

Alzheimer's Around the World

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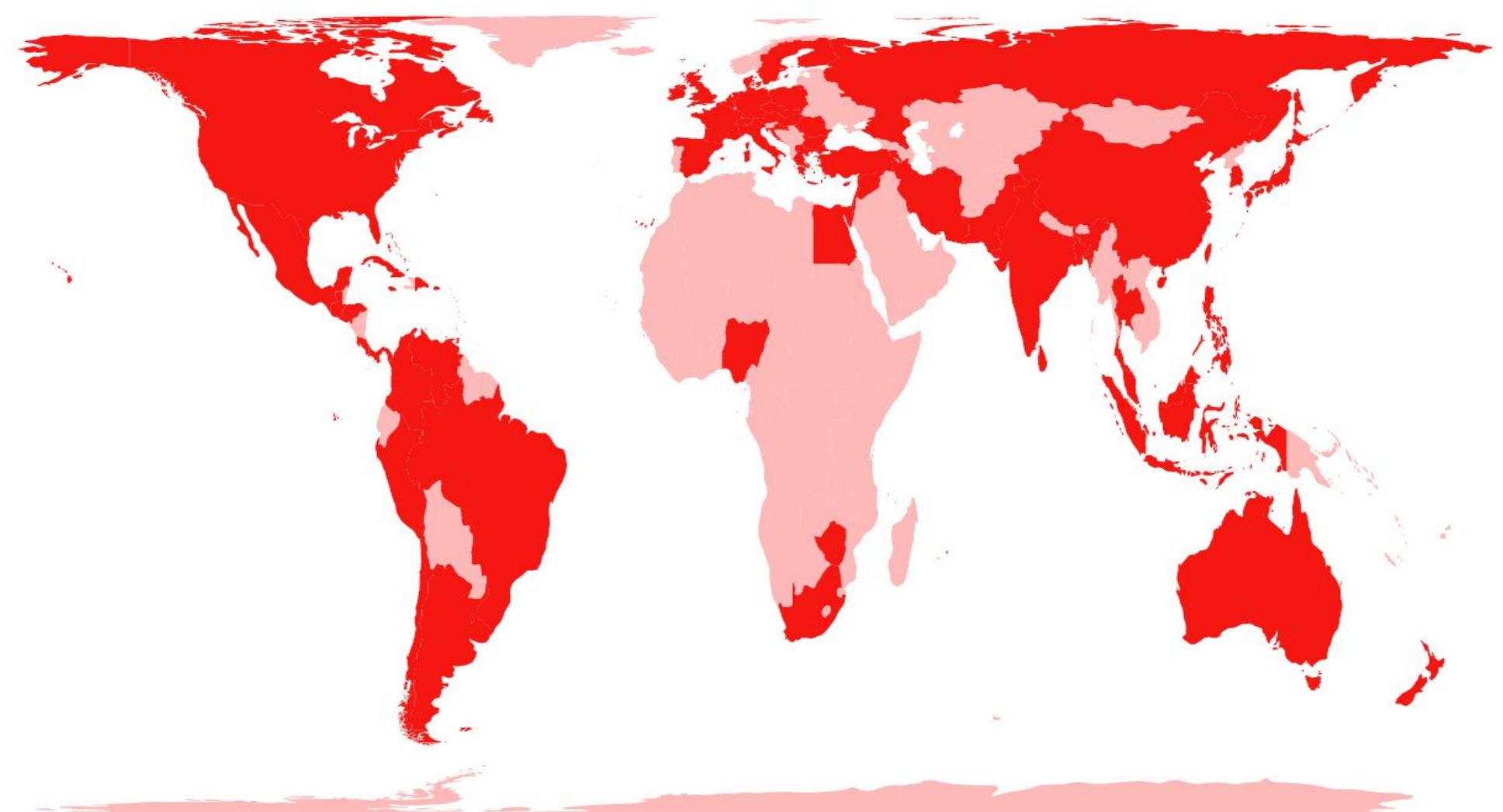
Overview

