Removing Lead from Petrol

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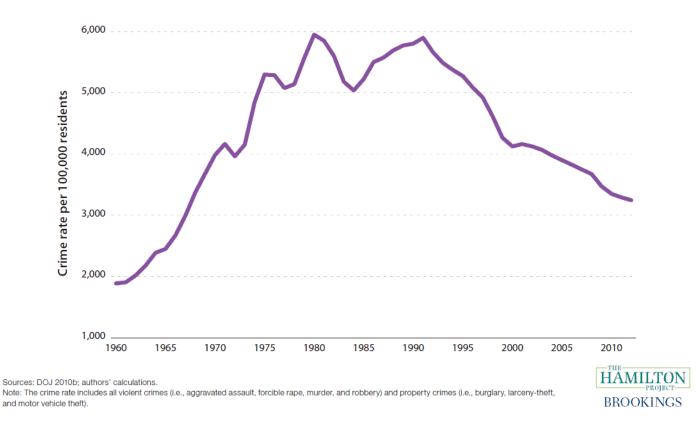


Crime Rates Dropping.....Why?

FIGURE 1.

Crime Rate in the United States, 1960–2012

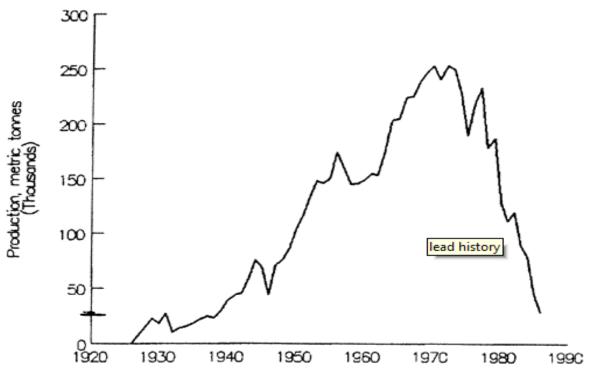
After being particularly elevated during the 1970s and 1980s, the crime rate fell nearly 45 percent between 1990 and 2012.





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Production Leaded Gasoline in the US 1920-1990



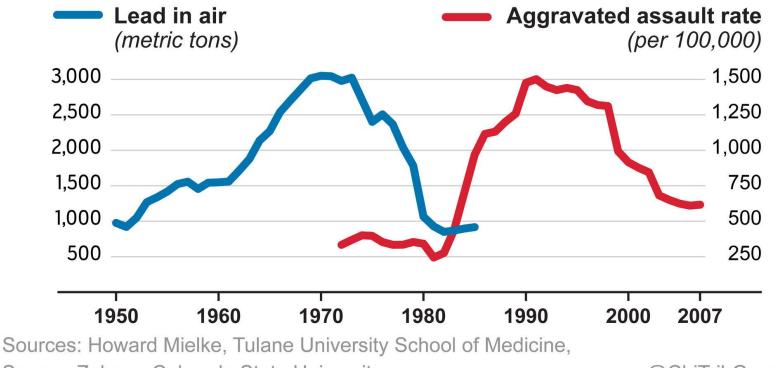
Year

http://www.asymptosis.com/government-gets-the-lead-out-crime-plummets.html



Chicago – Crime vs Lead

Trends in lead pollution, assault rates in Chicago



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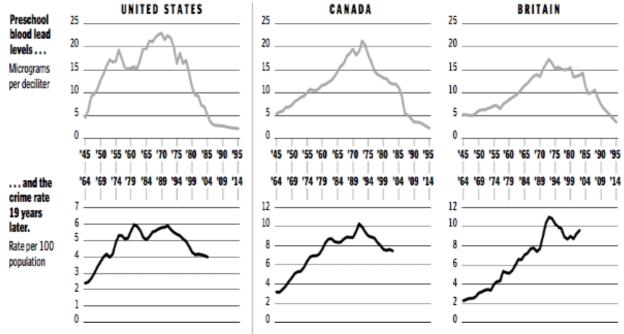
Crime Rates vs Leaded Petrol (US)

Lead exposure and violent crime, USA





Not only in the US...



