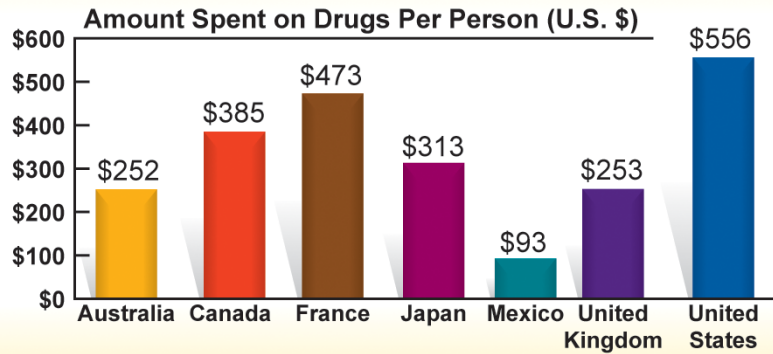


Americans Buy More Drugs

A study conducted by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health reveals that on average, Americans spend more money on pharmaceuticals than consumers in other industrialized countries:



The above data is only a partial list of consumer pharmaceutical spending. Regardless, it is clear U.S. consumers spend more than the rest of the industrialized world.

SOURCE: Anderson GF, Reinhardt UE, Hussey PS, Petrosyan V. It's the prices, stupid: why the United States is so different from other countries. *Health Affairs*, (May/June 2003: 89-105.