

Les inégalités sociales de santé concernent l'ensemble de la population

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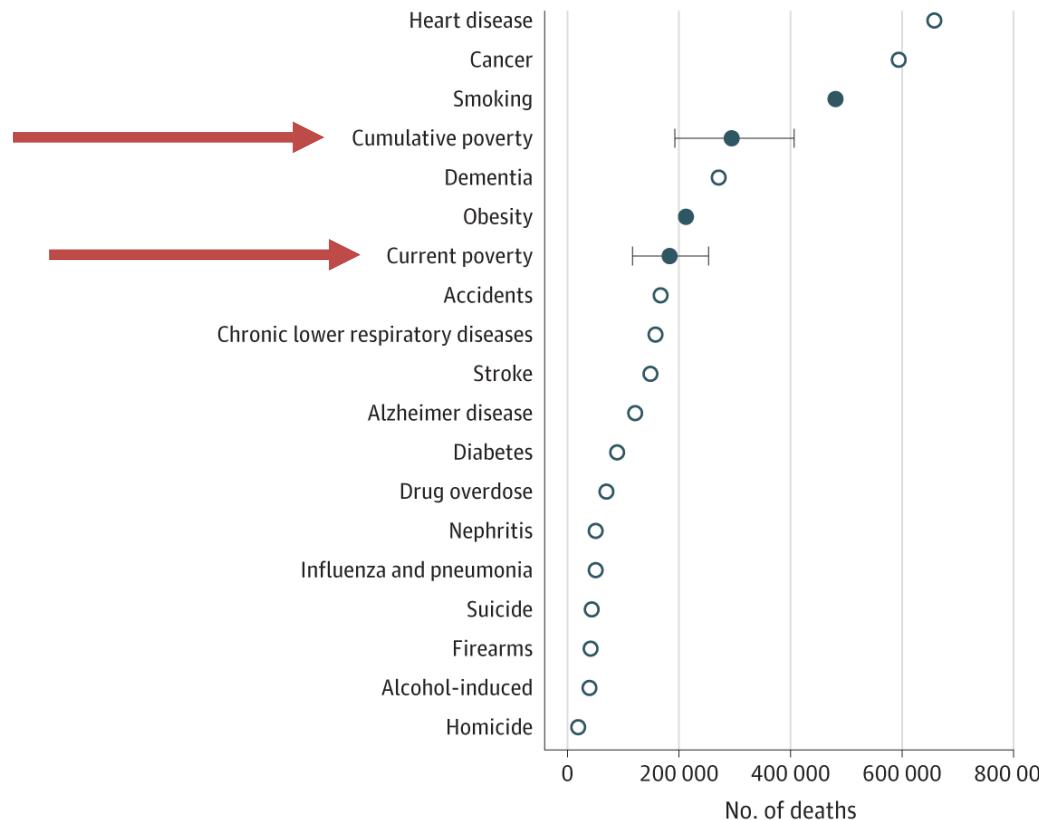
Les points que je veux défendre aujourd’hui

- Les inégalités sociales de santé: une question de gradient social
- L'action doit donc porter prioritairement sur le gradient social
- Préférable de privilégier des mesures universelles aux effets proportionnés aux besoins
- Difficile de parler d'inégalités sociales de santé sans évoquer la question du pouvoir, de la domination et de l'oppression.



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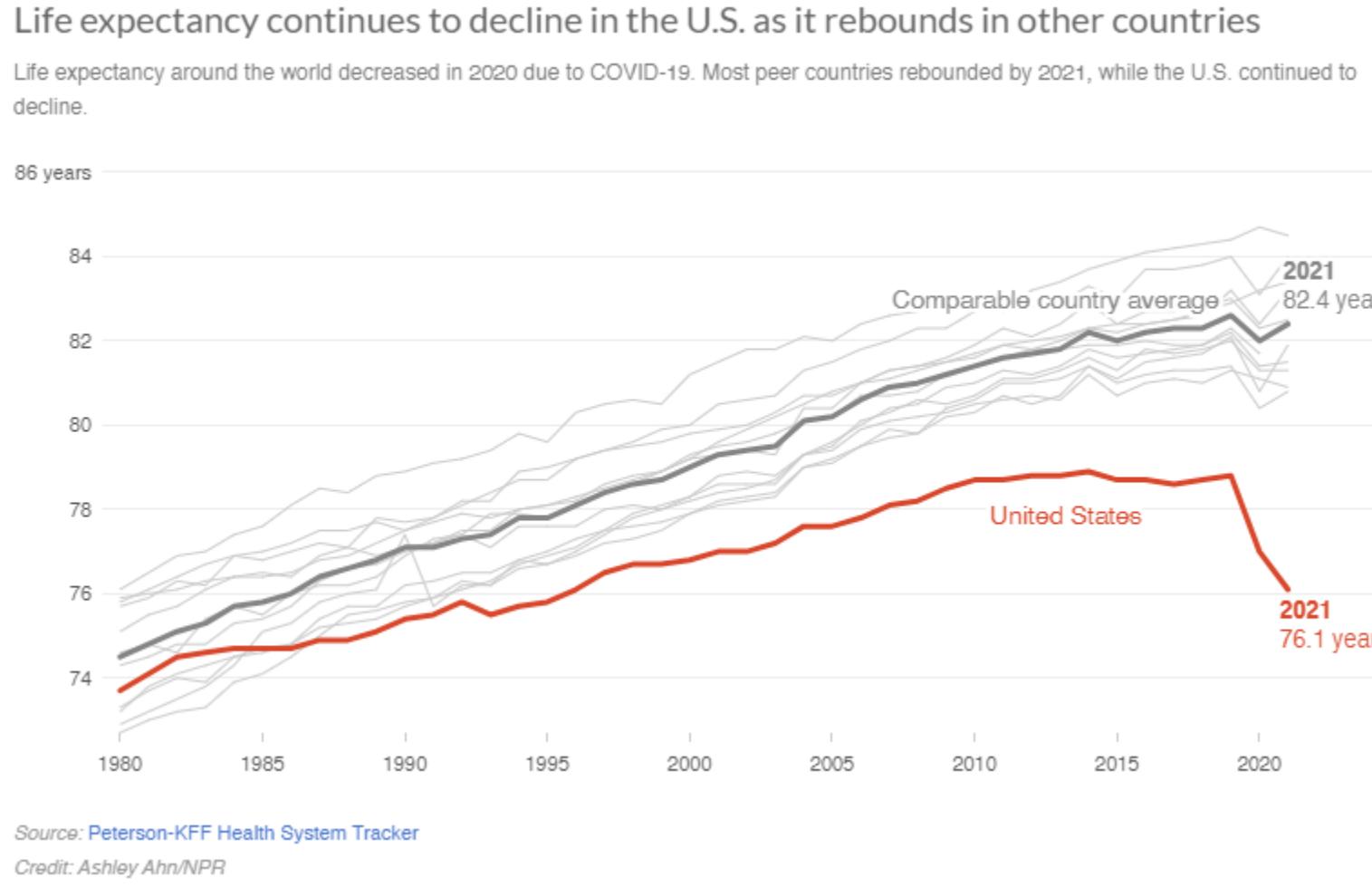
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**Figure Legend:**

Number of Deaths Associated With Cumulative and Current Poverty and the Major Causes (Open Circles) and Risk Factors (Filled Circles) in the US in 2019 Error bars indicate 95% CI. Sources: See eAppendices 1 and 2 in Supplement 1.

La pauvreté tue

Simmons-Duffin, S. (2023, mars 25).
« Live free and die? » The sad state
of U.S. life expectancy. *NPR*.
www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2023/03/25/1164819944/live-free-and-die-the-sad-state-of-u-s-life-expectancy



The gap in survival between the top and bottom wealth quartiles was wider in the United States than in Europe. Survival among the participants in the top wealth quartiles in northern and western Europe and southern Europe appeared to be higher than that among the wealthiest Americans. **Survival in the wealthiest U.S. quartile appeared to be similar to that in the poorest quartile in northern and western Europe.**

Conclusions

In cohort studies conducted in the United States and Europe, greater wealth was associated with lower mortality, and the association between wealth and mortality appeared to be more pronounced in the United States than in Europe.

L'écart de survie entre les quartiles de richesse supérieurs et inférieurs était plus important aux États-Unis qu'en Europe. La survie parmi les participants des quartiles de richesse les plus élevés en Europe du Nord et de l'Ouest et en Europe du Sud semblait être plus élevée que celle des Américains les plus riches. La survie dans le quartile américain le plus riche semble être similaire à celle du quartile le plus pauvre en Europe du Nord et de l'Ouest.

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Association between Wealth and Mortality in the United States and Europe

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Abstract

BACKGROUND

Amid growing wealth disparity, we have little information on how health among older Americans compares with that among older Europeans across the distribution of wealth.

al, retrospective cohort study involving adults 50 to 85 years of age and the Health and Retirement Study and the Survey of Health, Ageing, and Retirement in Europe in 2010 and 2022. Wealth quartiles were defined according to age and income. Kaplan-Meier curves were estimated for each wealth quartile across countries in northern and western, southern, and eastern Europe. We used Cox proportional hazards models that included adjustment for baseline covariates (age, sex, race, education, marital status [married or never married], educational level [any or no college education], rural or nonrural residence, current smoking status [smoking or nonsmoking], and history of previously diagnosed long-term condition) to quantify the association between wealth quartile and all-cause mortality from 2010 through 2022 (the study period).

Among 73,838 adults (mean [\pm SD] age, 65 \pm 9.8 years), a total of 13,802 (18.7%) died during a



Changes in mortality inequalities over two decades: register based study of European countries

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ABSTRACT

OBJECTIVE
To determine whether government efforts in reducing inequalities in health in European countries have actually made a difference to mortality inequalities by socioeconomic group.

DESIGN

Register based study.

DATA SOURCE

Mortality data by level of education and occupational class in the period 1990–2010, usually collected in a census linked longitudinal study design. We compared changes in mortality between the lowest and highest socioeconomic groups, and calculated their effect on absolute and relative inequalities in mortality (measured as rate differences and rate ratios, respectively).

SETTING

All European countries for which data on socioeconomic inequalities in mortality were available for the approximate period between years 1990 and 2010. These included Finland, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, England and Wales (data applied to both together), France, Switzerland, Spain (Barcelona), Italy (Turin), Slovenia, and Lithuania.

RESULTS

Substantial mortality declines occurred in lower socioeconomic groups in most European countries covered by this study. Relative inequalities in mortality widened almost universally, because percentage declines were usually smaller in lower socioeconomic

WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ON THIS TOPIC

A few decades ago, reducing inequalities in health between socioeconomic groups became a priority for health policy makers in many countries. Of studies analysing trends in mortality inequalities since then, most were limited to one country, a few looked at relative and absolute inequalities, and no study has quantitatively compared progress in reducing inequalities between countries.

WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS

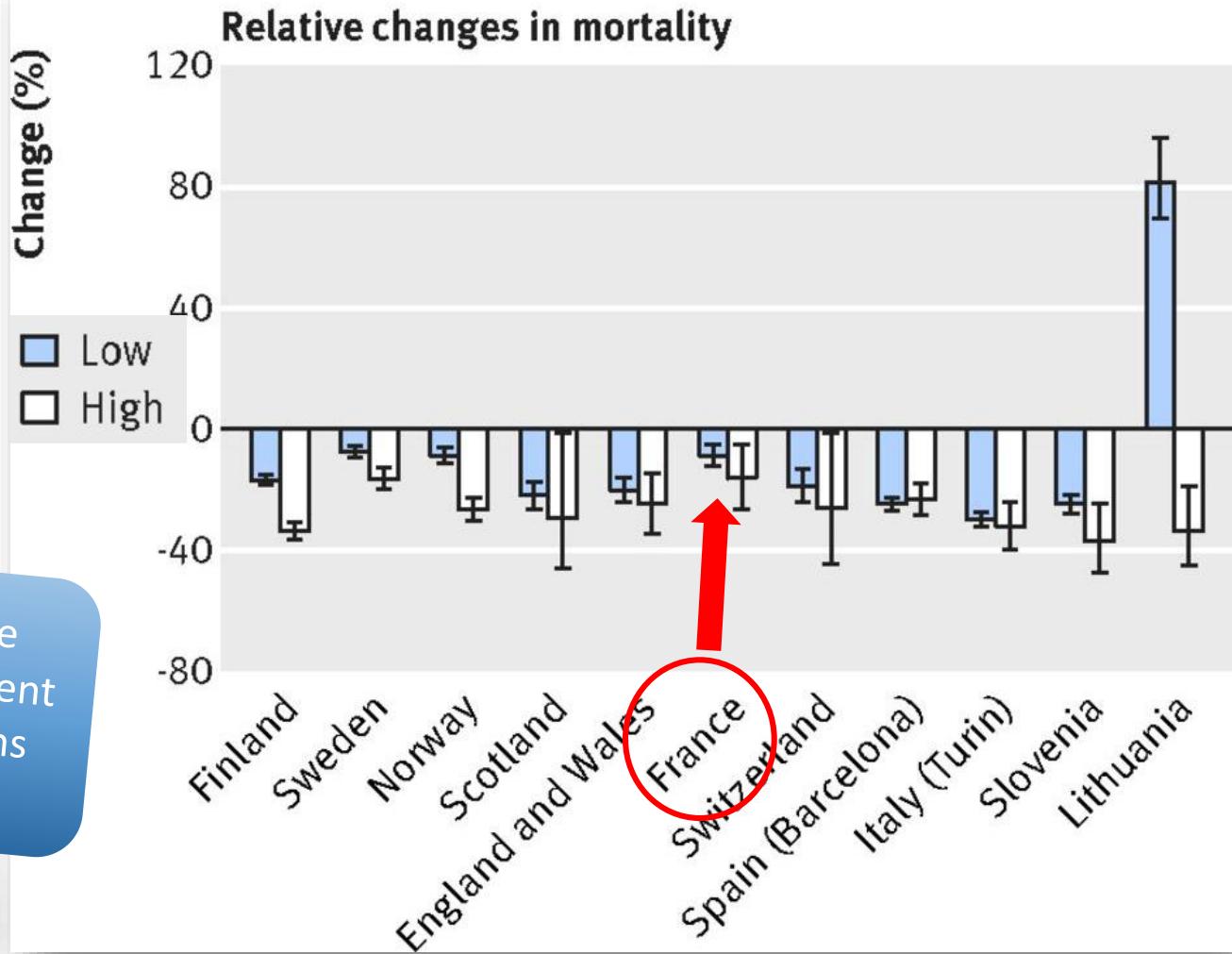
Since the early 1990s, absolute inequalities in mortality have declined among men in many European countries; relative inequalities in mortality have increased overall; progress in reducing absolute inequalities was largest in Spain (Barcelona), Scotland, England and Wales, and Italy (Turin), but absent in Finland and Norway. Narrowing of absolute inequalities was driven by substantial progress in reducing mortality in lower socioeconomic groups from ischaemic heart disease, smoking related causes, and causes amenable to medical intervention; however, there were substantial setbacks for alcohol related mortality.

Recent trends in inequalities in mortality in Europe have been more encouraging than commonly thought, although progress has varied between countries

Les inégalités de mortalité demeurent stables... du moins jusqu'ici.

RESEARCH

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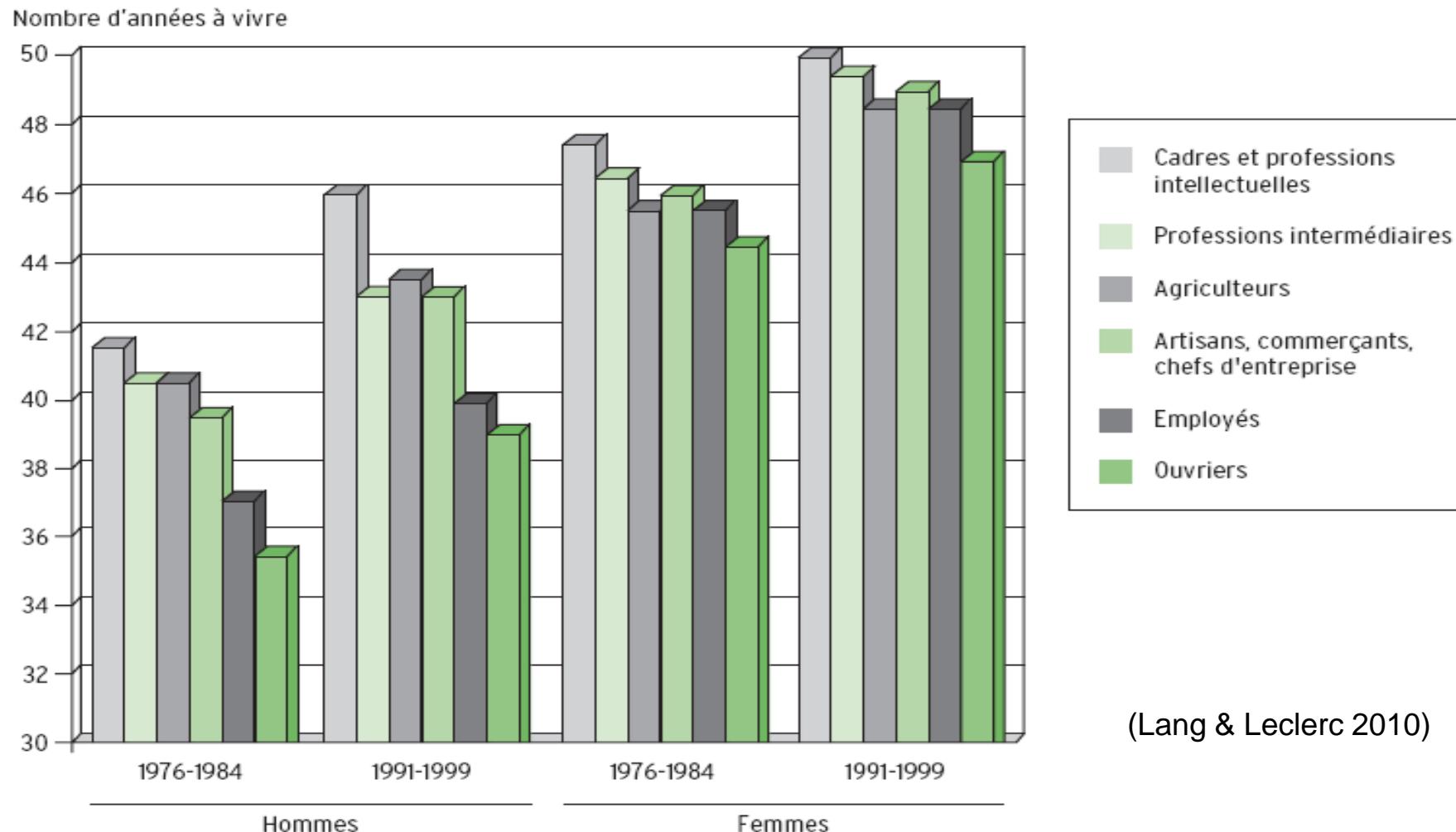
La question du gradient social



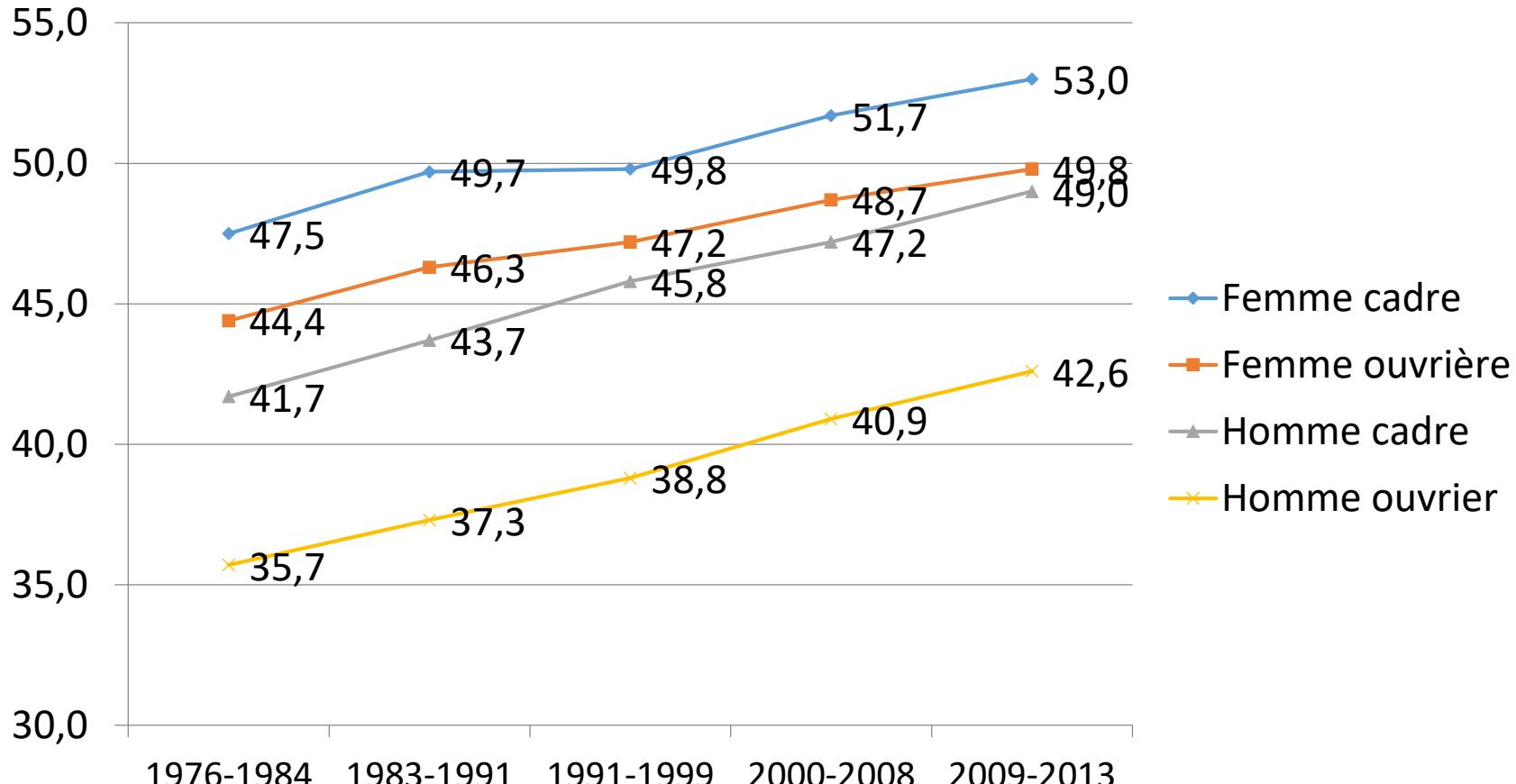
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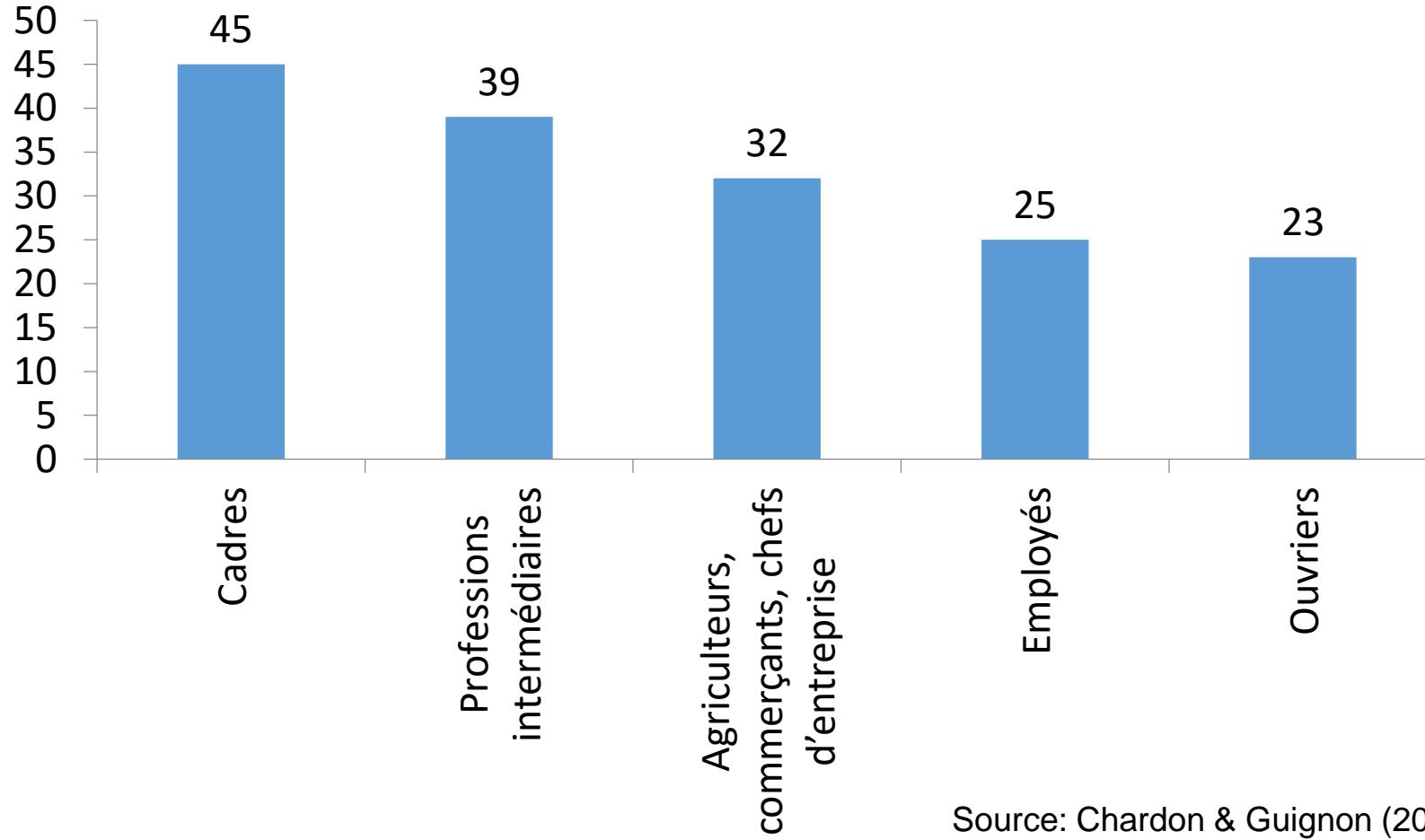
Espérance de vie à 35 ans par groupe socioprofessionnelle



