schools...

International

- Peace Corps, Habitat, Doctors sans Borders, Red Cross, International Rescue Committee, Oxfam, Mercy Corps, American Friends Service Committee, FINCA, Heifer, administrative offices of all above...

What if 27 years required a \$700 billion investment in Americans doing good?

Would poverty go down? Wars lessen? People be smarter? Healthier? Other nations emulate?

Contain poverty, terror, disasters...

Peacefully with development or...



Tragically with our & others blood.



Annual cost per AWSC development volunteer.

\$30,000 – \$50,000

With little PTSD

Cost per warrior volunteer

\$1 million - \$2.1 million

With lots of PTSD

Where does the bulk of the \$700B investment in the AWSC go?

To Americans for:

- Living stipends , academic and vocational tuition grants upon service completion, home down payments, medical account & IRA investments, tax credits to wealthy volunteers, cash completion reward.
- Those who complete one or two years of service may pass their post service benefits to relatives and friends. For example, a baby boomer could give his tuition or down payment benefits to a GenXer, etc.



Are there
orthodox and
unorthodox
means to
fund the
AWSCNS
umbrella?

Yes!

Funding \$700 billion investment in 21 million Americans serving, learning, developing, and winning hearts and minds over 27 years via **orthodox and unorthodox** revenue streams.

Investment revenue streams go to an **AWSC escrowed account**

Orthodox

Surtax on top .5% - 1%, mega-estate tax, global financial transaction tax, excess war profits tax, import levy on largest trade deficit nations, tax deductions/credits to “small” businesses & individuals who donate to AWSC escrowed account.

Unorthodox, via Public
AWSC Spreadsheets
listing donations by:

Forbes 400 < 2% Total 27 Year Funding Solution, low & non-tax paying corporations, America’s highest compensated celebrities, athletes, CEOs, including those who receive federal bail outs. Charitable Trusts, Philanthropic Foundations, etc.

Unorthodox funding: Our richest 400 invest 1.15% of their wealth to an escrowed AWSC account to cover the cost of AWSC National Service (1/2)

- The **richest 400 Americans** had accumulated total **wealth of \$2.3 trillion in 2014** according to Forbes Magazine.
- If they **donated 1.15% of their wealth** on an annual basis to an escrowed AWSC account, they could fund the **entire 27-year AWSCNS program** for **21 million Americans**.
- This would represent an **investment in Americans of \$700 billion** over a **27-year period**.

Have Buffet, Gates, and socially conscious billionaires' *giving attitude* made this possible? ... Is it time to implement the *Buffet Rule* on taxing & giving? Is building peace good for business?... Good for our troops?

Unorthodox funding: Richest 400 escrow 1.15% of their wealth to AWSC , funding 27 years of doing good

Core assumptions:

Accumulated 2014 wealth of Forbes 400 richest Americans	\$	2,290,000,000,000
27-year funding requirement for AWSC	\$	711,045,000,000
Annualized AWSC funding requirement	\$	26,335,000,000

Investment donation from Forbes 400 (% of accumulated wealth)	Annualized investment donation from Forbes 400 (\$)	% of AWSC funding requirement covered	Total 27 year investment in AWSC
1.00%	\$ 22,900,000,000	87%	\$618,300,000,000
1.15%	\$ 26,335,000,000	100%	\$711,045,000,000
1.70%	\$ 38,930,000,000	148%	\$1,051,110,000,000
2.00%	\$ 45,800,000,000	174%	\$1,236,600,000,000

Covers \$700B investment in 21 million Americans serving home & world for 27 years.

Every generation needs a “Greatest Generation.”

President overcame...



Civilian Conservation Corps built...



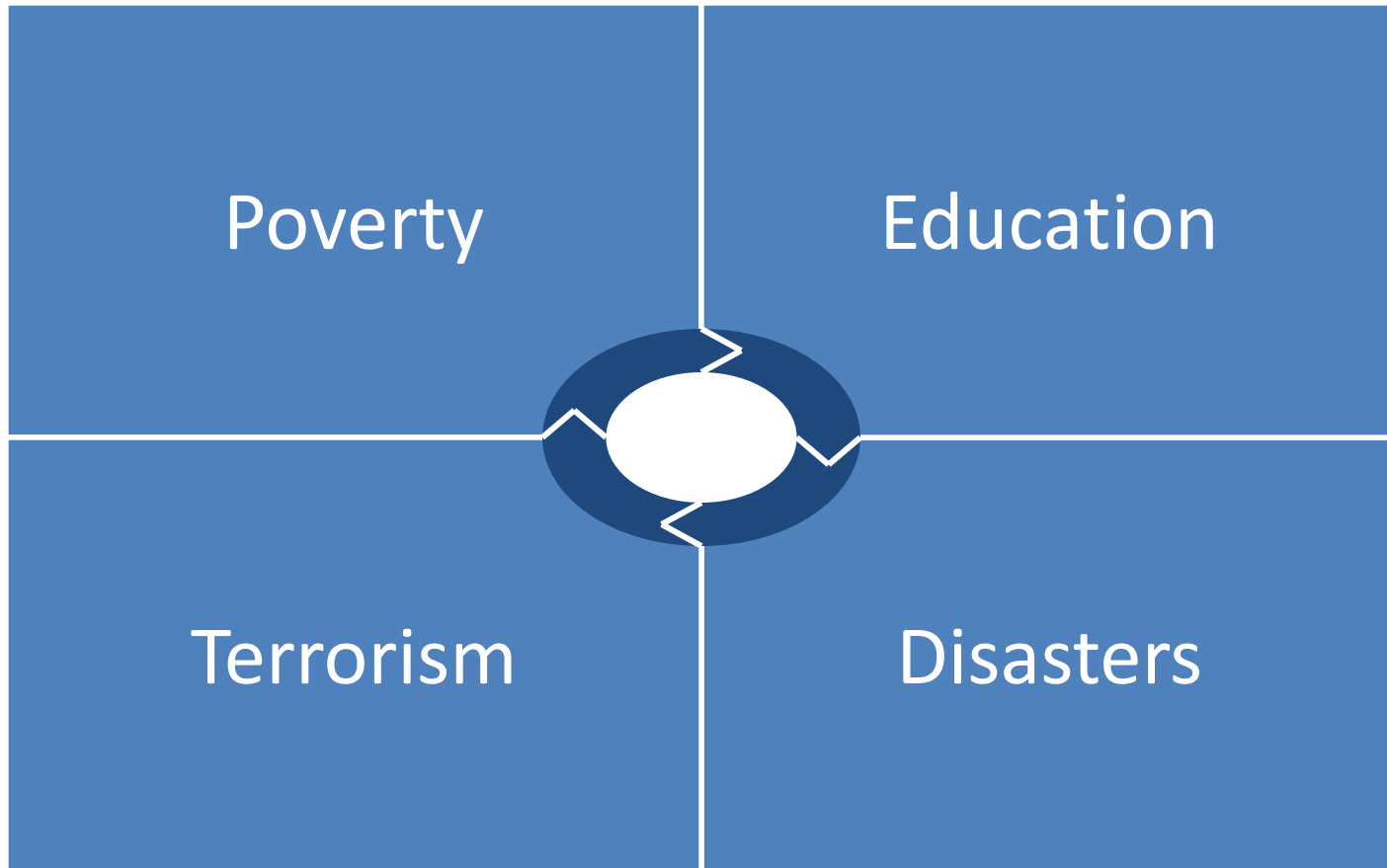
With a more complicated and crowded world, this generation also needs...

