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RESULTS U.S. Poverty National Webinar – June 2017

Defending Anti-Poverty Programs from Deep Budget Cuts

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Welcome from Joanne Carter Executive Director, RESULTS



Guest Speaker

Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13)

- Serves on two powerful committees – Budget and Appropriations
- Chair of the [Out of Poverty Caucus](#) and the [Whip's Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity](#)
- Former Chair of [Congressional Black Caucus](#) and former Co-Chair of the [Progressive Caucus](#)
- Vigorous advocate for issues impacting low-income Americans including affordable housing, the homeless, low income energy assistance, job training, making health care affordable and universal, just immigration policies, the establishment of a living wage
- First elected to Congress in 1998
- Before Congress, served in California State Assembly and State Senate



RESULTS Expert on Poverty
Kevin Pearson
Evansville, IN
(front with sign)



Meredith Dodson

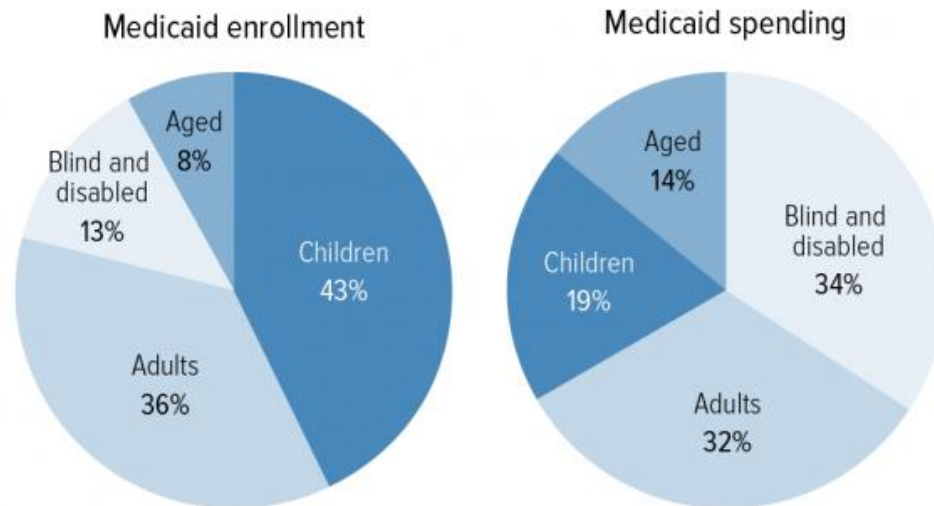
Director of U.S. Poverty Campaigns



Medicaid

- Largest health program in the U.S. – provided health coverage for 97 million Americans over the course of 2015
- Largest population covered are children
- Covers doctor visits, hospital care, prescription drugs, nursing home costs, and other long-term care
- Medicaid used to be restricted to mandatory populations (low-income kids and pregnant women, certain TANF recipients, seniors/disabled on SSI)
- Medicaid expansion opened program to all low-income adults below 138 percent of poverty (\$33,600 for a family of four)

Enrollment and Spending in Medicaid



Source: Spending and enrollment estimates for FY2015 from the Congressional Budget Office's March 2016 Medicaid baseline. Figures may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

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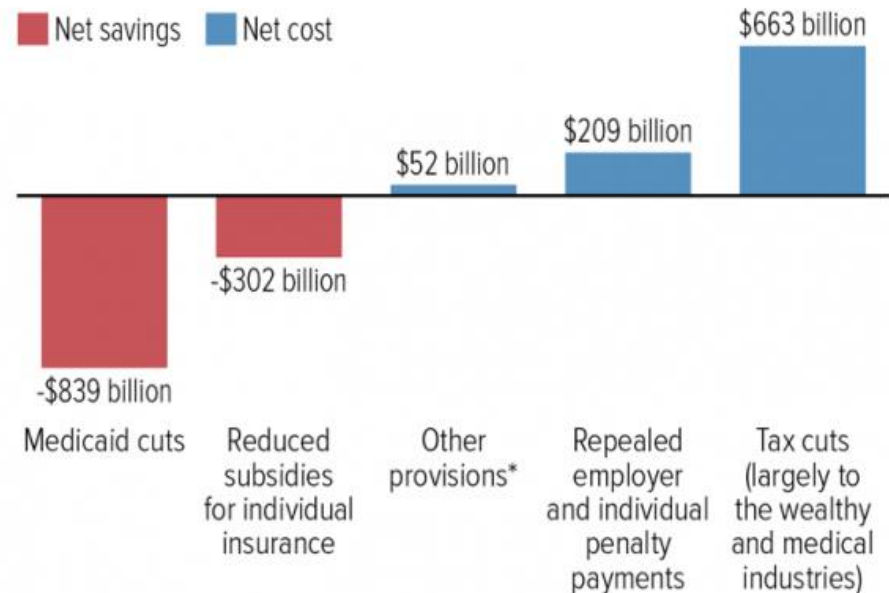
Source: <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/policy-basics-introduction-to-medicaid>