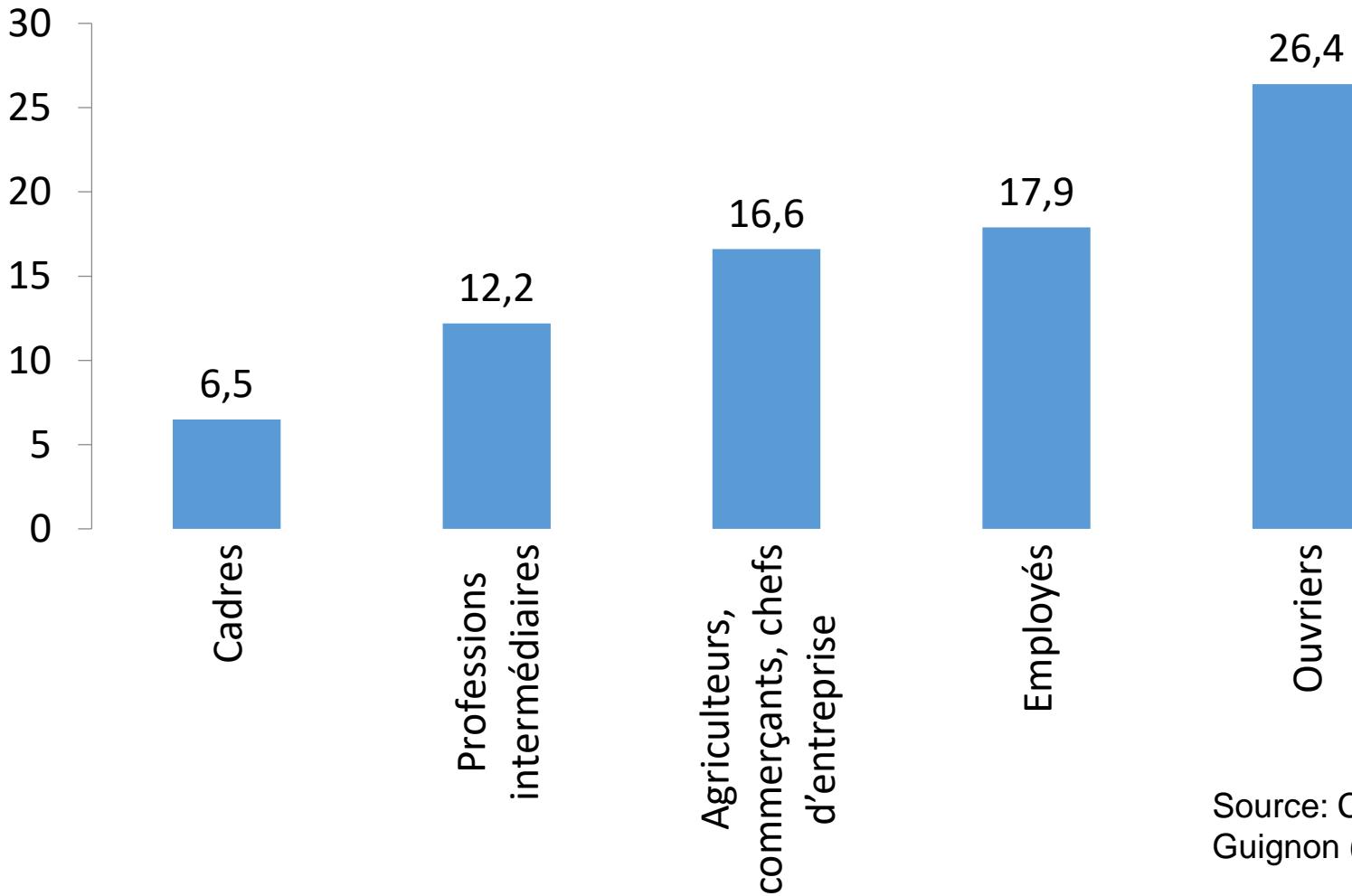
Évolution de l'espérance de vie à 35 ans par sexe pour les cadres et les ouvriers (Blanpain, 2016)



Consommation tous les jours de la semaine de fruits et légumes : élèves de CM2 (2007-2008)



Difficultés en lecture selon l'origine sociale : élèves de CM2 (2007-2008)



Source: Chardon & Guignon (2013)