a Greatest Generation that serves and builds.



Appendix

Some graphic reasons why robust AWSC is needed ...



One in three U.S. children live in Poverty

% of children living in households earning less than 60 percent of the median income

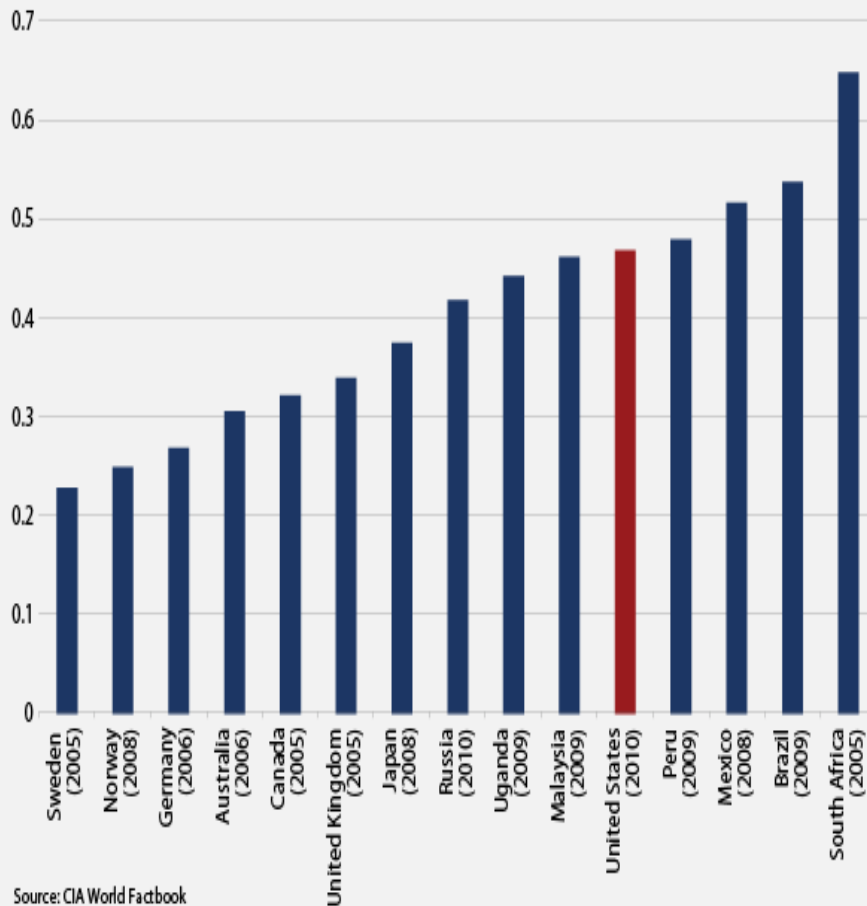


Growing U. S. inequity since the 1970's

FIGURE 1

The United States has far more income inequality than other developed countries

Inequality, as measured by the Gini index, among select countries



U.S. GINI INDEX

1947 TO 2010

Higher score = more inequity

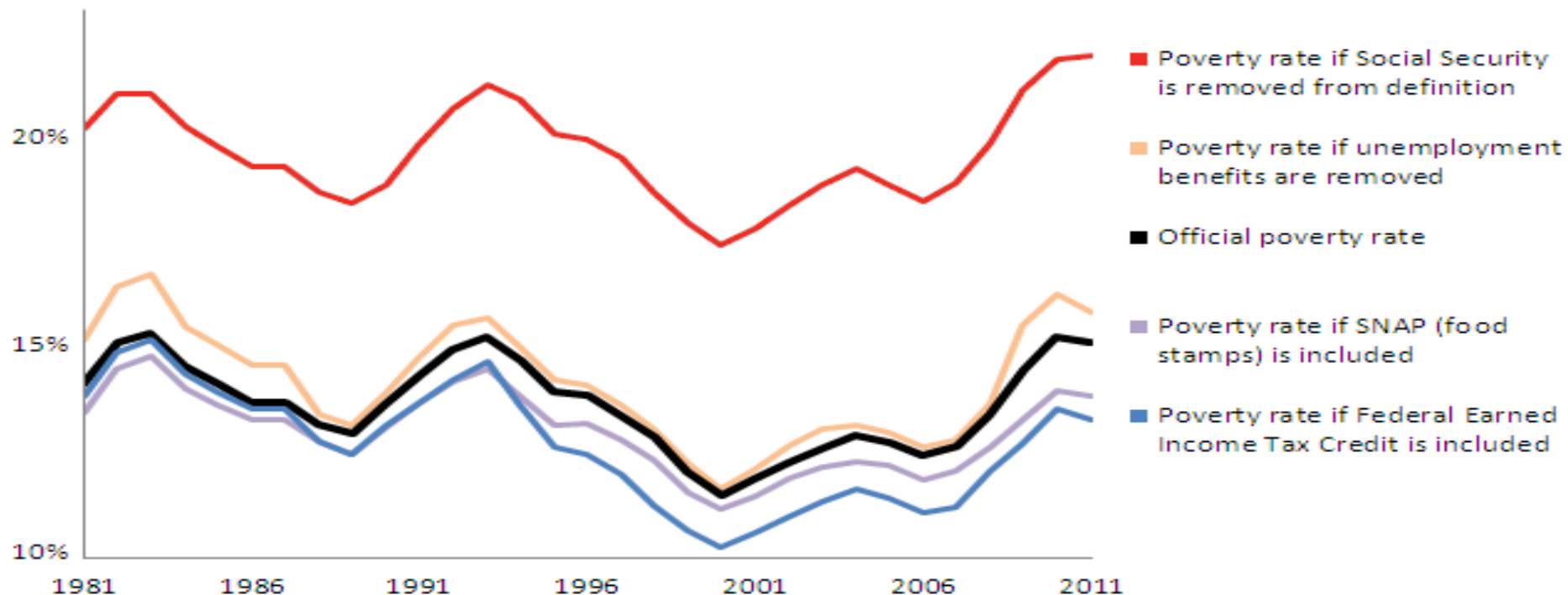


Reduce poverty & reliance on government programs by involving Americans in service



