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The Effects it Has On Everyone Involved



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Introduction

Alzheimers Disease is hard on everyone who is involved. With being a caregiver in my past I understand how hard it is taking care of someone with Alzheimers Disease. Family plays a big role in the life of those who have Alzheimer's Disease. On average 11 million Americans provide 15.3 billion hours of unpaid work. I believe that we need to find relief for those who give endless hours to support their loved ones with AD. Many people are impacted by Alzheimers Disease this can be friends, family, and medical caregivers. Alzheimers is especially hard on those who have the disease. People with this disease are more prone to getting lost, repeating questions often, and even having a really difficult time completing daily life tasks.

Family Caregivers

On average there are over 11 million family caregivers and on average they give about 15.3 billion unpaid work time to support their loved ones with Alzheimer's disease. (USAgainstAlzheimers, 2022). That is a crazy amount of time. Being a caregiver for someone with AD is nowhere near easy. It comes with many hardships and struggles. I have often watched families come visit their loved ones in the Assisted Living Facility and walk out saddened not knowing what this horrible disease would do next.

Medical Caregivers

In my time of being a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) I got to work with many individuals that have Alzheimer's Disease. Working with these individuals was an amazing experience, but often took a mental toll on me. Most don't understand how difficult it is to work with these individuals until the opportunity comes. (Alzheimers Association, 2022). Medical caregivers give endless hours caring for those with Alzheimers Disease to make sure they are meeting the needs and wants of these individuals.