Les déterminants sociaux de la santé



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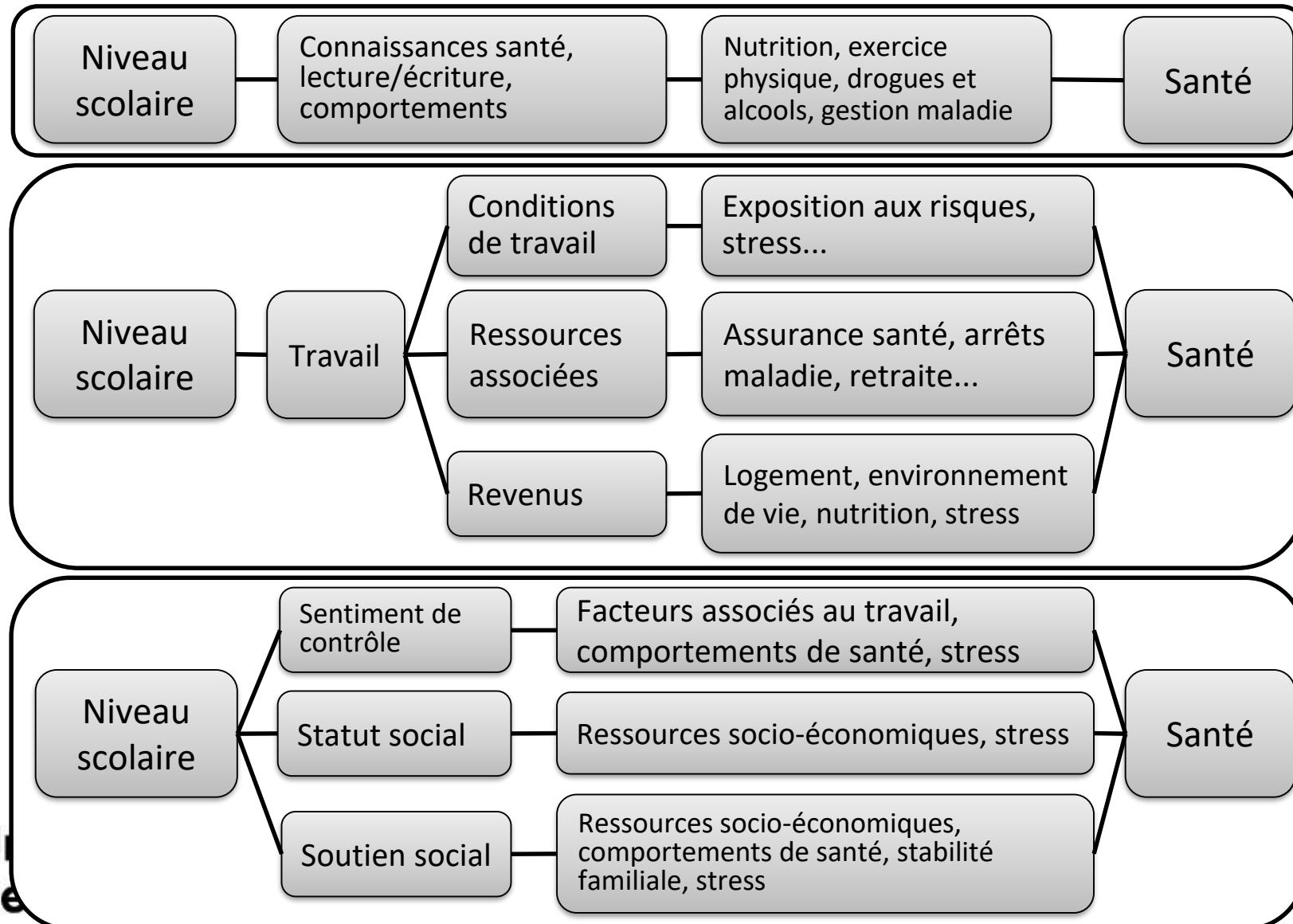
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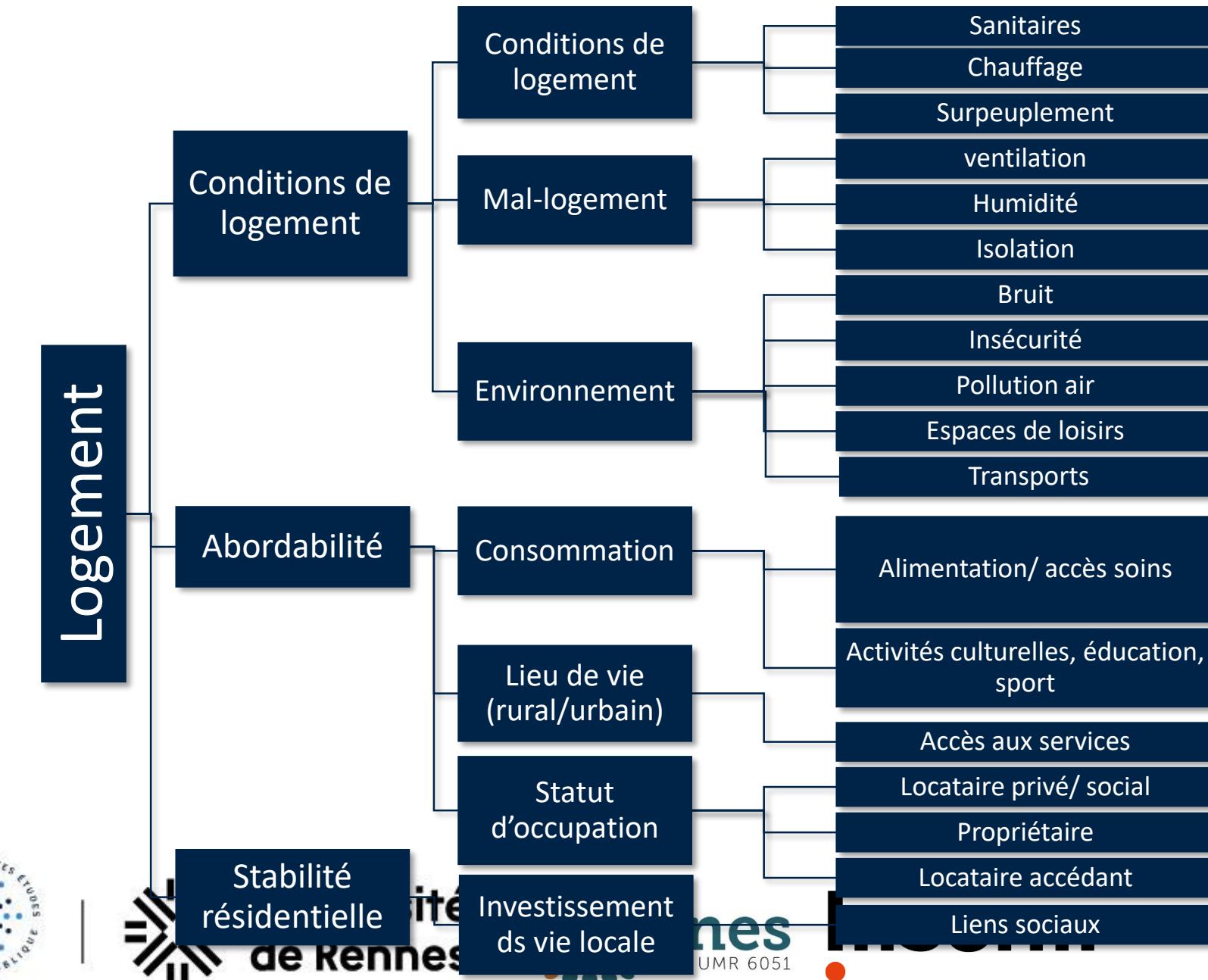
«... sont les circonstances dans lesquelles les individus naissent, grandissent, vivent, travaillent et vieillissent, ainsi que les systèmes de soins qui leur sont offerts. À leur tour, ces circonstances dépendent d'un ensemble de forces plus vastes : l'économie, les politiques sociales et la politique. »

Commission des déterminants sociaux de la santé de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé. (2016). *Déterminants sociaux de la santé : Principaux concepts relatifs aux déterminants sociaux de la santé*. Genève : Organisation mondiale de la Santé.



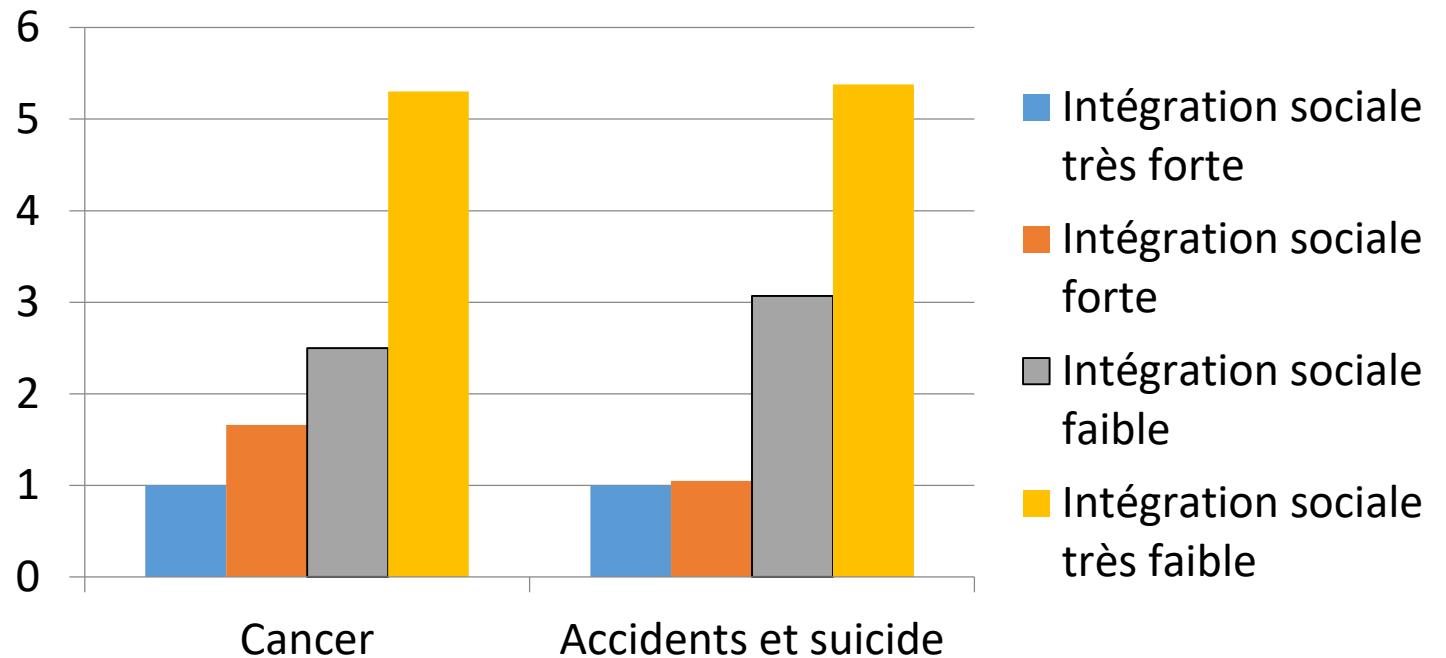
De multiples pistes relient le niveau d'éducation à la santé





Santé physique et mentale
sommeil, stress, allergies

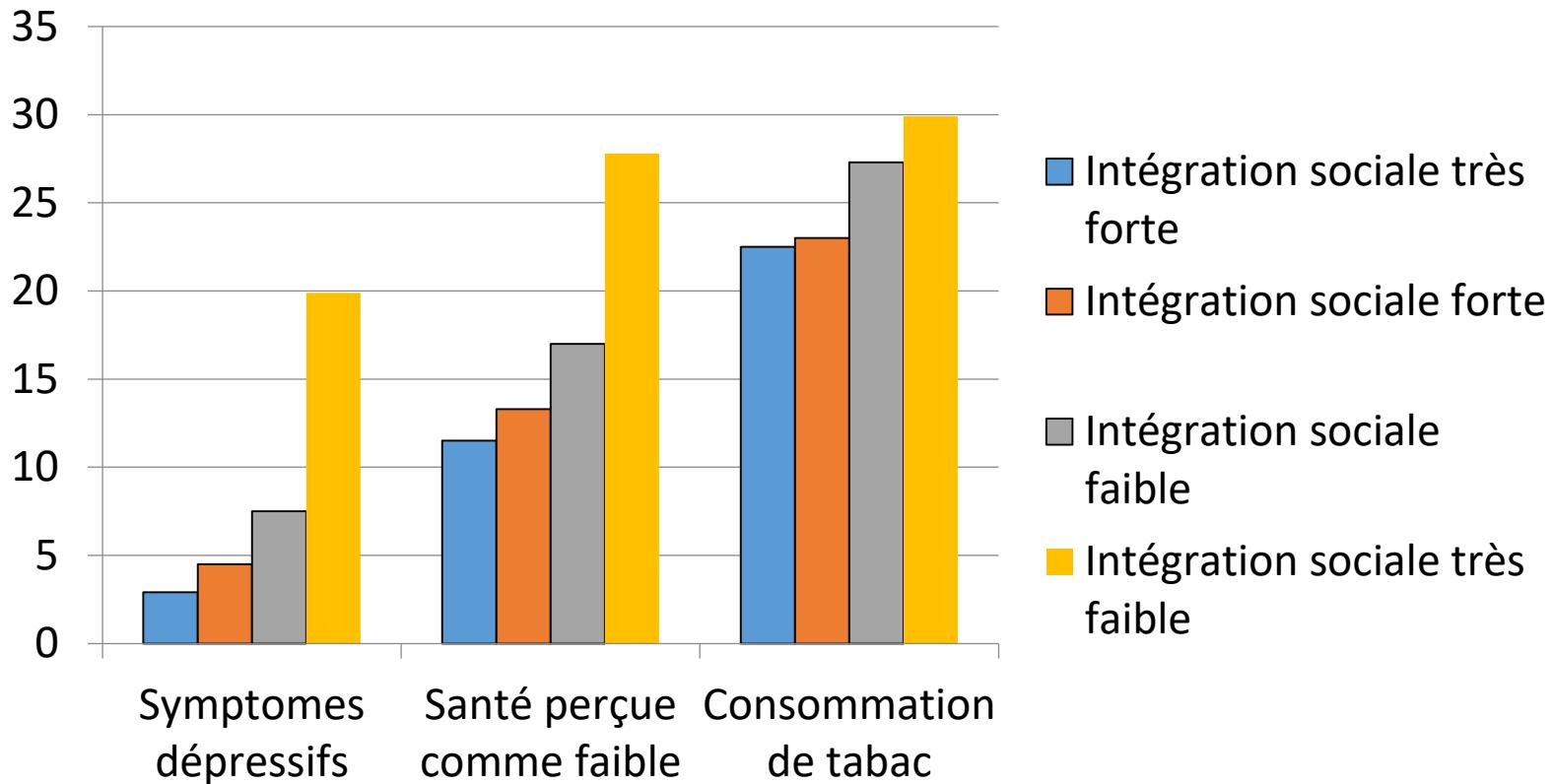
Relation entre le niveau d'intégration sociale et risque de mortalité par cancer, et par suicide et accidents, ajusté avec l'âge, chez les hommes de la cohorte GAZEL en France entre 1993 et 1999.