Government programs kept millions out of poverty in 2011

Poverty rate with and without government transfers included in definition



Note: For 1981-86 unemployment benefits include veterans payments and worker compensation payments and Social Security includes railroad retirement benefits

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Habitat works at home...

Poverty

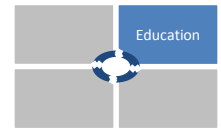




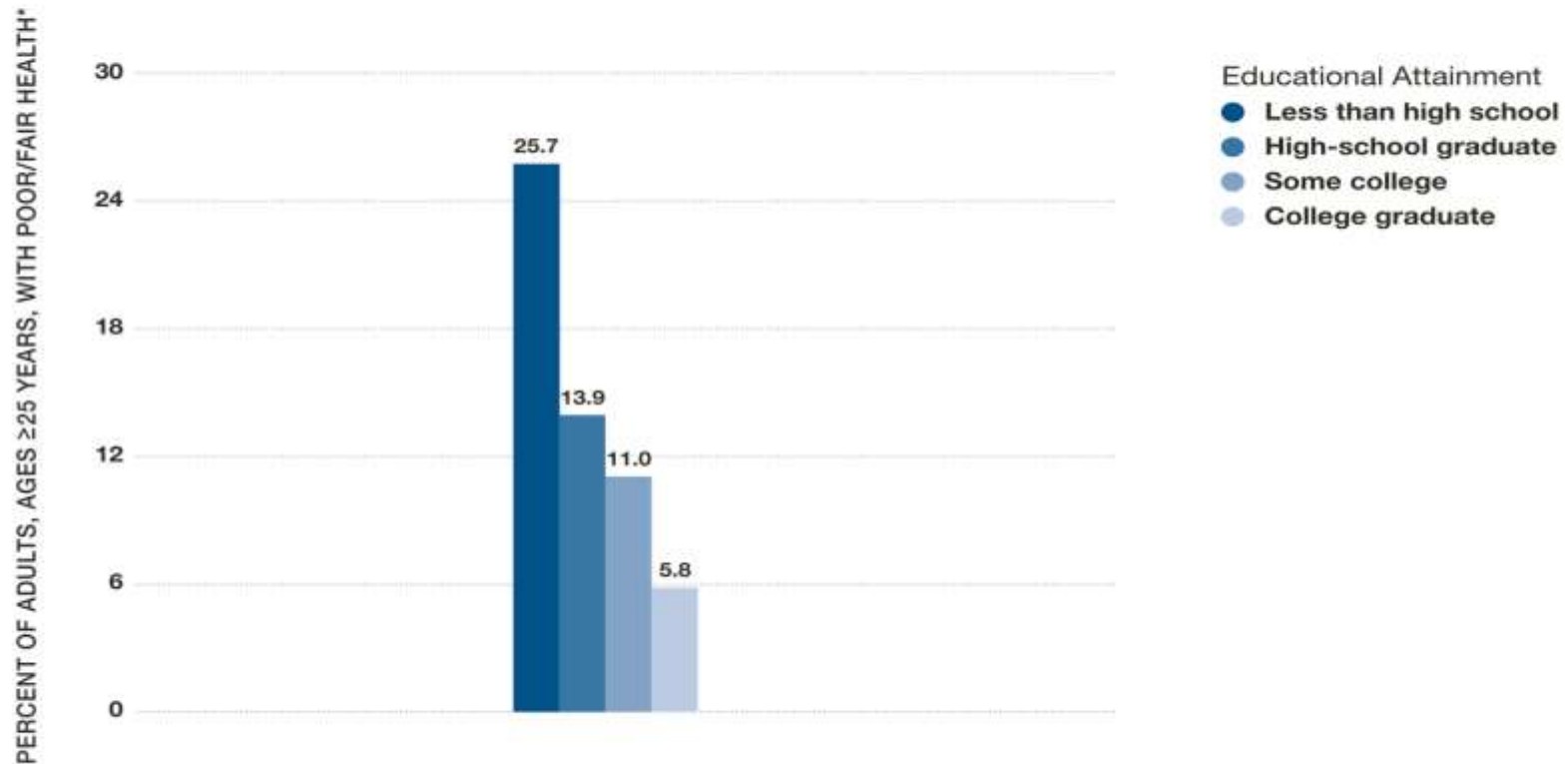
and abroad



Less education, worse health



Less education is linked with worse health. Compared with college graduates, adults who have not finished high school are more than four times as likely to be in poor or fair health.



