

# 2006 API Health Policy Forum focused on cancer control

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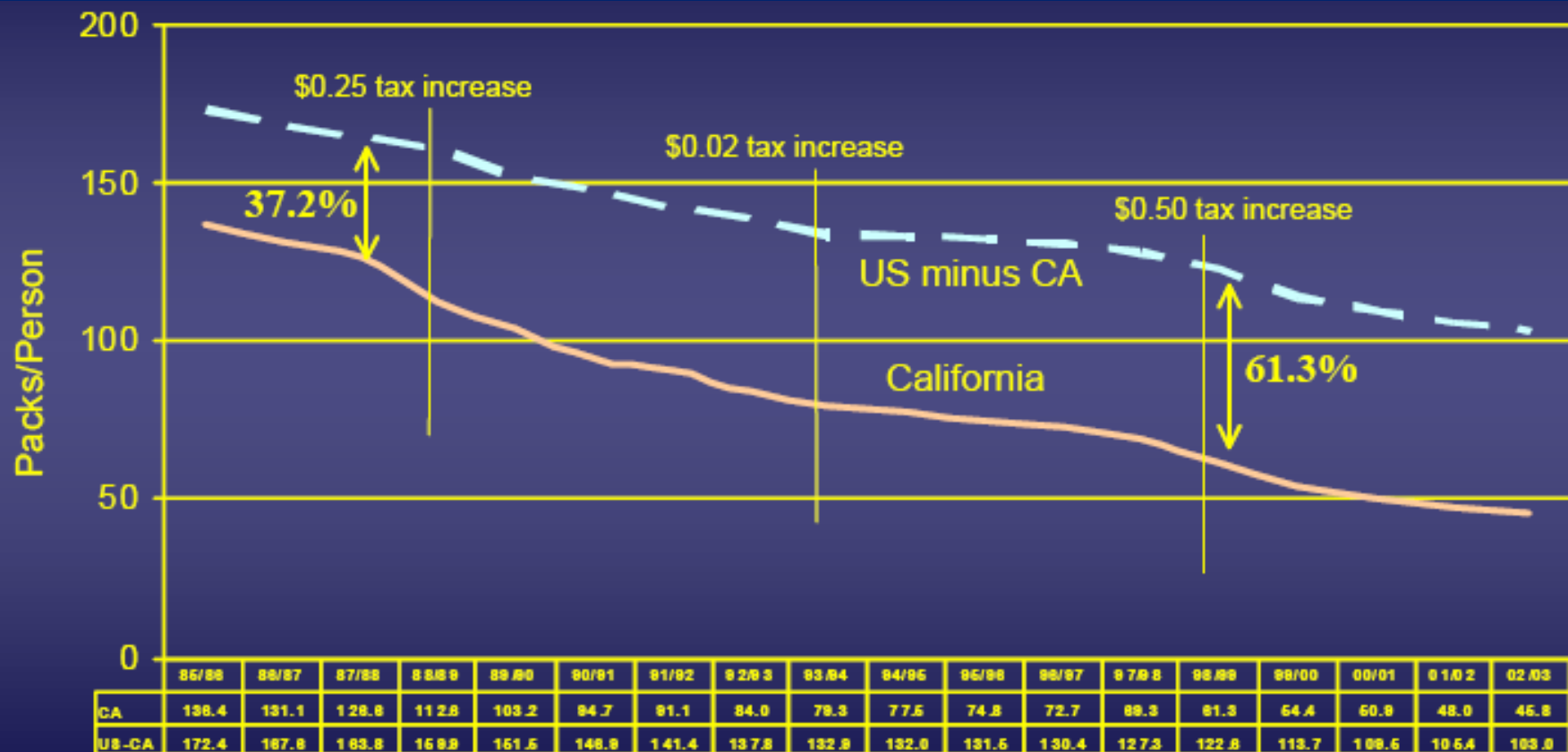
# Presentation objectives

- Rationale: Explain rationale for convening a health forum focused on APIs & cancer control;
- Report: consensus from Aug 23, 2006 forum of the six priority areas
- Results: follow-up & what's next

# Rationale

- Policy is a powerful intervention tool.
- APIs have not benefited fully from the impact of policy advocacy.
- The cancer burden affecting APIs is unique, unusual, and unnecessary.

# California and Rest of U.S. Adult per Capita Cigarette Consumption, Packs Per Fiscal Year, 1985-86 - 2002-03



Source: California State Board of Equalization (packs sold) and California Department of Finance (population).