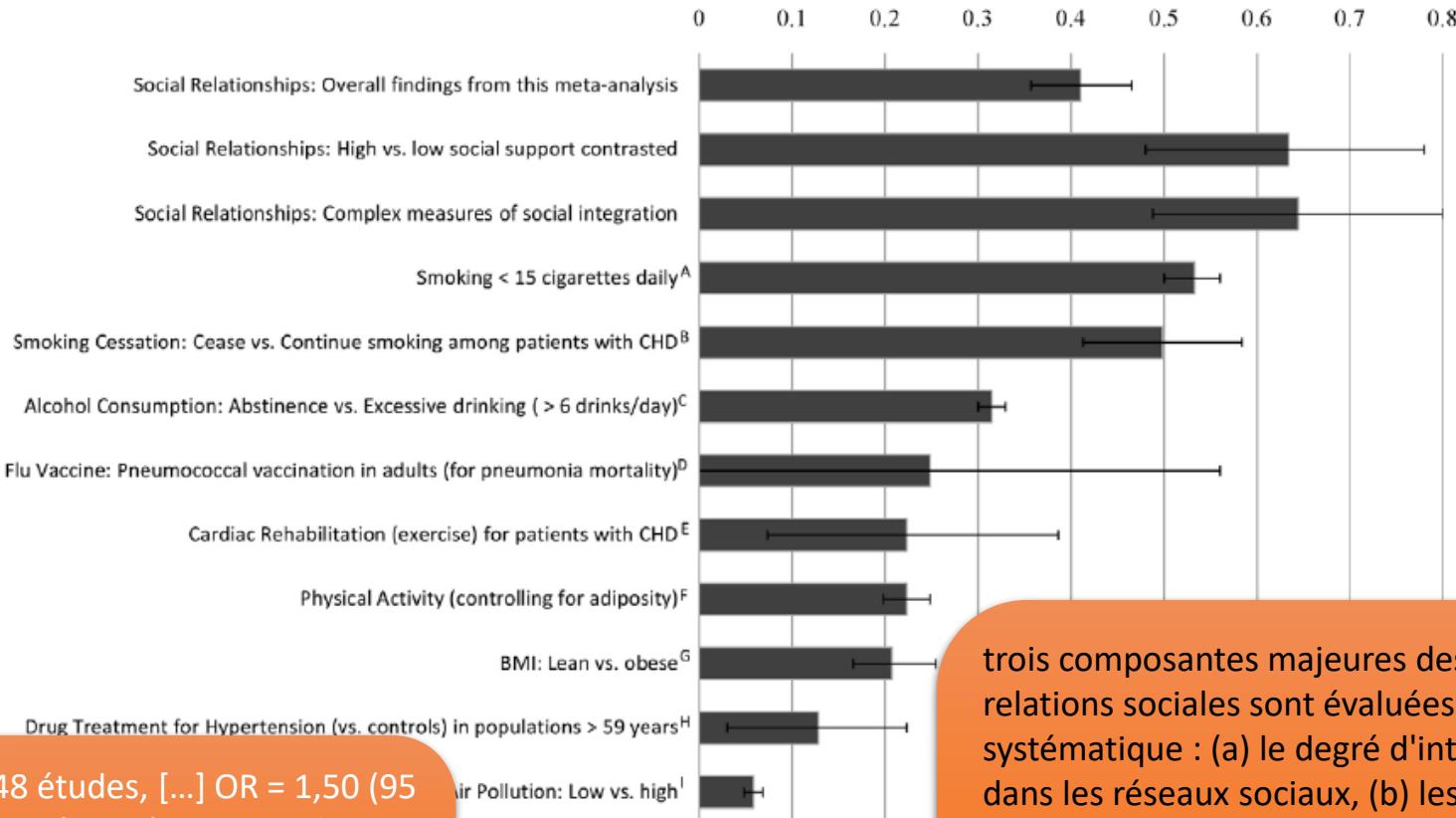
Niveau de référence étant de 1 et celui des employés très fortement intégré socialement.

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Adapté par la Chaire Santé publique France « Promotion de la santé » à l'EHESP

Relation entre caractéristiques de santé, mortalité et intégration sociale, chez les hommes de la cohorte GAZEL en France en 1991.



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« Dans 148 études, [...] OR = 1,50 (95 % [IC] = 1,42 à 1,59), ce qui indique une probabilité de survie accrue de 50 % en raison de relations sociales plus fortes. » (Traduction de E.Breton)

Decreased mortality across several conditions
estimated from meta analyses: ; A = Shavelle, Pale, and Winter, 1996 [207]; D = Fine, Smith, Carsoni, Rees et al., 2004 [209]; F, G = Katzmarzyk, Jans = Schwartz, 1994 [212].

trois composantes majeures des relations sociales sont évaluées de façon systématique : (a) le degré d'intégration dans les réseaux sociaux, (b) les interactions sociales qui se veulent de soutien (c.-à-d. le soutien social reçu), et (c) les croyances et les perceptions de la disponibilité du soutien de la personne (c.-à-d. le soutien social perçu)
(Traduction E.Breton)

Social Relationships and Mortality Risk: A Meta-analytic Review

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Abstract

Background: The quality and quantity of individuals' social relationships has been linked not only to mental health but also to both morbidity and mortality.

Objectives: This meta-analytic review was conducted to determine the extent to which social relationships influence risk for mortality, which aspects of social relationships are most highly predictive, and which factors may moderate the risk.

Data Extraction: Data were extracted on several participant characteristics, including cause of mortality, initial health status, and pre-existing health conditions, as well as on study characteristics, including length of follow-up and type of assessment of social relationships.

Results: Across 148 studies (0.0889 participants), the random effects weighted average effect size was OR = 1.50 (95% CI 1.42 to 1.59), indicating a 50% increased likelihood of survival for participants with stronger social relationships. This finding remained consistent across age, sex, initial health status, cause of death, and follow-up period. Significant differences were found across the type of social measurement evaluated ($p < 0.001$); the association was strongest for complex measures of social integration (OR = 1.91; 95% CI 1.63 to 2.23) and lowest for binary indicators of residential status (living alone versus with others) (OR = 1.19; 95% CI 0.99 to 1.44).

Conclusions: The influence of social relationships on risk for mortality is comparable with well-established risk factors for mortality.

Please see later in the article for the Editors' Summary.

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Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CHD, cardiovascular disease; OR, odds ratio

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Ce qui explique les inégalités sociales de santé



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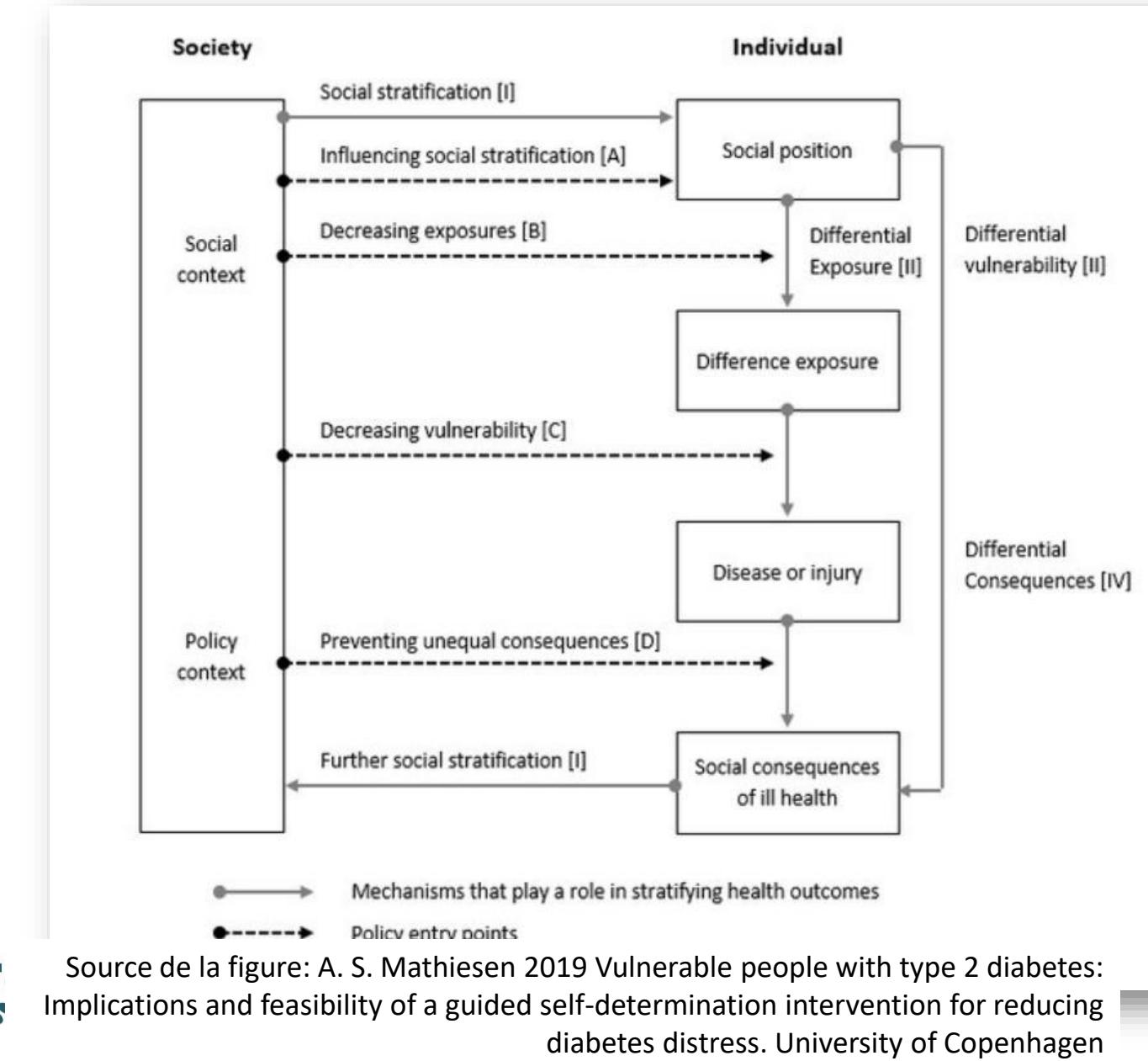


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Théories sur les inégalités sociales de santé pointent vers des différences :

- D'accès aux ressources (information, argent, réseau, espace vert...) ;
- D'exposition aux conditions néfastes pour la santé (inquiétudes face à l'emploi, moisissures, pollution...) et ;
- D'usure des corps par le stress généré par la position sociale, la discrimination.

Le modèle de Diderichsen: les fondements sociaux des inégalités de santé



La théorie des causes fondamentales de Link & Pheland (1995)

Le gradient social s'accompagne d'un gradient de ressources...

Des ressources sous formes de connaissances, argent, pouvoir, prestige, réseaux sociaux...

Qu'arrive-t-il si les ressources conférées par le statut socio-économique sont inutiles dans un cas donné?