Prepared for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation by the Center on Social Disparities in Health at the University of California, San Francisco.

Source: National Health Interview Survey, 2001–2005.

*Age-adjusted

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Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), OECD



U.S. students lag behind international peers

In tests of reading, math and science, U.S. 15-year-olds were outperformed by many of their counterparts in Asia and Europe — in some cases placing below the international average.



More education = more earnings

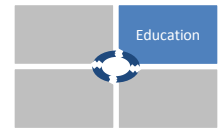
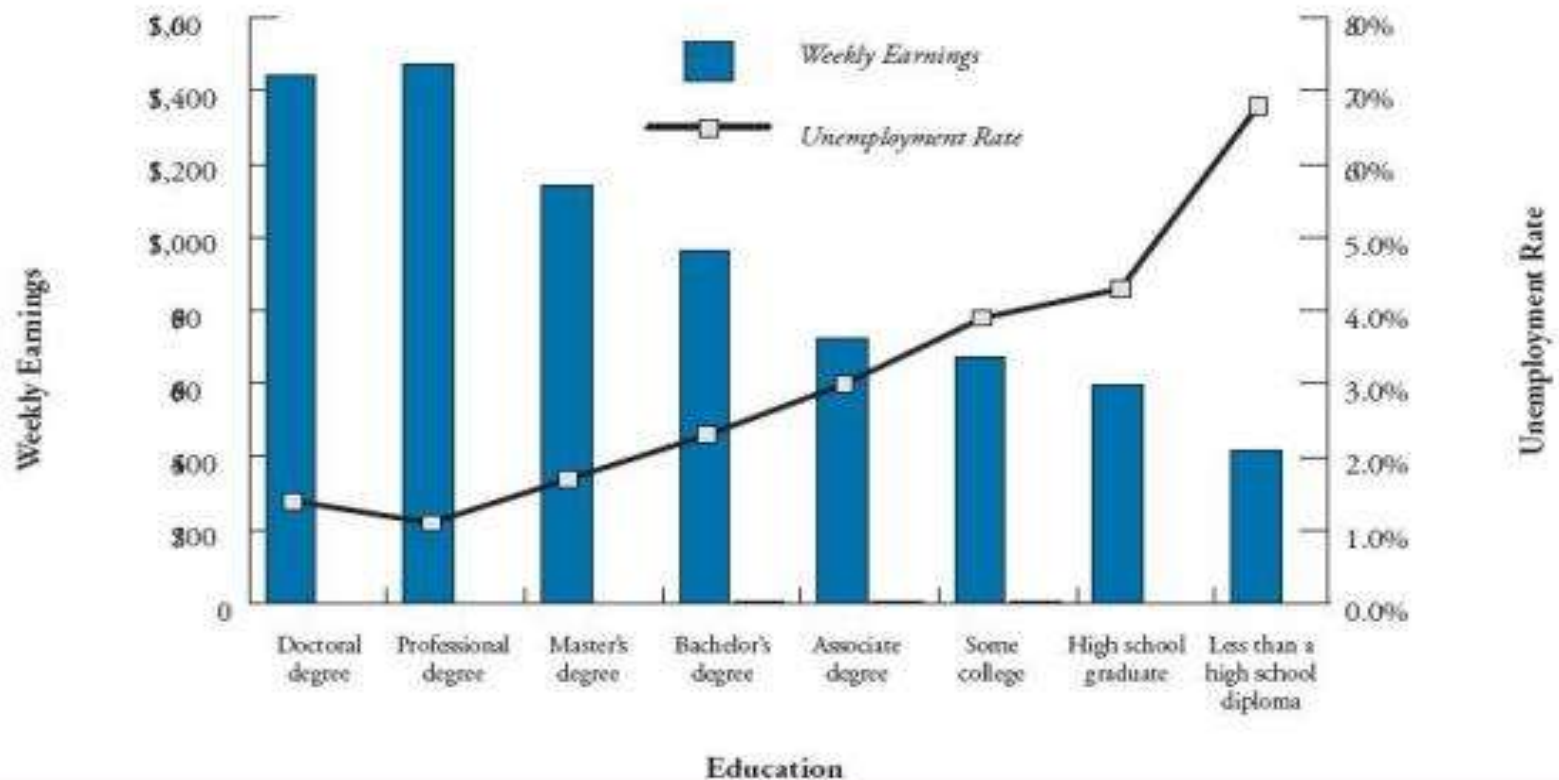


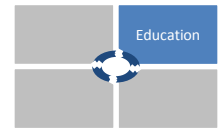
Figure 1:

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS & UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF FULL-TIME WORKERS AGE 25-64 BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2006



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Spotlight on Statistics: Back to School*, August 2007 (http://www.bls.gov/spotlight/2007/back_to_school/data.htm#table1).

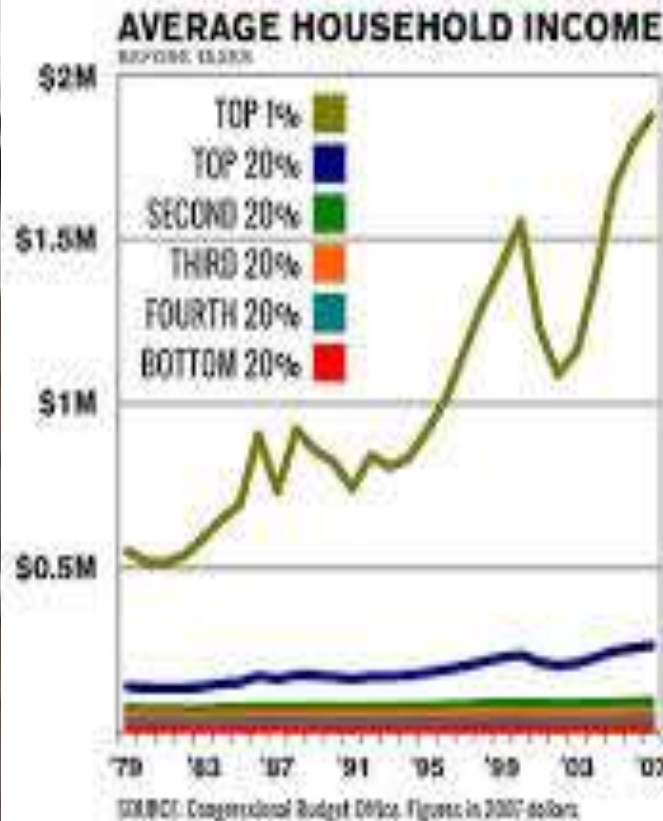
So let this AWSC National Service program field more human resources of all ages into making...



