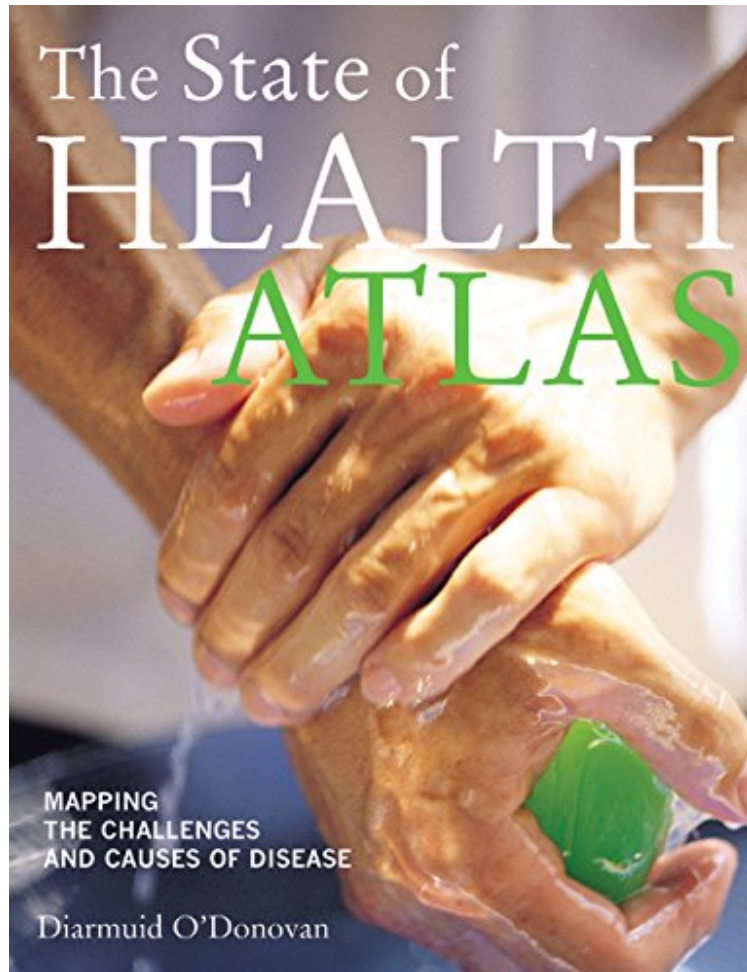


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maps makes it so clear just how brutally the industrialized world is inflicting the death and illness causes by climate change upon the third world. We see how the US is one of the most violent nations in the world, at least when it comes to murders of males. The safest places for males, in terms of murdered men per 100,000 are France, Switzerland and Japan. We can see that China is addicted to tobacco more than almost any other nation. And the most suicidal nations are Russia and Eastern Europe. This is an obvious gem for people doing international work-- not just in health. It's good to know where the violence is in the world, where the life expectancy is under 40 years, where the doctors available per 10,000 people is a tiny fraction of what it is in most of the world. It makes sense that a book that displays health measures would measure the use of health measures. In this case, it displays a map of world, displaying which countries count what percentage of deaths. The US, Europe, Australia, Argentina, Syria, Israel, Lebanon and Uruguay measure 100%. Much of the world records less than 25%, including, not suprisingly, if I may get political, Iraq. I can even see this book as useful to marketers seeking to identify markets for products and services. The planet is overflowing with numbers and raw data. If all of it could be displayed in such meaningful, insightful ways, we would understand the world and each other much better.

Bringing together the latest data to chart recent and emerging trends, this atlas offers a major new profile of the state of health worldwide. In clear, full-color graphic displays and concise, informative text, it maps the causes and incidences of the major diseases as well as the economic, social, and environmental factors that shape health around the globe. In addition, it shows how health needs are identified, how health policy is developed and delivered, and how the quality of health services varies from country to country. The State of Health Atlas covers a range of timely topics including: \* Life expectancy \* Malnutrition and obesity \* Water and sanitation \* Cancer, heart disease, and diabetes \* Tobacco and alcohol use \* Migration and refugees \* Climate change \* Infectious diseases from malaria to HIV/AIDS \* Mental health \* SARS \* Avian flu and pandemic planning \* Urbanization \* Antibiotic resistance

Can serve as a sobering introduction to and overview of global health issues.