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Social Conditions as Fundamental Causes of Health Inequalities: Theory, Evidence, and Policy Implications

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Abstract

Link and Phelan (1995) developed the theory of fundamental causes to explain why the association between socioeconomic status (SES) and mortality has persisted despite radical changes in the diseases and risk factors that are presumed to explain it. They proposed that the enduring association results because SES embodies an array of resources, such as money, knowledge, prestige, power, and beneficial social connections that protect health no matter what mechanisms are relevant at any given time. In this article, we explicate the theory, review key findings, discuss refinements and limits to the theory, and discuss implications for health policies that might reduce health inequalities. We advocate policies that encourage medical and other health-promoting advances while at the same time breaking or weakening the link between these advances and socioeconomic resources. This can be accomplished either by reducing disparities in socioeconomic resources themselves or by developing interventions that, by their nature, are more equally distributed across SES groups.

Keywords:

health disparities, social stratification, fundamental causes, health, mortality

As we mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, one of the most basic and critical problems addressed by medical sociologists is a very old one: the fact that society's poorer and less privileged members live in worse health and die much younger than the rich and more privileged ones. Socioeconomic inequalities in health and mortality are very large, very robust, and very well documented. Typically, age-adjusted risk of death for those in the lowest socioeconomic level is double to triple that for the highest level (Antonovsky 1967; Sorlie, Backlund, and Keller 1995; Kunst, Feilje, and Mackenbach 1998). To illustrate, in 2005, all-cause, age-adjusted death rates for individuals between the ages of 25 and 64 were strongly related to education level for both men (at < 12 years, 821 per 100,000; at 12 years, 605; and at > 12 years, 249) and women (at < 12

years, 472; at 12 years, 352; and at > 12 years, 165) (National Center for Health Statistics 2008). Similar levels of inequality are observed between income groups.

These inequalities in overall health and mortality are not only very common in modern times, but they have persisted at similar levels at least since the early nineteenth century (Antonovsky 1967). This persistence is puzzling because major diseases and risk factors that appeared to account for the

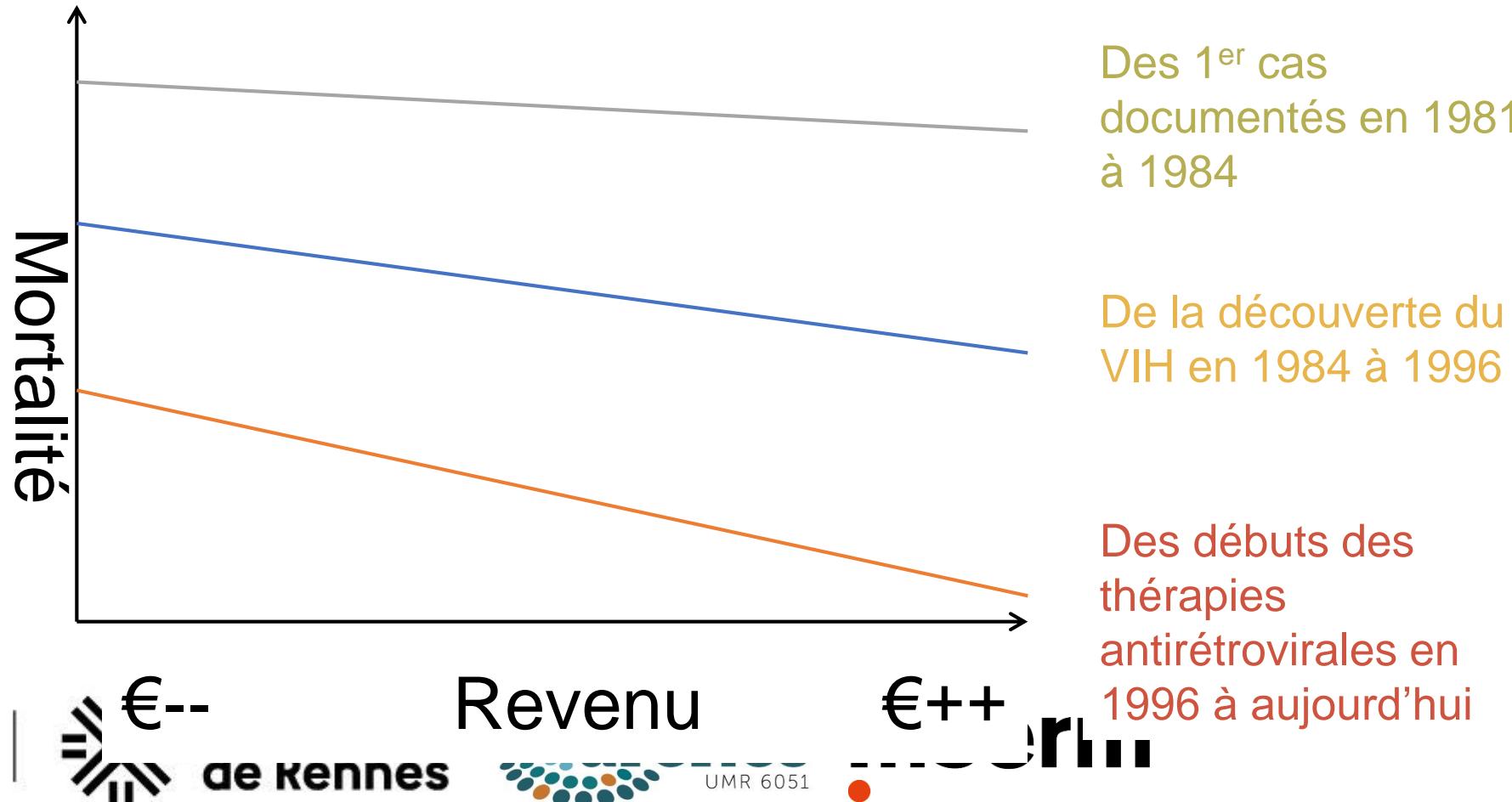
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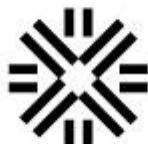
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Les inégalités socioéconomiques comme causes profondes des inégalités de mortalité dues au SIDA



Agir par des mesures universelles
aux effets proportionnés aux
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Deux grands types mesures universelles proportionnées...



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1^{er} type de mesure universelle aux effets proportionnés aux besoins

Une intervention qui touche toute la population mais pour laquelle on modifie la dose/ l'offre en fonction des besoins...



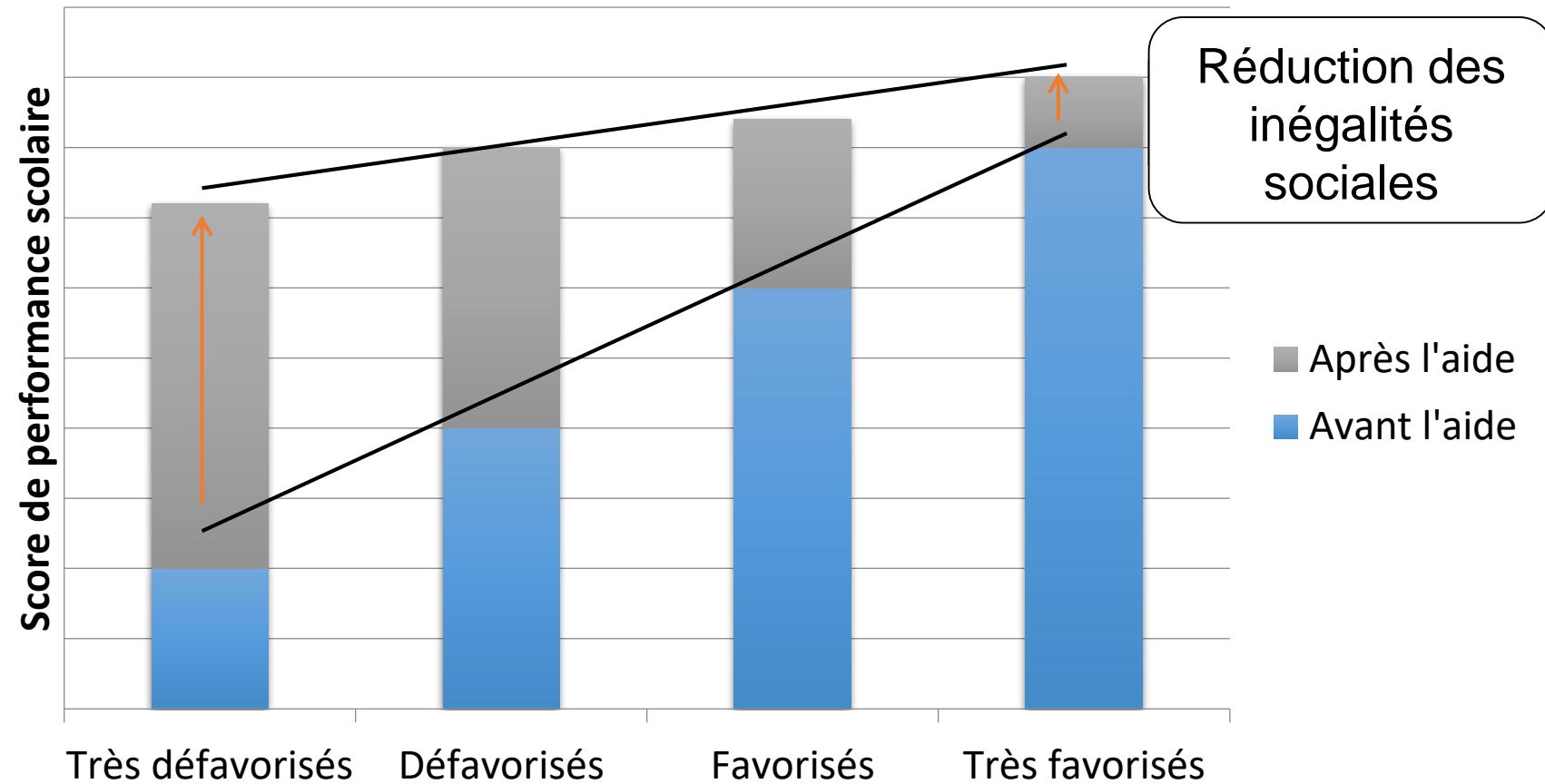
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Effet théorique d'une mesure universelle d'aide au devoir déployée dans une école élémentaire



2^{ème} type de mesure universelle aux effets proportionnés aux besoins

Une intervention qui touche toute la population et qui a pour propriété intrinsèque de générer davantage de gain chez ceux et celles qui en ont le plus besoin...

Je la surnomme la stratégie de la balle magique (magic bullet en anglais).



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“Water fluoridation appears to reduce the social class gradient between deprivation and caries experience when considering caries into dentine. However, this was associated with an increased risk of developing mild fluorosis.”

In McGrady, M. G., Ellwood, R. P., Maguire, A., Goodwin, M., Boothman, N., & Pretty, I. A. (2012). The association between social deprivation and the prevalence and severity of dental caries and fluorosis in populations with and without water fluoridation. *BMC Public Health*, 12(1), 1122.