- A global view
- C'est toujours la meme chose! (Some things are the same everywhere!)
- Culture IS a filter for aging and understanding of dementia
- Useful tools for different cultures
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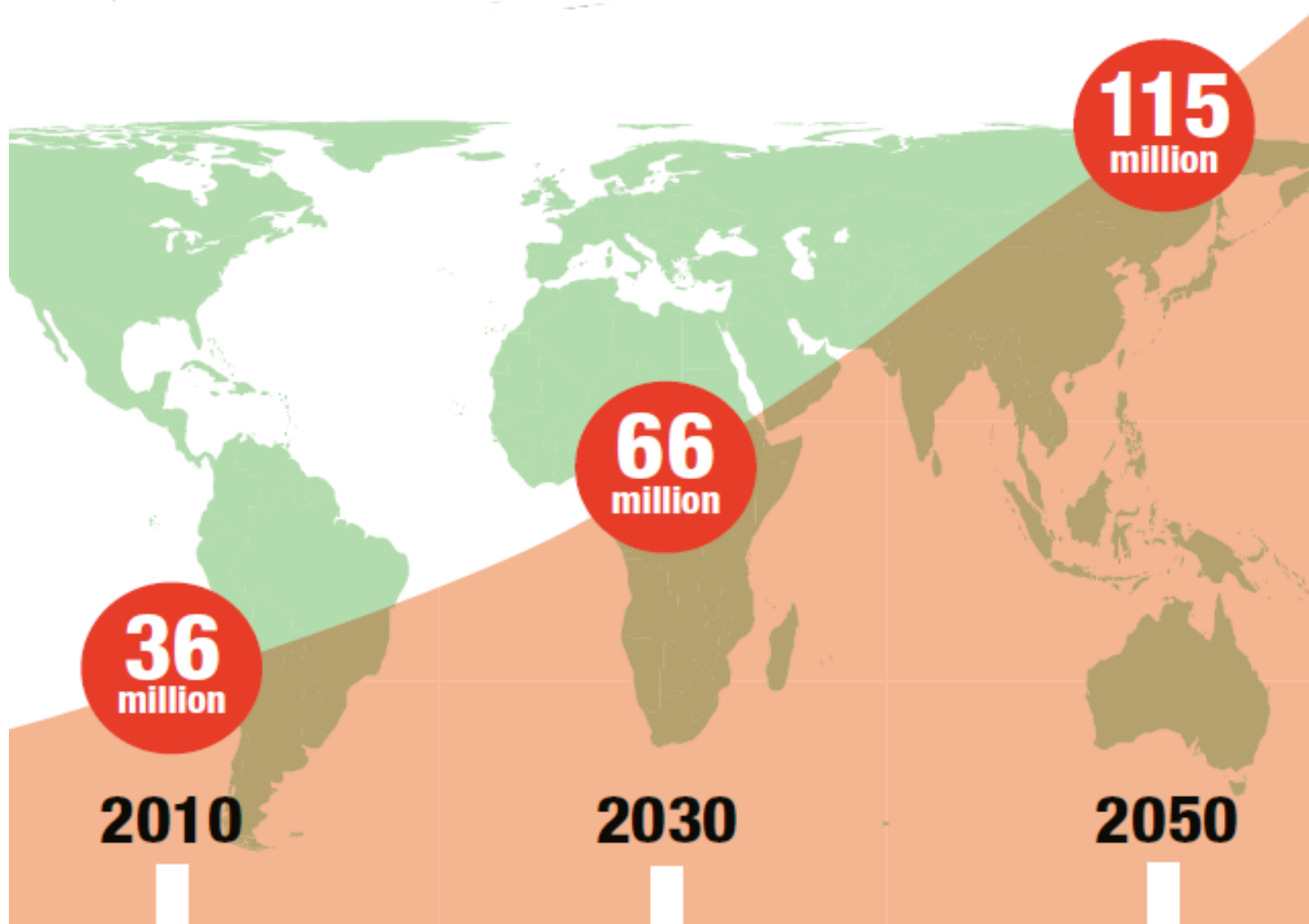
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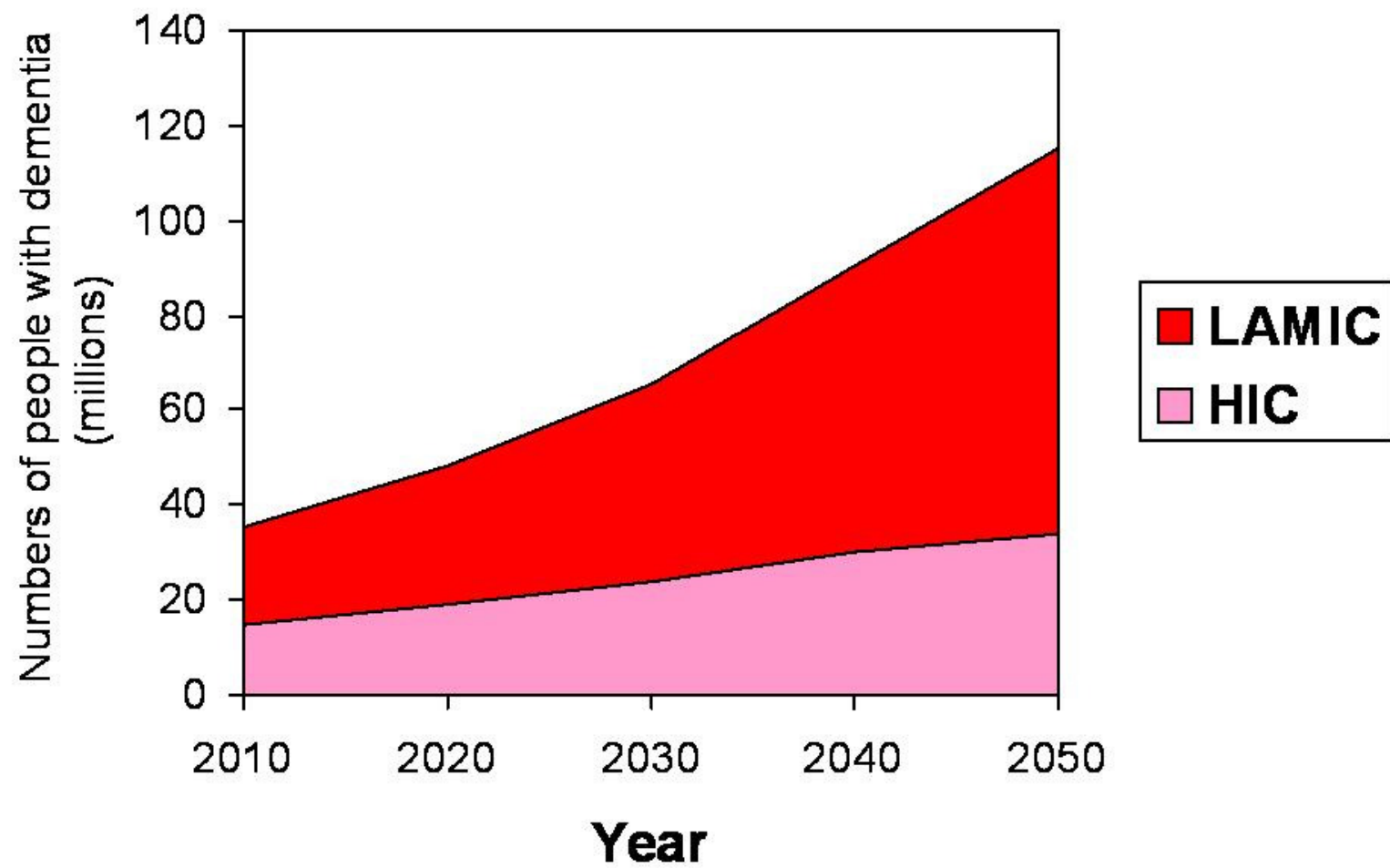
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Dementia worldwide