Progression of Alzheimer's Disease



Healthy Brain

Mild Alzheimer's Disease

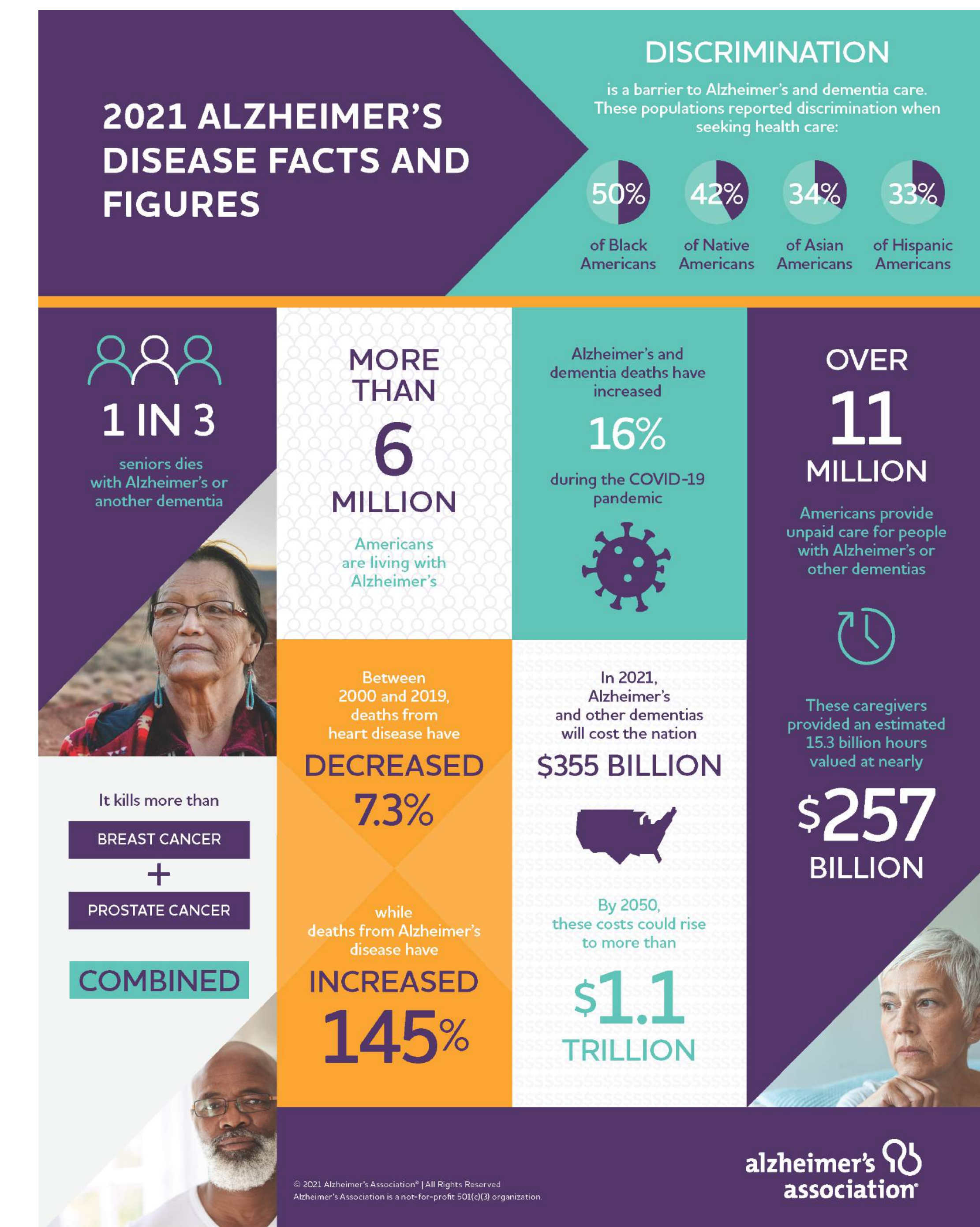
Severe Alzheimer's Disease

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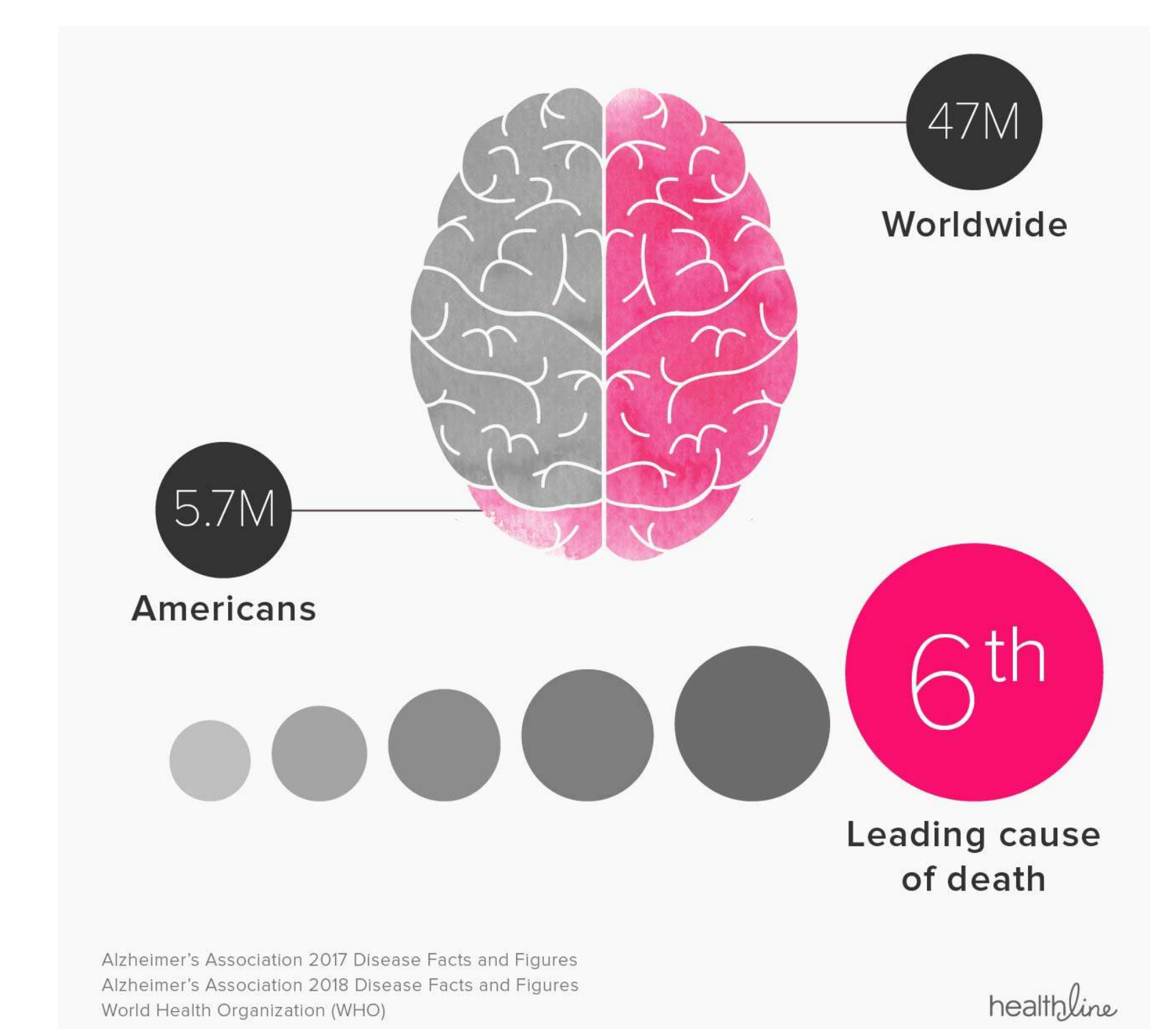
Conclusion

Alzheimers Disease is nowhere near an easy disease to work with. This disease effects many lives. Family caregivers give endless hours to make sure their loved ones are cared for and are getting their needs and wants fulfilled. Medical caregivers continue to make a big impact in the lives of those effected by Alzheimers Disease. AD will continue to leave a huge impact on those who are involved. Whether that is being a

Family Caregiver, a Medical Caregiver, or just someone with Alzheimers Disease. I believe that one day we can find something to alleviate the stress from people that are affected by Alzheimers Disease. I believe that it is very important to know that you are not alone when caring for those with this horrible disease. I chose to study this disease, because I used to be a caregiver to those with Alzheimers Disease. I have watched the many challenges it holds.



Above is more information about Alzheimer's Disease



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