Graphic Maps, 2005, <http://worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/as.htm>

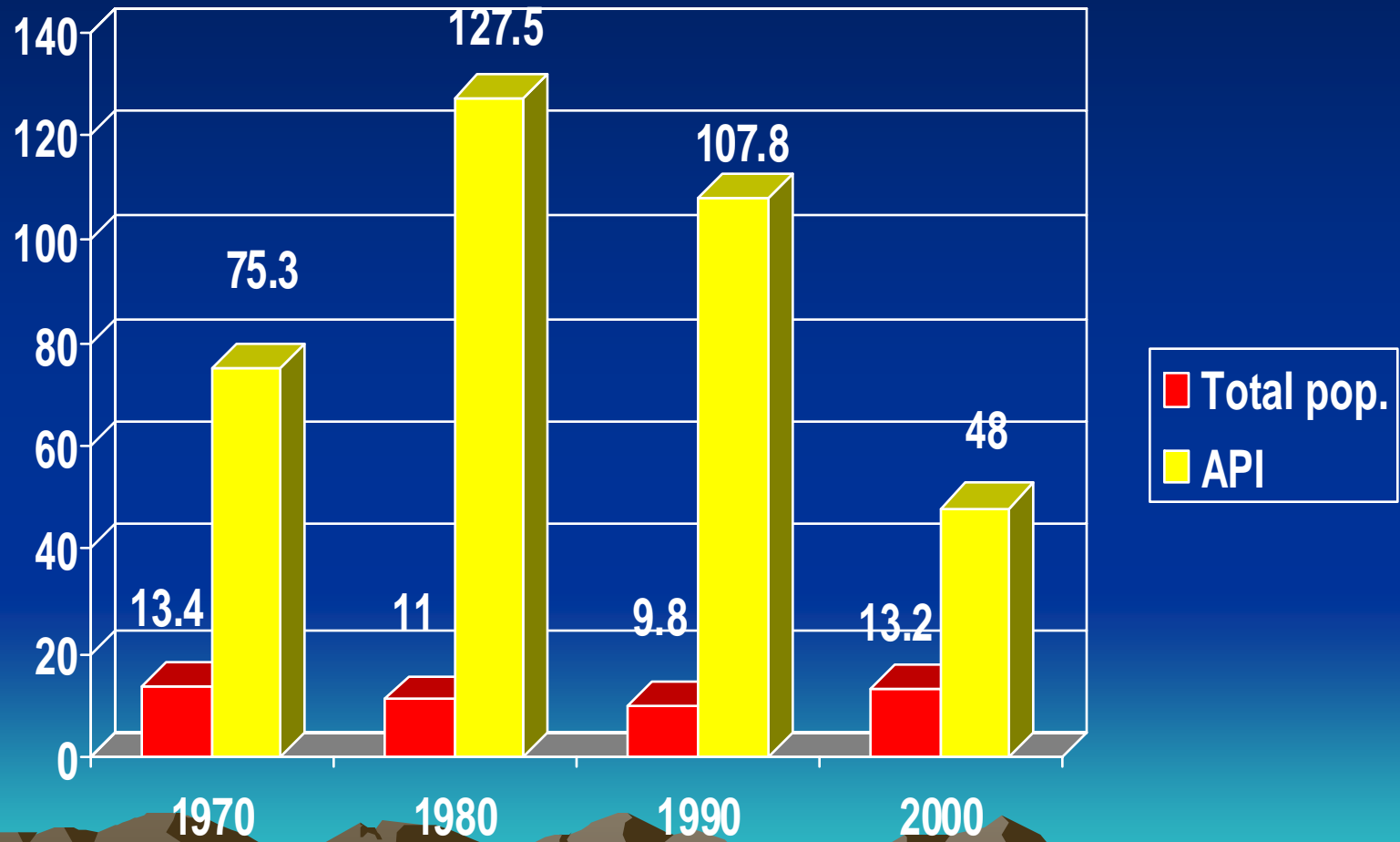
# The U.S. Associated Pacific

Six jurisdictions and Hawai`i are spread across 4.9 million square miles and include hundreds of islands and atolls



Pacific Resources for Education and Learning ([http://www.prel.org/pacserv/pacserv\\_top.asp](http://www.prel.org/pacserv/pacserv_top.asp))

# Percentage Increases since previous census: Total population v.s. "API"



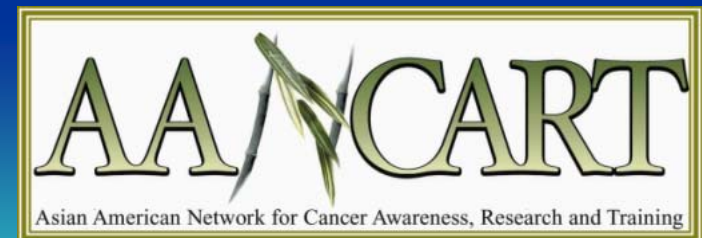
# Unique Cancer Burden

- **APIs are the first U.S. racial/ethnic group and the only one who experiences cancer as the leading cause of death.**
- ***Leading cause of death for AAPIs is cancer for ages 25-64 (v.s. for only 45-64 for Whites)***



# Report

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## AANCART & WINCART's priority areas

- Advocate for increased funding for community-based participatory research
- Advocate for increased API data collection nationally, including data on lifestyle (e.g., dietary intake, exercise, smoking, etc.)
- Ensure that language access and quality of care is a priority.

- Conduct policy advocacy on health insurance reform (including Medicaid).
- Mobilize and educate communities on tobacco control policies.
- Advocate for support of legislation addressing Hepatitis B.

# Results

- Monthly Community Advisory Councils for AANCART/ACS
- Policy Advocacy 101
- Policy triumphs



The longest  
journey begins  
with a single  
step.

*Ancient Chinese Proverb*