Classrooms, after school programs, recreational leagues, tutoring , teaching the disabled, etc., reach more students; and thereby help students grow, increase the nation's competitiveness, and reduce crime.
And Remember...



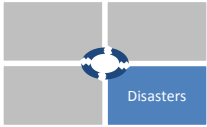
TO FIX EDUCATION, FIX INEQUALITY



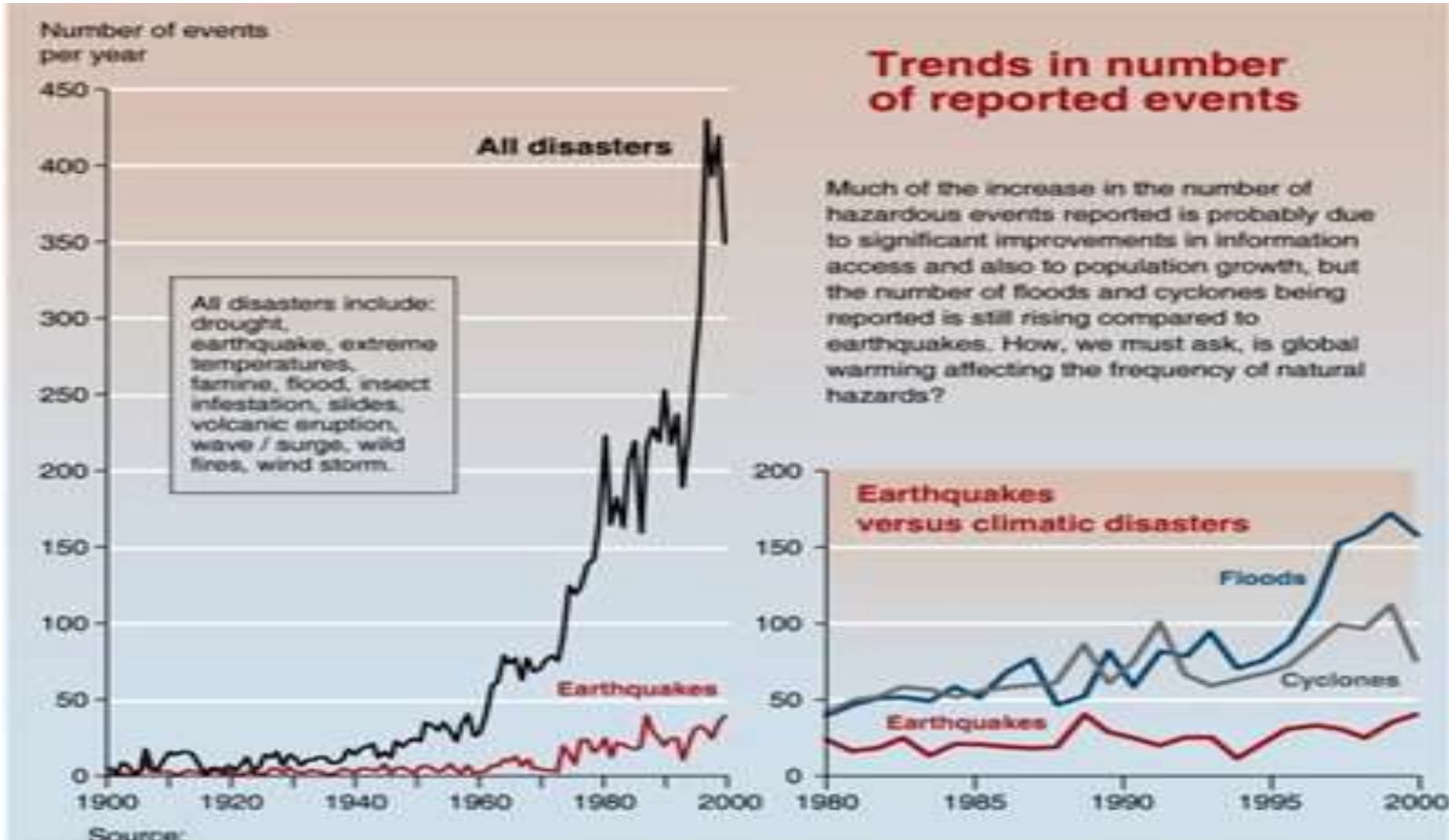
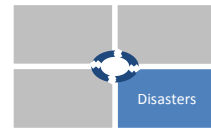
Source: Pew Research Center. Survey conducted in 2007.