House Health Bill Ends Medicaid as We Know It

- American Health Care Act (AHCA) passed by the House in May
- 23 million people would lose coverage, 14 million from Medicaid alone
- Effects of the bill
 - Caps federal Medicaid funding
 - Shifts costs and risks to states
 - Ends Medicaid expansion
 - Worsening coverage for children, seniors, and people with disabilities
 - Harming children, communities, and state budgets
 - Marketplace coverage would become less affordable for millions of Americans

House GOP Health Bill: Cuts Assistance for Low- and Moderate-Income People; Cuts Taxes for the Wealthy and Medical Industries

2017-2026



*Net effects of other provisions in the bill, including Patient and State Stability Fund Grants, Medicare and Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital payments, and other provisions.

Source: Congressional Budget Office

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The Senate Bill is Based on House Bill's Bad Policy

- Senate leaders are planning a vote on their bill WITH NO HEARINGS
- Despite overwhelming opposition from the American people, Senate leaders have said that they will likely pass 80 percent of what was in the House bill
- Leaders want to vote before July 4th recess
- Compared to House Bill
 - Ends the ACA's Medicaid expansion more slowly
 - Still imposes caps on the underlying Medicaid program
 - People with pre-existing conditions could still face higher costs or loss of coverage
 - Could lead plans in half the country to drop coverage for mental health, substance use, maternity care and other benefits

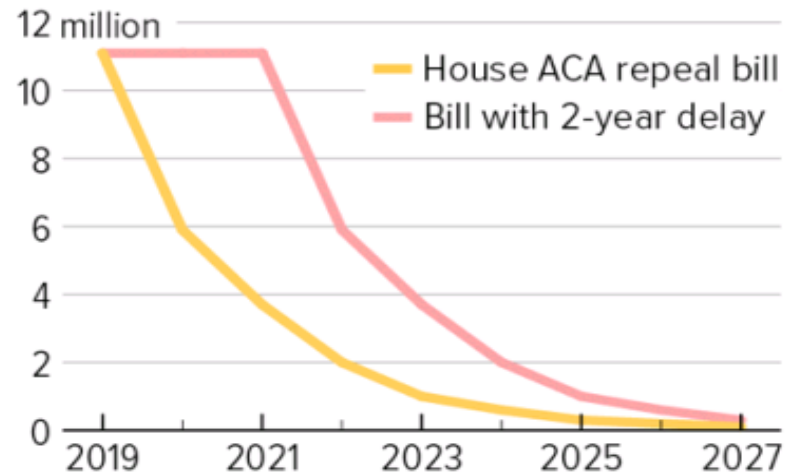
Source: <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/tracking-reports-about-the-emerging-senate-bill-to-repeal-the-affordable-care-act>

Delaying Medicaid Expansion is Just a Slower Death

- Delaying the reduction in expansion would still lead to millions of low-income people losing Medicaid coverage
- Cost shifts to states would be almost as large as under the current AHCA

Delaying End of Higher Federal Funding for ACA Medicaid Expansion Enrollees Wouldn't Mitigate Eventual Harm

ACA Medicaid expansion enrollees who are eligible for continued enhanced federal funding rate



Note: ACA = Affordable Care Act. The ACA provided enhanced federal funding to cover the costs of Medicaid enrollees under the ACA's Medicaid expansion. The House-passed ACA repeal bill would lower that federal funding rate for expansion enrollees in 2020. Some Senate Republicans are considering delaying that provision for two years.

Source: CBPP analysis, Based on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services data and Congressional Budget Office assumptions about enrollment

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June Action

http://www.results.org/take_action/june_2017_u.s._poverty_action

Action #1: Call Senate Offices about Protecting Medicaid

Call both your Senate offices and leave a message with the receptionist. You can find direct office numbers on our [Elected Officials page](#) or call (800) 826-3688 to get connected to their office. If you cannot get through to their DC office, call a local office in your state and leave the following message:

My name is _____ and I am a constituent from _____. ***I am appalled that the Senate is poised to take health care away from millions of low-income Americans, including many in our state, with deep cuts and structural changes to Medicaid. Medicaid is a lifeline for millions of children, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Yet Congress wants to undo all the good Medicaid does by slashing Medicaid funding and instituting a per capita cap on spending. This cannot happen. Please tell Sen. _____ to oppose any health bill that cuts or restructures Medicaid, ends the ACA's Medicaid expansion, or causes millions of Americans to lose their health insurance. Will you deliver that message?***