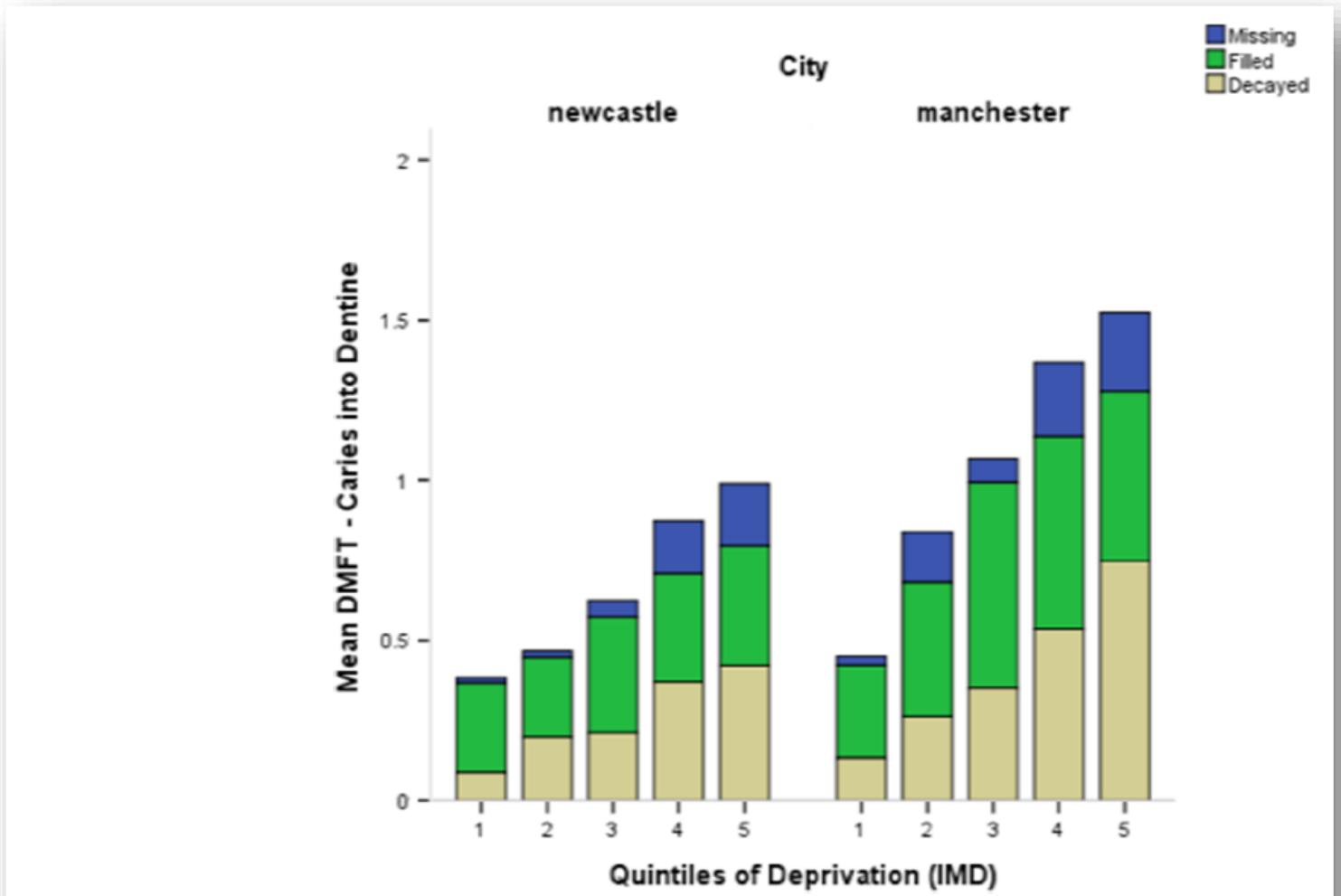


Figure 2 Components of DMFT over each quintile of deprivation depicted for each city.

Un exemple de mesure universelle aux effets proportionnés: l'expansion du programme d'école maternelle à 3 ans

« Nous avons trouvé que l'accès à l'école maternelle a généré des effets significatifs et à long terme et aidé les enfants à réussir à l'école et à obtenir des revenus plus élevés sur le marché du travail. [...] L'effet n'est pas le même entre les différents groupes sociaux : l'effet est essentiellement concentré sur les enfants des classes sociales moyennes et inférieures. Pour ceux des classes supérieures, ils ont tiré peu de la maternelle. » (Dumas et Lefranc, 2010, p.22-23)

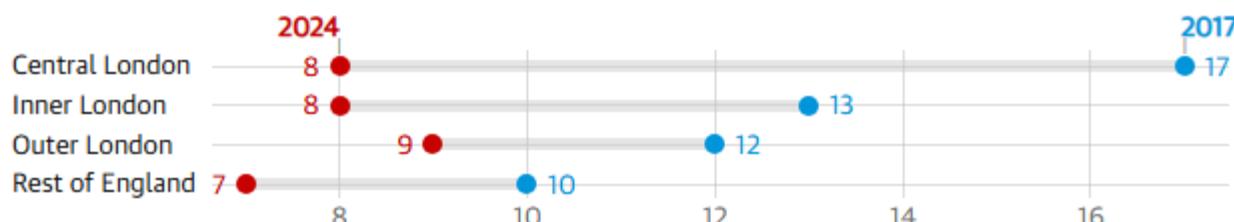


Un exemple de mesure universelle proportionnée

“The report found some of London’s poorest communities were experiencing some of the biggest benefits. It found that for the most deprived communities living near London’s busiest roads, there was an estimated 80% reduction in people exposed to illegal levels of pollution in 2023 – this increased to 82% in outer London, compared with a scenario without the Ulez.”

Roadside pollution levels have fallen the most in central London

Annual average roadside PM2.5 concentration, micrograms per cubic metre



Guardian graphic. Source: Greater London Authority, data to Sep 2024. Note: PM2.5 refers to particulate matter in the air measuring 2.5 microns or less in diameter

Low emission zones

Matthew Taylor

Fri 7 Mar 2025 10.39 CET

Share

Dramatic fall in London's levels of deadly pollutants after Ulez expansion

People in capital breathing much cleaner air, with significant improvements in capital's most deprived areas



ULEZ has improved London's air quality across the board. Photograph: Yui Mok/PA

People in London have been breathing significantly cleaner air since the expansion of the ultra low emission zone (ULEZ), a study has found.

Levels of deadly pollutants that are linked to a wide range of health problems - from cancer to impaired lung development, heart attacks to premature births - have dropped, with some of the biggest improvements coming in the capital's most deprived areas.

Sadiq Khan had faced severe opposition to the 2023 expansion of Ulez to outer London boroughs. But on Friday as the report was published, the mayor of London said the scheme had driven down pollution, taken old polluting cars off the roads and brought cleaner air to millions more people.

He said: “When I was first elected, evidence showed it would take 193 years to bring London's air pollution within legal limits if the current efforts

Limites des actions centrées exclusivement sur les groupes vulnérables (Breton, 2015)

Elles se limitent souvent à intervenir sur les **symptômes plutôt que sur les causes** (ex. aide au logement aux SDF vs. Intervenir sur les conditions structurelles de l'offre de logement abordable) ;

Elles **excluent** de nos actions **d'autres groupes moins vulnérables**, mais dont la fragilité les expose (ou leurs descendants) au risque de basculer à leur tour du côté des plus vulnérables ;

Elles sont généralement **mal financées** et sujettes aux aléas des choix politiques ;

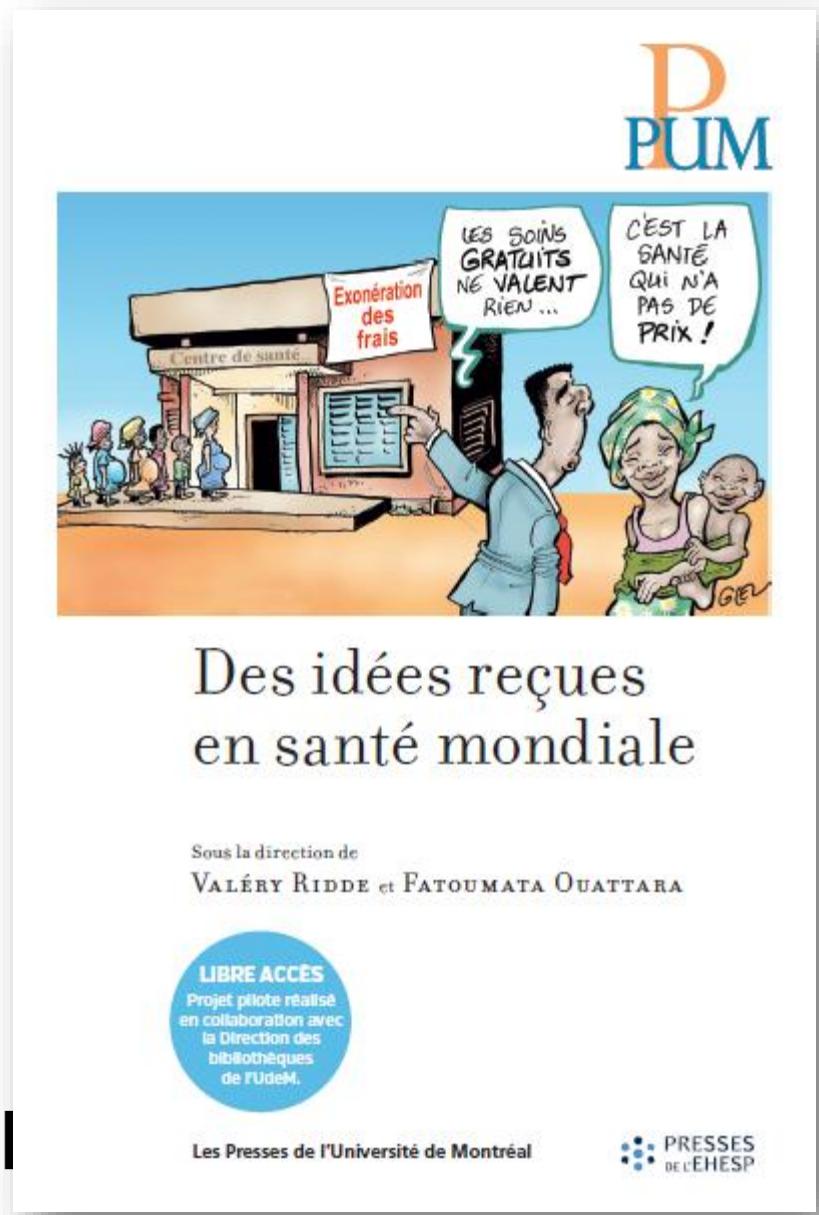
Elles contribuent à **stigmatiser** les individus qu'elles visent et à construire une citoyenneté de seconde classe.