Robust AWSC national service can do both

Disasters



AWSC shifts from wars on people to battles against natural disasters

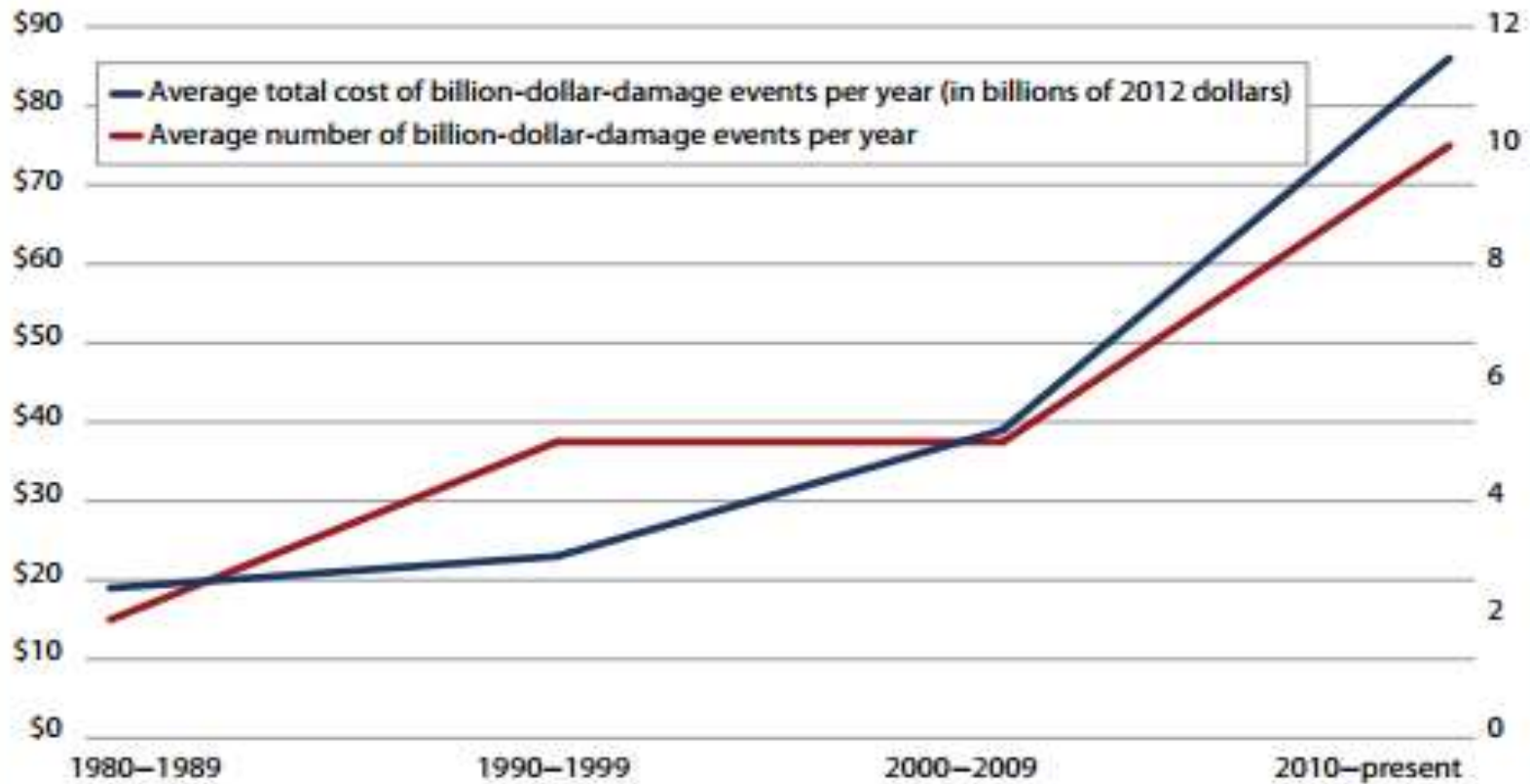


Increasing frequency = increasing \$\$\$



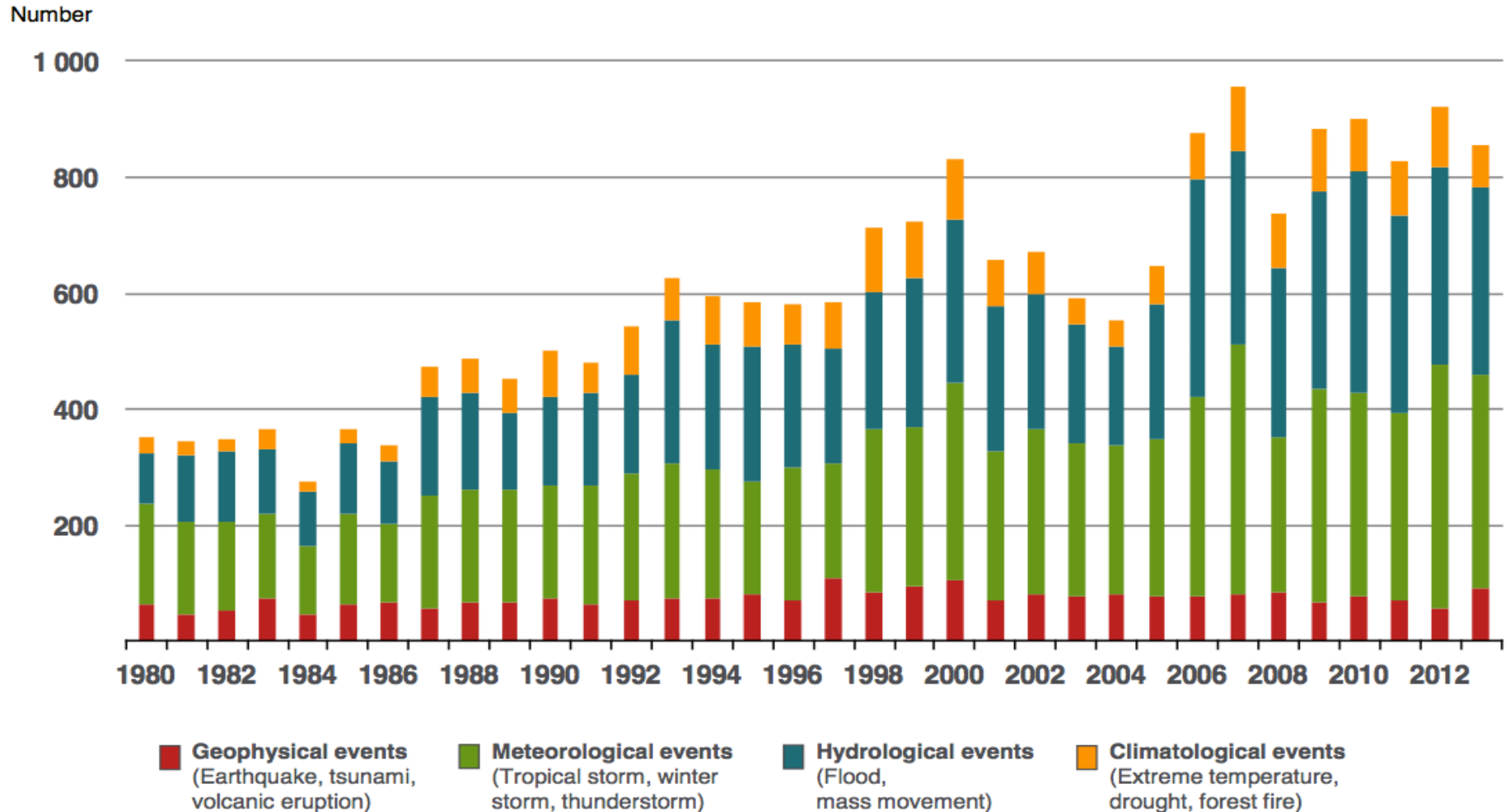
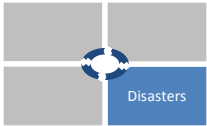
FIGURE 1