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Action #2: Urge Others to Call Senators about Medicaid

Send e-mails to your Local Action Networks, post on social media sites, [hand out flyers](#) ([Word version](#)) at local events or meetings to get folks to call their senators. Here is a sample e-mail or Facebook post you can use:

We need your help! Congress is poised to end the Medicaid program as we know it, causing 14 million low-income Americans to lose health coverage. These cuts will be used to give the wealthy and powerful another giant tax cut. When did cutting health care for our most vulnerable become an American value? We must do all we can to protect Americans on Medicaid.

Please call your Senate offices at (800) 826-3688 and leave the following message with the receptionist:

My name is _____ and I am a constituent from _____. I am appalled that the Senate wants to make deep cuts and structural changes to Medicaid, which is a lifeline for millions of children, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Will you please tell Sen. _____ to oppose any health bill that cuts or restructures Medicaid, ends the ACA's Medicaid expansion, or causes millions of Americans to lose their health insurance?

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Action #3: Submit a Letter to the Editor about Medicaid

Submit a letter to the editor (LTE) to your local paper urging them to reject cuts or changes to Medicaid. Here's a [sample LTE](#) to get you started:


I am outraged that the Senate is secretly negotiating legislation that will end Medicaid as we know it and take health coverage from millions. Senator leaders are planning a vote on their bill without one single hearing.

The House passed the American Health Care Act (AHCA) in May, which would force 23 million people to lose insurance, 14 million of them from Medicaid alone. The AHCA would cap Medicaid funding to states and force them to ration care, shoulder more costs, and deny health coverage to many of those who need it most. Yet, despite overwhelming opposition from the American people, the Senate plans to base 80 percent of its bill on the AHCA.

People's lives are literally on the line. I urge our Senators to oppose ANY proposal that cuts or restructures Medicaid or threatens the health care of millions of Americans.

Keep Up Your Media Awesomeness!

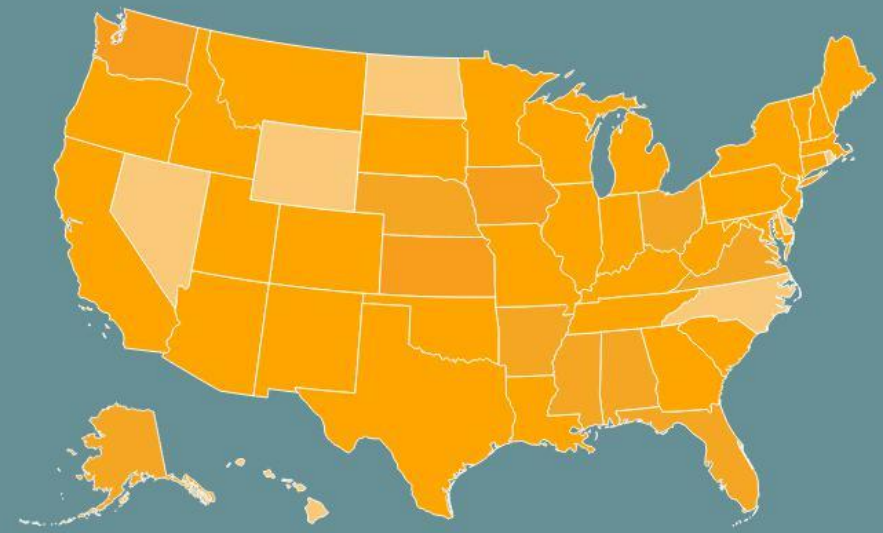
- 2017: 224 U.S. Poverty media pieces in 44 states!
(remaining states we need: DE, HI, NV, ND, RI, VT,)
- Let's hit **250 media pieces** – by the RESULTS International Conference (July 22-25)
- Use the media to tell Senators to protect Medicaid:
http://capwiz.com/results/issues/alert/?alertid=74463626&MC_plugin=2201



COAST-TO-COAST MEDIA
★ PROTECTING ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS ★

Congress, don't pull the rug out from under low-income Americans.

Everyday people across the country agree:
NO cuts, NO "structural changes" to anti-poverty programs.



