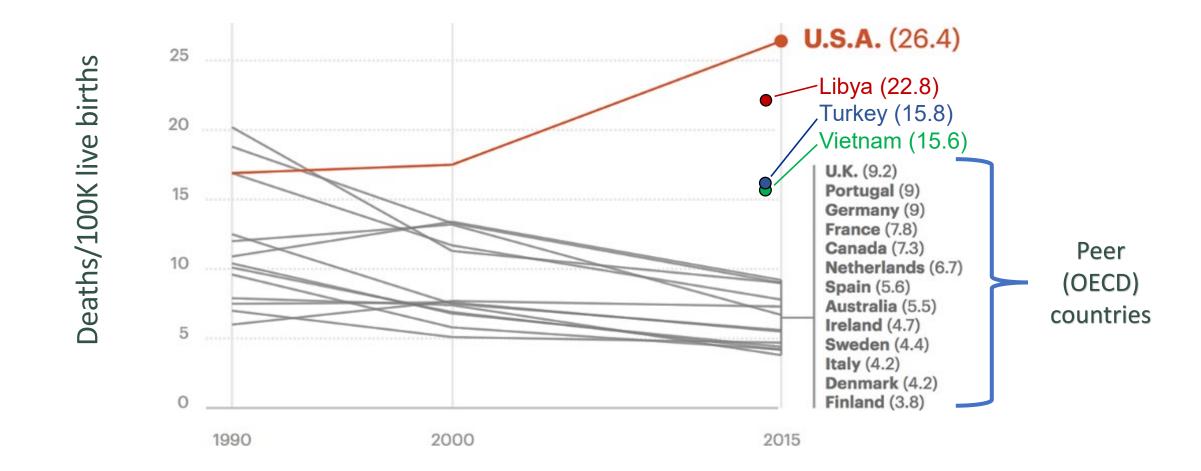
THE U.S. IS THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD TO DELIVER A BABY.

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Maternal mortality rises in U.S. as it decreases globally



Priva A. 2015. GBD 2015 Maternal Mortality Collaborators. *Bulletin of the World Health Org.* **93**: 135.

Approximately 700 women die annually in the U.S. from pregnancyrelated complications



3 in 5 could be prevented

1 in 3 pregnancy-related deaths happened during pregnancy

1 in 3 happened at delivery or in the week after

1 in 3 happened 1 week to 1 year postpartum

Vital Signs: Pregnancy-Related Deaths, United States, 2011–2015, and Strategies for Prevention, 13 States, 2013–2017. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2019;68:423–429.

Black women are 3-4X more likely to die of pregnancy-related causes than White women

Deaths per 100,00 live births 38.9 40.0 2006-2010 2011-2014 17.8 12.0 12.4 11.7 Non-Hispanic Whites Non-Hispanic Black Hispanic

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2016)

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Putting U.S. SMM in perspective

- Each year more than 50,000 women have severe pregnancy complications (e.g., hemorrhage), also known as severe maternal morbidity (SMM).
- SMM has been steadily increasing in recent years and the rate more than doubled from 2000 to 2010.
- Chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity, may put women at higher risk of pregnancy complications.