UN Recognition

- Political declaration on Non Communicable disease September 2011
- World Health Assembly Executive
- Open Ended Working Group on Ageing
- WHO Global Monitoring Framework on NCD's



DEMENTIA

A PUBLIC HEALTH
PRIORITY



What's the same?

- More women than men affected.
- Families are the caregivers.
- Gap between prevalence and diagnosis
- Diagnosis late in disease process
- Co-morbid chronic diseases
- Lack of attention to population health and risk issues

What's different?

- Culture
- Access to resources
- Gender and social/economic development impact

Culture as Filter

- # 1 “It’s normal ageing”
- Specific cultural interpretations of dementia
 - *Quebec*
 - *Africa*
 - *Hispanic/Latino*
- Culture defined roles
 - *Esp. caregiving*
 - *Japanese descent Americans deal with stress*

Tools for cultural differences

- 10/66 Research project

First level language assistance

Risk reduction

- Avoid Assessment tools with a known cultural bias

Is an “early stage AD culture” developing?

- Self-advocacy and network building
- Adopting “evidence informed” (or less) health practices
- Living well with dementia (Scotland, UK)
- Alzheimer friendly communities (Belgium)
- Promotion of programs to meet unique needs
- Clash with paternal/maternalistic caregiver culture
- Redefine dementia in rights terms

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