★ STATES WITH MEDIA PUBLISHED

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June Action Training

Reaching Out to Others to Take Action

- All hands on deck
- We need as many people as possible calling senators about protecting Medicaid
- There are more people in your sphere of influence than perhaps you know – people who just need a nudge to get into action
- **Community mapping** is a great way to identify and leverage the influence of these groups



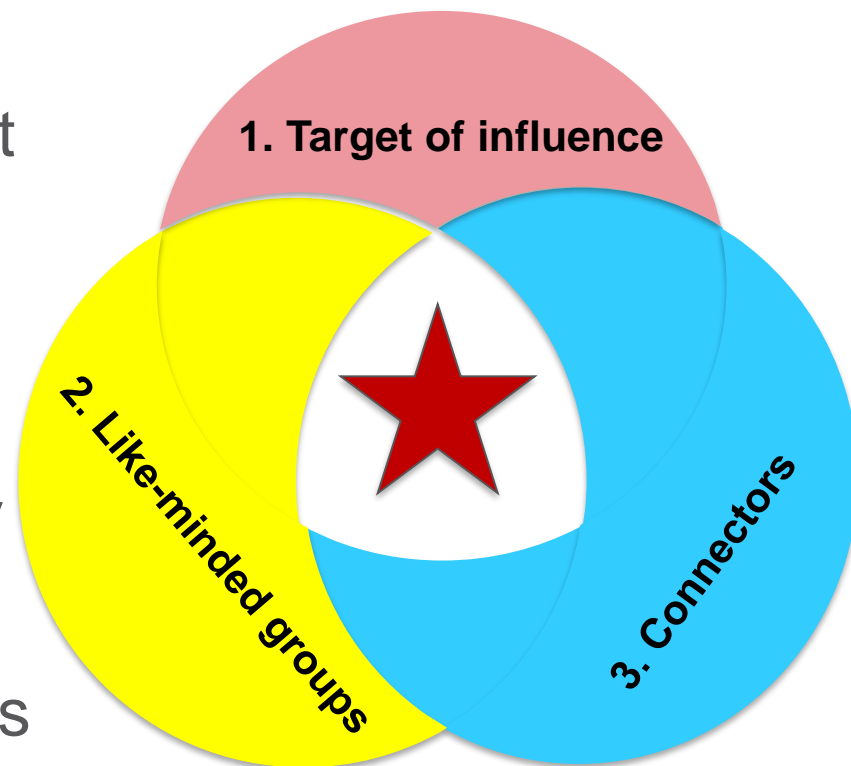
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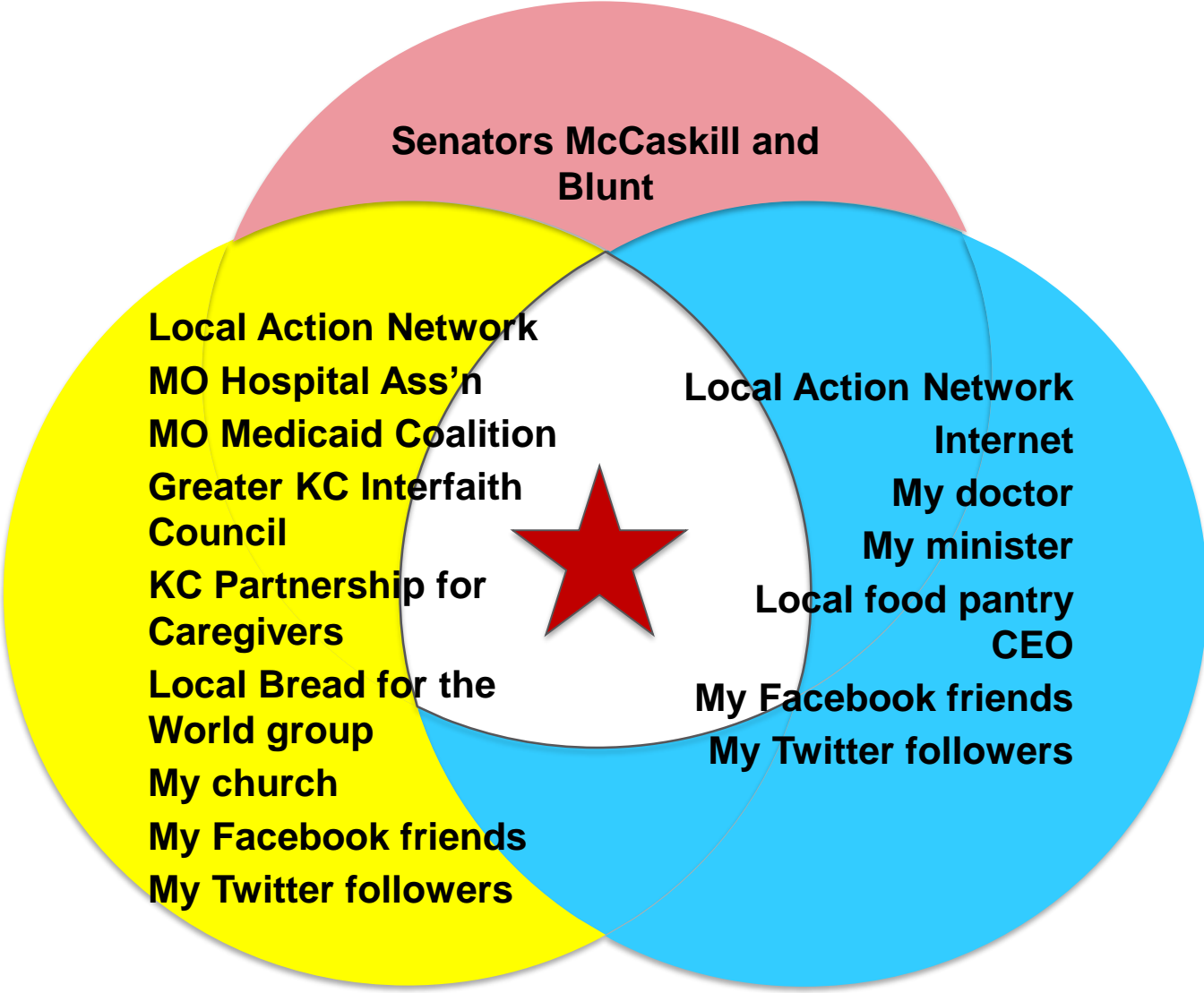
Community Mapping

