# Class 4 - Health Disparities

- Reflections on HIA training
- Interpreting and constructing disparities data
- Arguments for and against a disparities focus
- Explanations for disparities
- Next time: SES

Now, the Star-Belly Sneetches Had bellies with stars. The Plain-Belly Sneetches Had none upon thars.

Those stars weren't so big.
They were really so small
You might think such a thing wouldn't matter at all.

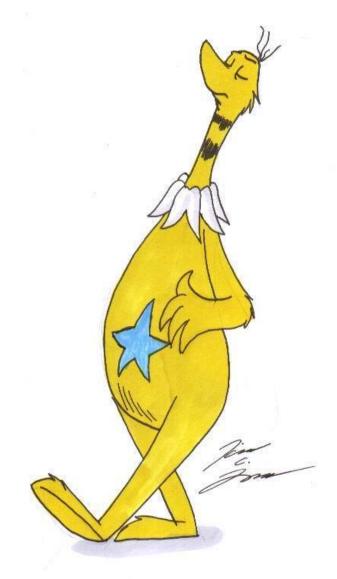
But, because they had stars, all the Star-Belly Sneetches Would brag, "We're the best kind of Sneetch on the Beaches." With their snoots in the air, they would sniff and they'd snort "We'll have nothing to do with the Plain-Belly sort!" And whenever they met some, when they were out walking, They'd hike right on past them without even talking.

When the Star-Belly children went out to play ball, Could a Plain Belly get in the game...?

Not at all. You only could play if your bellies had stars.

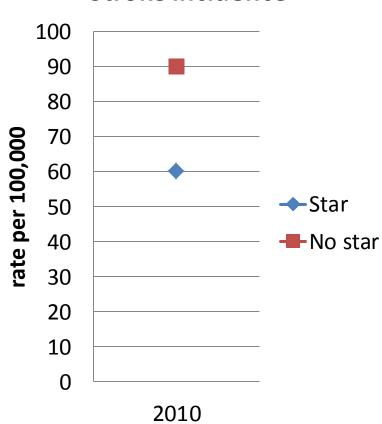
And the Plain Belly children had none upon thars.

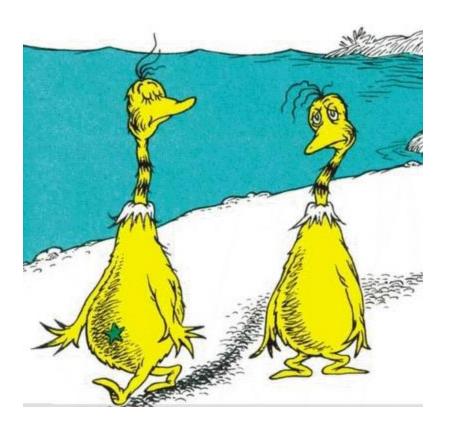
When the Star-Belly Sneetches had frankfurter roasts Or picnics or parties or marshmallow toasts, They never invited the Plain-Belly Sneetches. They left them out cold, in the dark of the beaches. They kept them away. Never let them come near. And that's how they treated them year after year.



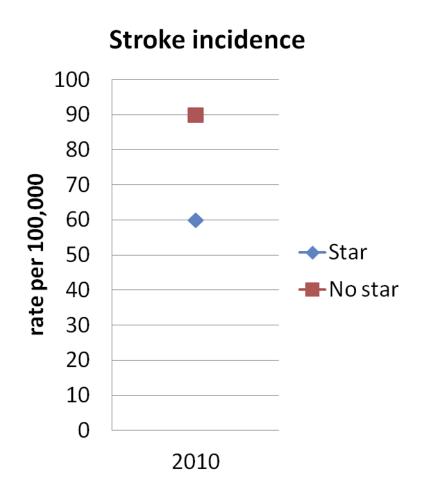
- Dr. Suess. "The Sneetches"

### **Stroke incidence**



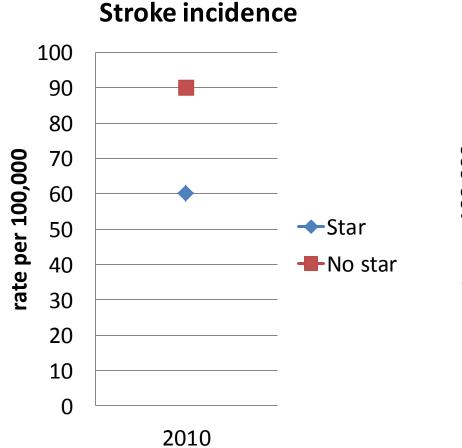


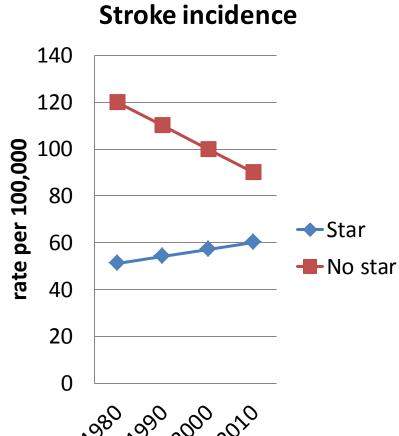
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Average cost of preventing a starless sneetch stroke is \$50,000

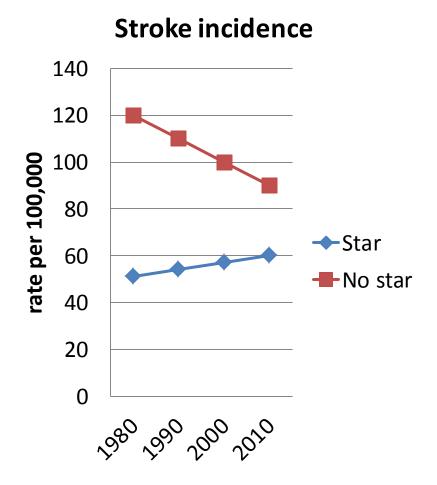
Average cost of preventing a star-bellied sneetch stroke is \$40,000