Crimes counted in the U.S. chart are murder, rape, aggravated assault, burglary and theft — what experts call "index crimes." Crimes in Canada and Britain charts are murder, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, threats and assaults without injury, as well as thefts that fall below the U.S. threshold for an index crime. The crime rates — and scales — in these charts are higher than in the U.S. chart because they include more types of crime.



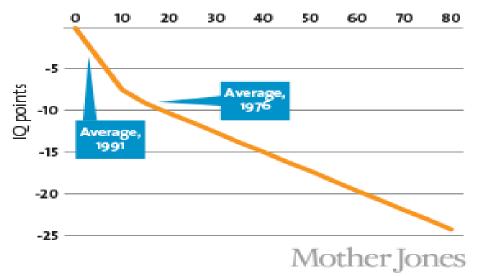
Lead Impacting IQ



DID LEAD MAKE YOU DUMBER?

Even low levels have a significant effect.

Blood lead level in µg/dL (children under 6)





Source: Mother Jones, 2016 http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2016/02/lead-exposure-gasolinecrime-increase-children-health

Global Benefits

- GDP = \$2.44 trillion / year
- IQ = 322,286,258 points/year
- Adult mortality = 1,089,028 premature deaths/year
- Child mortality = 125,403 premature deaths/year
- Crime = 58,691,014 cases/year

Source: Hatfield and Tsai, California State University, 2010





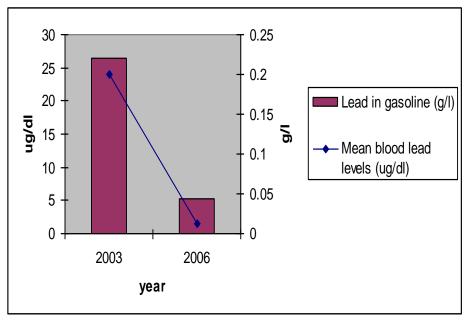
- Governments
- Industry (oils & vehicles)
- Civil society
- Independent experts
- International organisations
- Secretariat at UN Environment



Baselines – Blood Lead Testing



Ghana Blood lead levels





Improve your childrens IQ.



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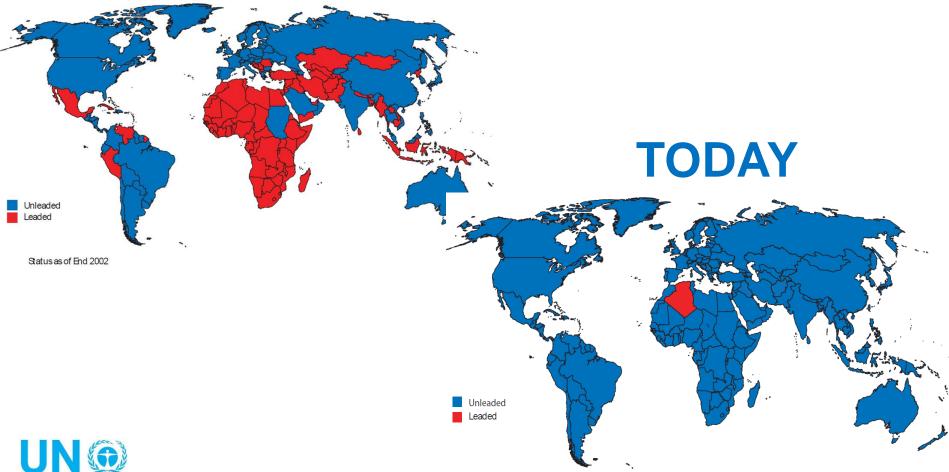


Regional and National Support



countries went unleaded

2002



environment

Lessons Learned – US Government

PCFV lead campaign success factors:

- Intervention design well-focused on its objectives
- Comprehensive composition of the Partnership
- Ability to support multi-level processes
- Approach tailored to available finance
- High quality management and staff



Partnerships Lessons - UN Environment

Partnerships design principles:

- Clear objectives and commonly agreed goals
- Timescale with milestones
- Early attention to high level political commitment
- Each partner makes a unique contribution and is essential for success
- Clear governance rules and structure
- Ability to listen and compromise
- Monitoring system for compliance