1. Identify the persons you want to influence on a particular issue
2. Identify the persons and groups who would potentially care about this issue
3. Identify the persons or groups you are connected with who can connect you with the people in #2 or influence #1



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Community Mapping



June Action Resources

- **June Action:** http://www.results.org/take_action/june_2017_u.s._poverty_action/
- **Medicaid Fact Sheets from CBPP:** <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/house-republican-health-plan-would-shift-medicaid-costs-to-states>
- **CAP Coverage Losses by State and District:**
<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/healthcare/news/2017/05/25/433017/cbo-derived-coverage-losses-state-congressional-district/>
- **Senate Call in Flyer:**
 - http://www.results.org/uploads/files/2017-06_Medicaid_Call-in_Alert.pdf (PDF)
 - http://www.results.org/uploads/files/2017-06_Medicaid_Call-in_Alert.doc (Word)
- **Medicaid LTE Action Alert:**
http://capwiz.com/results/issues/alert/?alertid=74463626&MC_plugin=2201
- **Medicaid E-mail to Congress Alert:**
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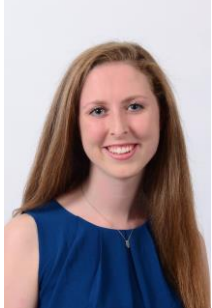
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RESULTS International Conference

- Make your voice heard this summer at the RESULTS International Conference in Washington, DC!
- **FLASH SALE:** Get the Early Bird RESULTS Volunteer Registration rate (\$150) **now through Thursday, June 15.** Go to www.resultsconference.org to register today and when asked, enter code **FLASHRVOL**.
- Also, **anyone new to the Conference** this year can get \$50 off their registration with code **FIRSTIC17**.
- Top notch [speakers](#), [briefings](#), and [trainings](#) to help you be the best advocate you can be

FACE-TO-FACE

Feel like social media posts just aren't enough?
Tried calling Capitol Hill, but want to do more?

Join us in Washington this summer and talk to Congress face-to-face.

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Announcements

- **Lobby prep calls will start soon** to help you get ready for your lobby meetings in DC. Look for an e-mail from Jos Linn (jlinn@results.org) and reply to him ASAP.
- **Unlock the Match!** For every new monthly donor we sign up in June, a donor will donate an additional \$1,000, up to \$25,000. [Become a monthly donor today!](#)
- **Next RESULTS Introductory Calls, Wednesday, June 14 at 9pm ET and Friday, June 23 at 1:00 pm ET.** Register for an upcoming Intro Call on the [RESULTS website](#).
- **U.S. Poverty Free Agents Calls, Tuesday, June 20 at 1pm and 8pm ET.** Login at <http://fuze.me/32256018> or dial in by phone at (201) 479-4595, Meeting ID: 32256018#. Meredith Dodson will be hosting this month's calls.
- Find these and other events on the [RESULTS Events Calendar](#).

Thank you for being on tonight's webinar!

Our next National Grassroots Webinar is **Tuesday, July 11 at 8:00pm ET**

Take Action Today!

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