Billions of dollars in damages from extreme weather events increasing in frequency, cost from 1980–2012

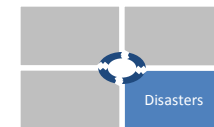


Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.¹⁹

Climate's weirding with 7.4+ billion people feeling it

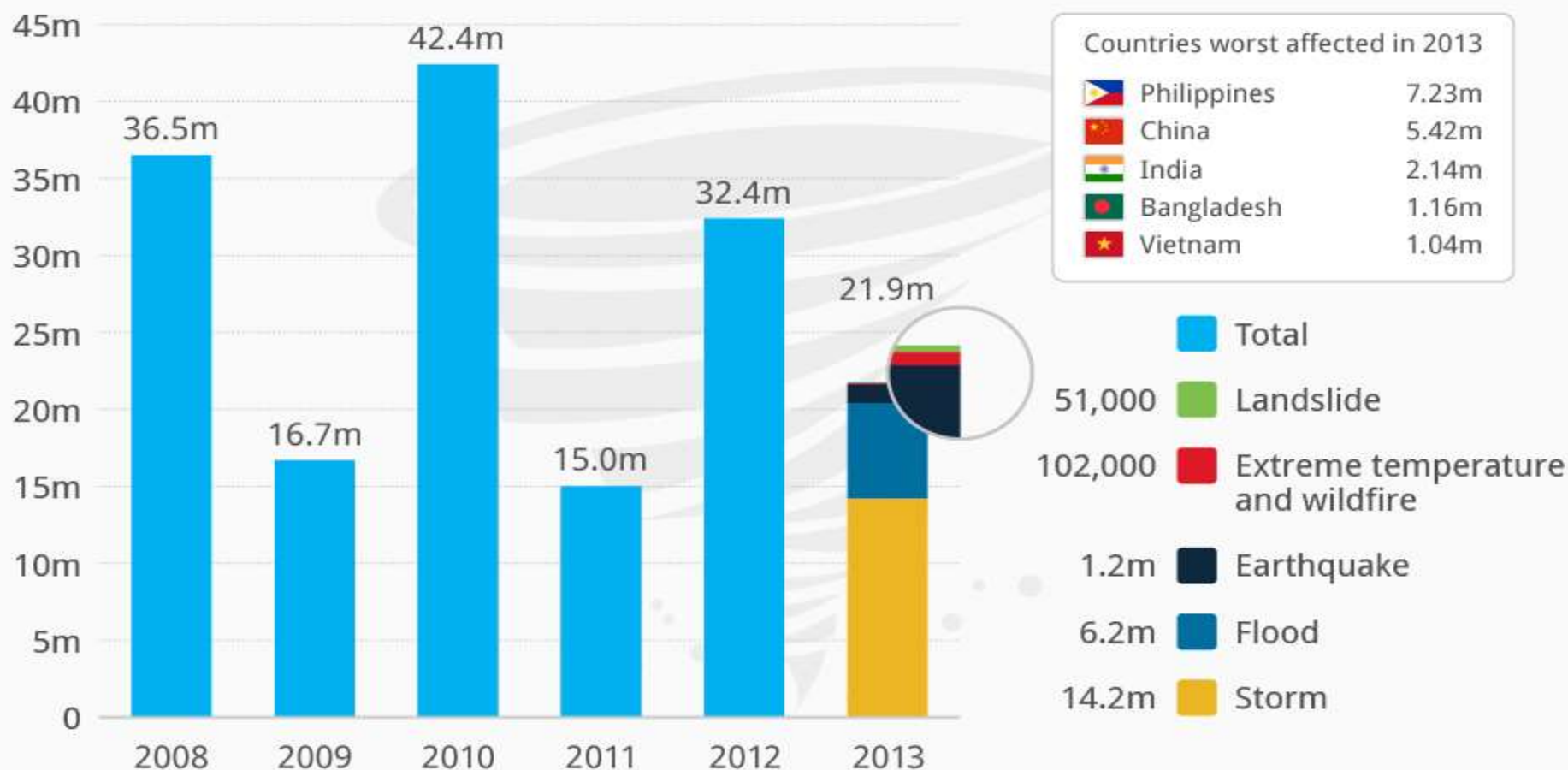


Be better prepared to aid...



