THIS INFORMATION WAS FORWARDED TO ME BY A HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND FROM THE MIDWEST. HE MAKES A HABIT OF COLLECTING THIS KIND OF INFORMATION…IT IS FUN.

My comments are in RED

**What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1920:**  
  
The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.   
  
Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.   
  
Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.   
  
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. DID YOU EVER HAVE A PARTY LINE?  
  
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.   
  
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.   
  
The average US wage in 1919 was 22 cents per hour. MY SUMMER JOB DURING COLLEGE STARTED ME OUT AT $.76 PER HOUR…AND I WAS REALLY HAPPY!  
  
The average US worker made between $200 and $400/yr.   
  
A competent accountant could expect to earn $2,000 per year.   
  
A dentist earned $2,500 per year.   
  
A veterinarian between $1,500 and 4,000 per year.   
  
And, a mechanical engineer about $5,000 per year.   
  
More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.   
  
Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."   
  
Sugar cost four cents a pound. CHRISTMAS RIBBON CANDY!  
  
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.   
  
Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.   
  
Most women only washed their hair once a month... And, used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.   
  
Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.  (BUT THEY ACTIVELY RECUITED EUROPEANS TO TAKE THEIR RAILROAD WEST AND POPULATE AND FARM, FISH, LOG, ETC TO SETTLE BRITISH COLUMBIA…THEY WERE NOT BIG ON PLAYING HOCKEY AT THAT TIME.)  
  
The Five leading causes of death were:   
1. Pneumonia and influenza   
2. Tuberculosis   
3. Diarrhea   
4 Heart disease   
5. Stroke   
  
The American flag had 45 stars.   
  
The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30.   
  
Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.     
  
There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day. PRETTY SOON THEIR WILL NOT BE HERE IN THE FUTURE.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write (most politicians and media today). I DID NOT SAY THAT!  
  
And, only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.    
  
Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores. IF YOU CAN FIND THE MOVIE/SERIES CALLED “THE KNICK” MAKE NOTE OF WHAT THE LEAD CHARACTER KEEPS IN A FLASK IN HIS VEST POCKET TO CALM HIS STOMACH! …AND WHAT HE TAKES TO TREAT HIS DRUG ADDICTION!  
  
Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach, bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health!"

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

BY THE WAY, 1920 WAS YEARS IN ADVANCE OF OUR PEAK IMMIGRATION AROUND 1929.  
  
There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.

SOUNDS LIKE A COUPLE MONTH HISTORY FOR JUST THE CITY OF CHICAGO.