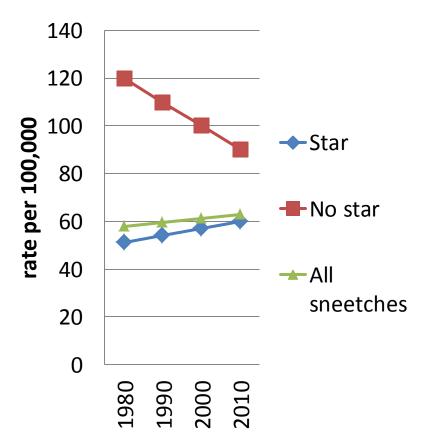


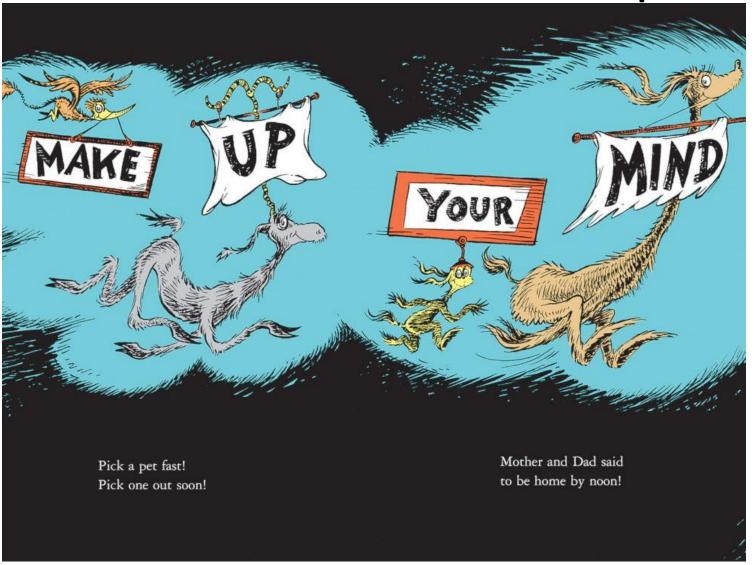
Sylvester McMonkey McBean arrives in 1980

"The day they decided that Sneetches are Sneetches and no kind of Sneetch is the best on the beaches. That day, all the Sneetches forgot about stars and whether they had one, or not, upon thars. "

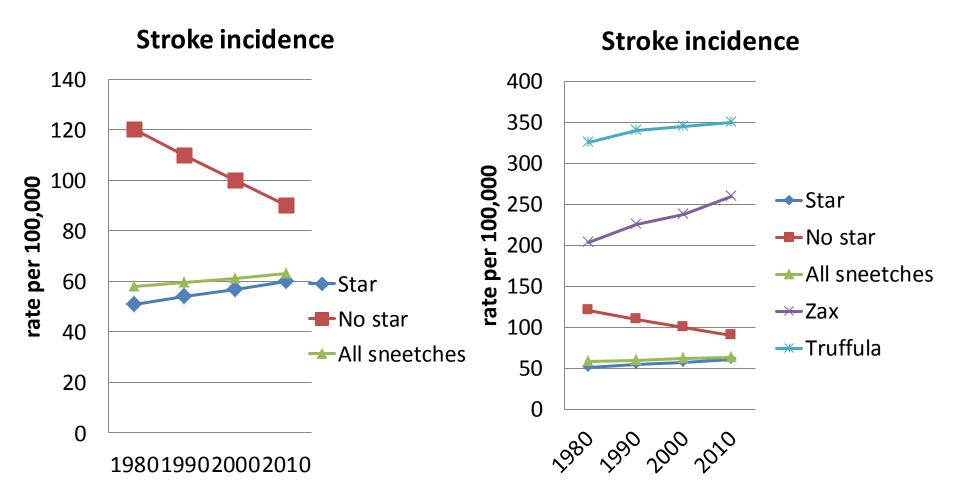


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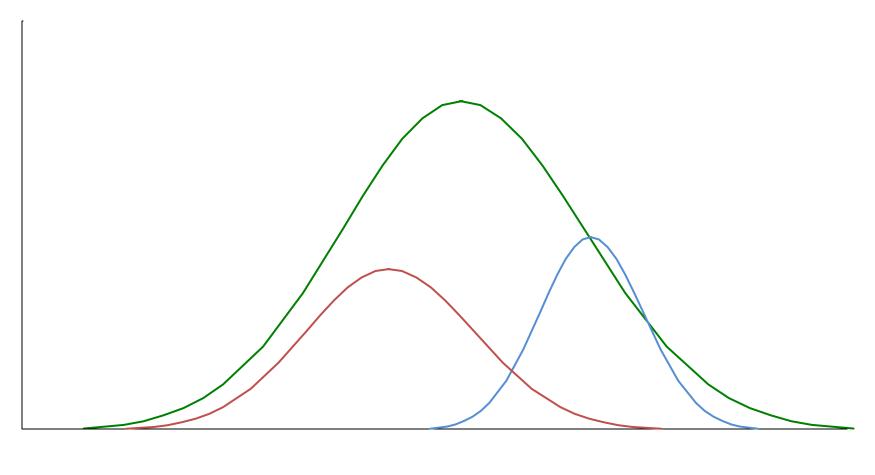
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What would Sen say?

What would Beauchamp say?

### Where to focus?



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