

## American Prescription Drug Use

“The average number of prescriptions [drugs] per person, annually, in 1993 was seven.

The average number of prescriptions [drugs] per person, annually, in 2000 was eleven.

[The average number of prescriptions drugs per person], annually, in 2004 was twelve.

The total number of annual prescriptions [drugs] in the United States now stands at about 3 billion.

The cost per year is about \$180 billion, headed to an estimated \$414 billion by 2011.

Pretty soon, you are talking real money.”

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