« cette vision dichotomique [groupes vulnérables-reste de la population] apparaît [...] porteuse d'un préjugé implicite qu'il y a chez les personnes incluses dans des groupes dits vulnérables quelque chose qui les distingue du reste du corps social. Cette conception d'un *eux-nous* devrait donc plutôt laisser place à un *nous* multiple [...] une population dont les conditions quotidiennes d'existence de ses individus, et donc ultimement leur santé [...], sont fortement déterminées par leurs positions dans l'organisation sociale. »

Breton, E. (2015). Une idée reçue : La réduction des inégalités sociales de santé passe principalement par des actions en faveur des plus vulnérables [Chap.29]. In V. Ridde & F. Ouattara (Eds.). www.pum.umontreal.ca



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Conclusion



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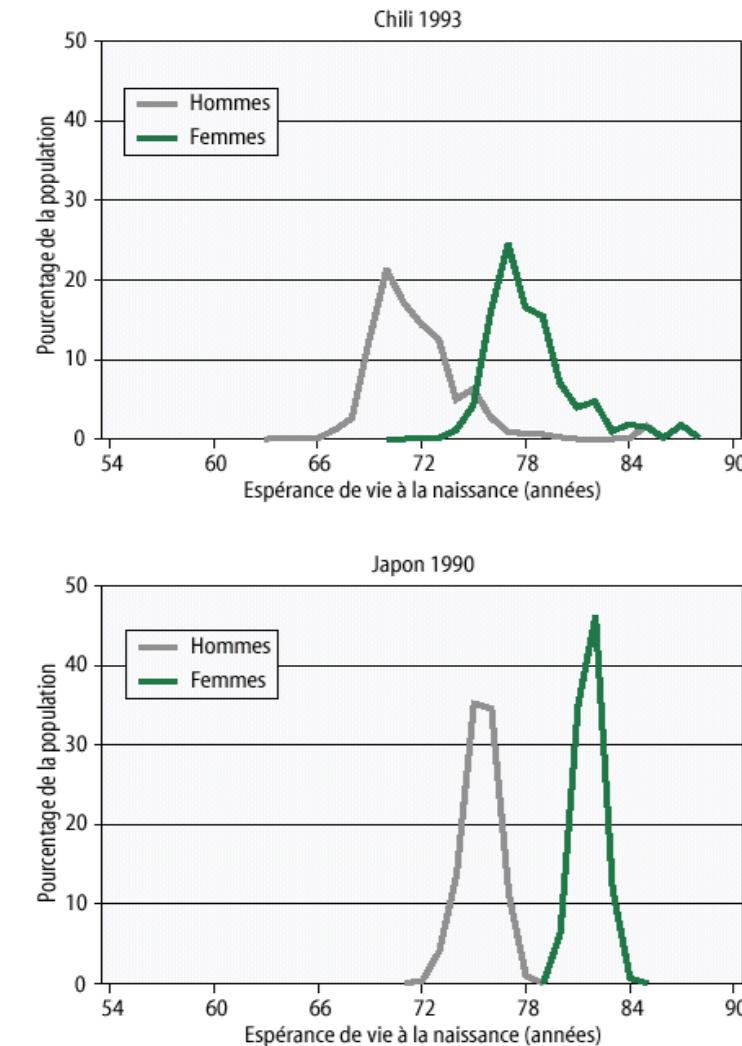
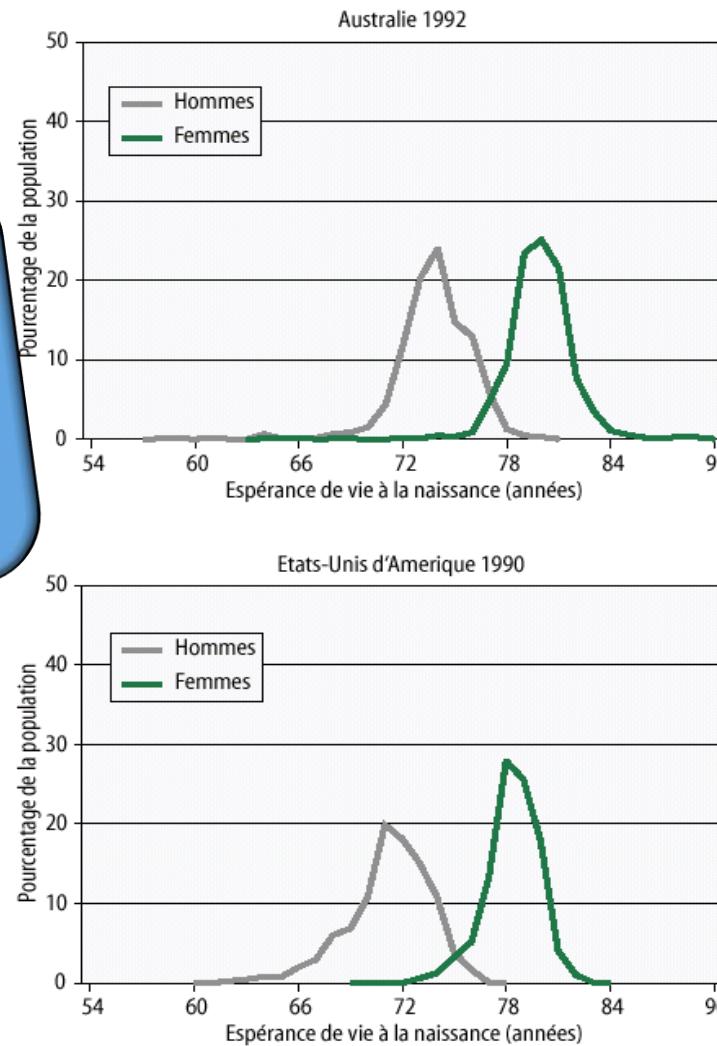


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Courbes de mortalité

Figure 2.3 Inégalité de l'espérance de vie à la naissance, par sexe, dans six pays

Si on ne peut pas éliminer complètement les ISS on peut tout de même aspirer à les réduire au niveau du Japon....



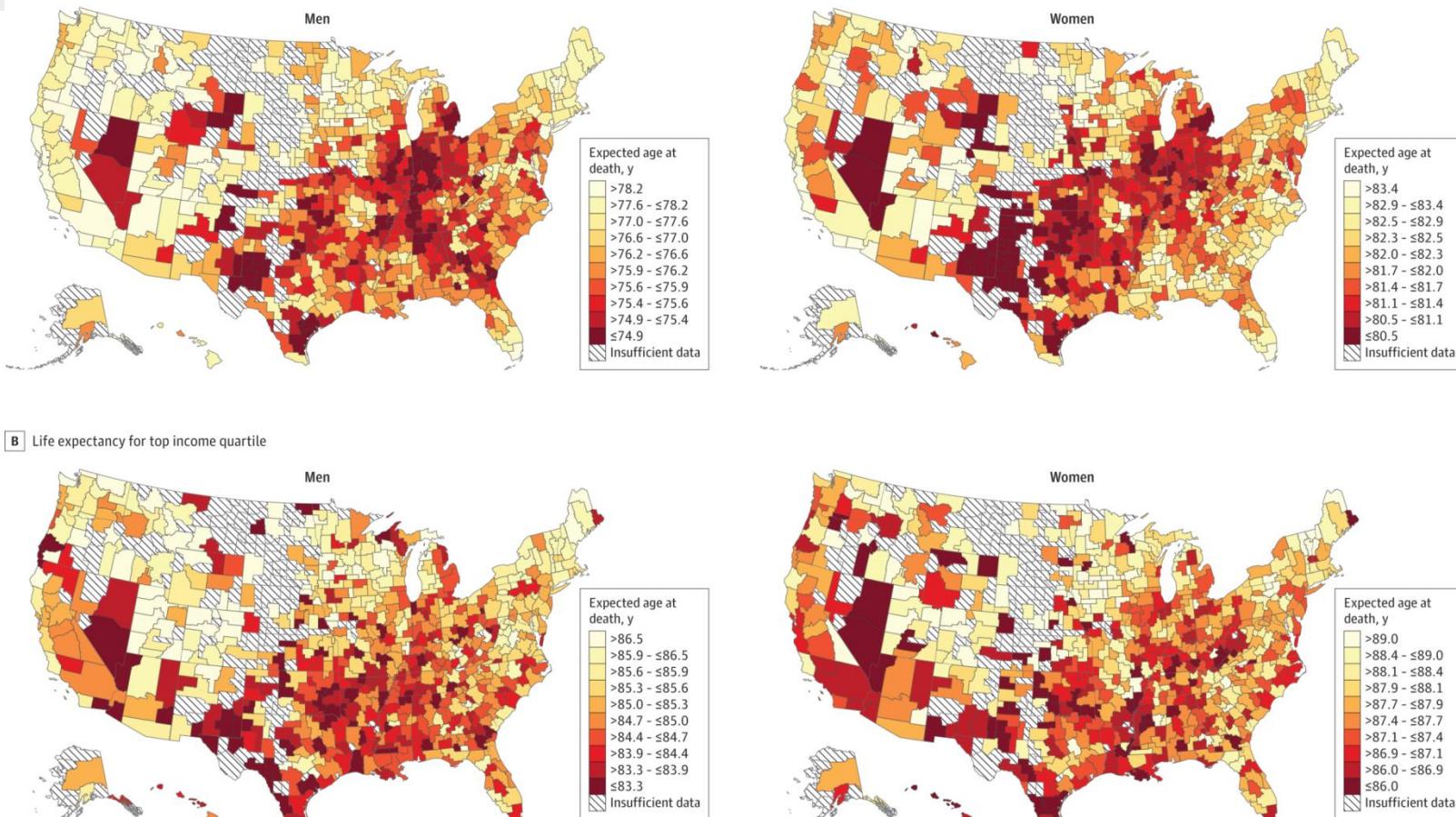
Bambra, C. (2022) identifie 5 exemples nationaux de réduction des inégalités sociales de santé

- Les États-providence sociaux-démocrates nordiques des années 1950 aux années 1970 ;
- Les programmes de la "Great Society" des années 1960 aux États-Unis ;
- La démocratisation au Brésil dans les années 1980 ;
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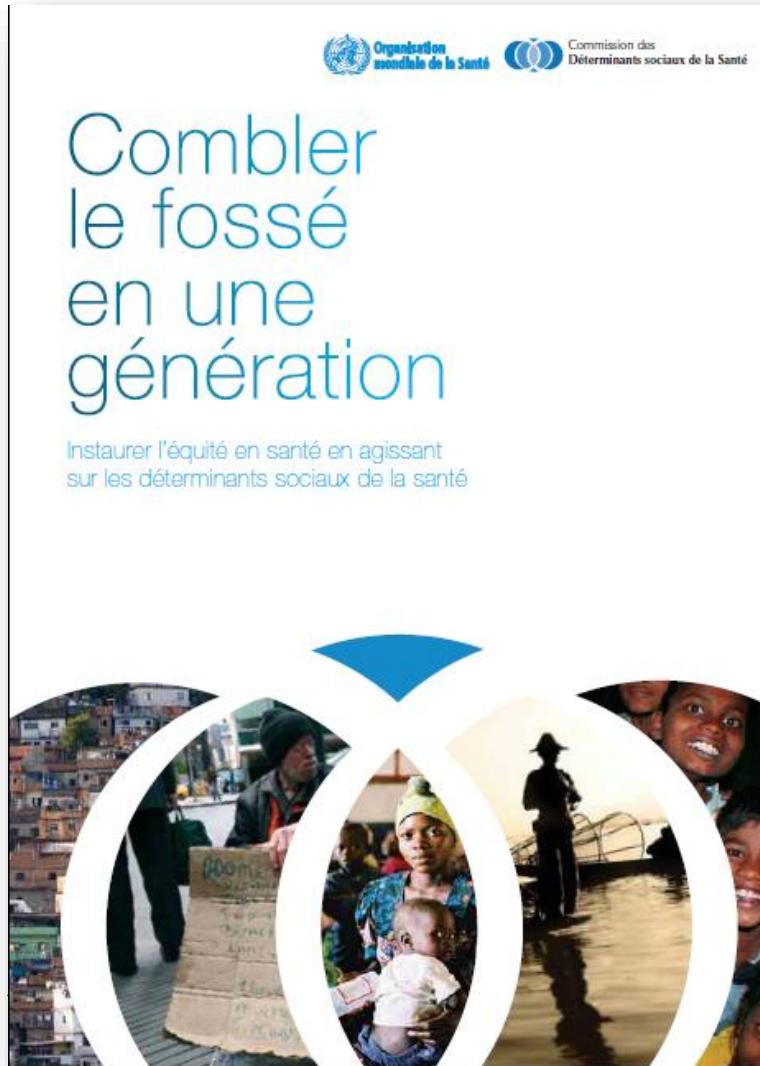
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Trois recommandations

1. Améliorer les conditions de vie quotidiennes
2. Lutter contre les inégalités dans la répartition du pouvoir, de l'argent et des ressources
3. Mesurer le problème, l'analyser et évaluer l'efficacité de l'action



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