22 Million People Displaced by Natural Disasters in 2013

People displaced by natural disasters worldwide



Source: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

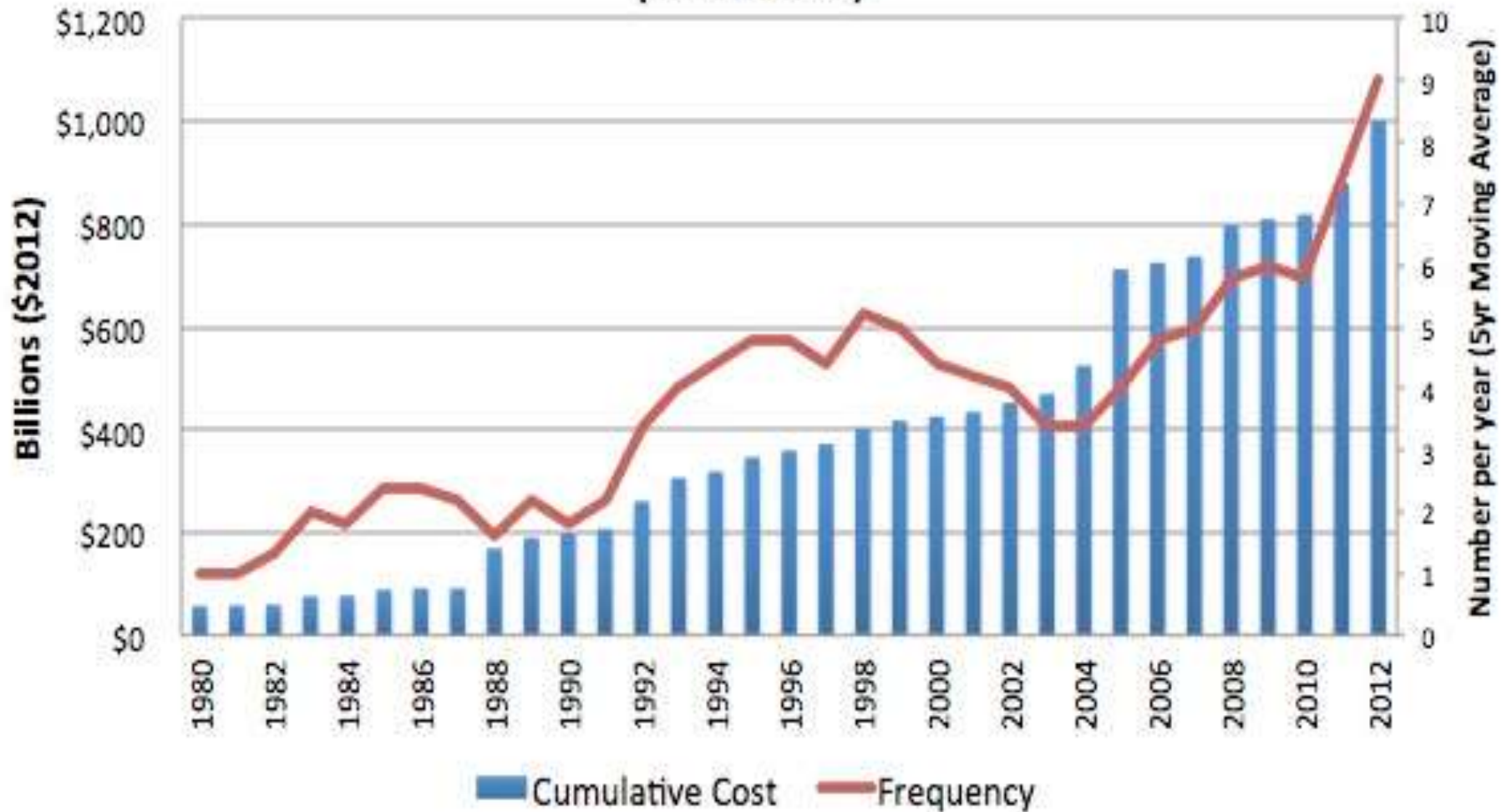
Mashable statista

Disaster costs trending UP

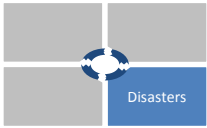


Disasters

Billion Dollar US Natural Disasters
(source NOAA)



With a 1 million strong AWSC responding more robustly & quickly...



People, economies,
security...

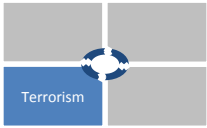
Health, sanitation,
tranquility...

Good will, fraternity,
common decency...

Are rebuilt and enhanced
more quickly, as more
disasters hit more people.
Then crazed terrorists
have trouble gaining
footholds.



During Iraq War, costs hit \$1 million per soldier...



- In 2014, it will cost an average of **\$2.1 million** for every U.S. troop serving in **Afghanistan**, according to a report from the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA). Oct 25, 2013



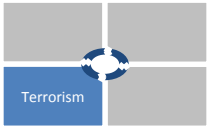
Best long run bet?

23,144 bombs or **23,144 Peace Corps?**

- Council of Foreign Relations resident skeptic Micah Zenko tallied that since Jan. 1, 2015, US has dropped **23,144** bombs on Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, and Somalia, all majority Muslim countries.

23,144 US Bombs	PCVs Served 1961-2016
Iraq	0
Syria	0
Afghanistan	1,652
Pakistan	517
Yemen	564
Somalia	357
Total	3,090
Served PCVs	

Breaking the poverty and violence cycles



... to improved lives.

From a culture of violence...



Villager in Ethiopia



*Ethiopian
latrines*



*Fijian
house*



*Classroom
learning*

So get Americans involved in serving...



1/5 of Appalachian children live in poverty.



People's Lobby Foundation Foundation
(PLFF)

Deaths from Respiratory
Diseases in Appalachia

Fixing, and understanding...



Links

for related information...

- [Uber-rich-2% 1% solution for world peace](#)
- [Needed: AWSC, A Big National Service Program](#)
- [Gold Star Moms](#) and AWSC.
- [2014-15 Reasons for AWSC Congressional Proposal](#)
- [Movies and more](#) that depict why we need AWSC.
- [Goodwill hunting](#)

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- <https://www.change.org/p/field-21-million-american-world-service-jobs-corps-volunteers-over-the-next-27-years?te=npf>

Thanks for viewing, thinking, and acting.



It is time to go beyond acting in just the passive voice.