

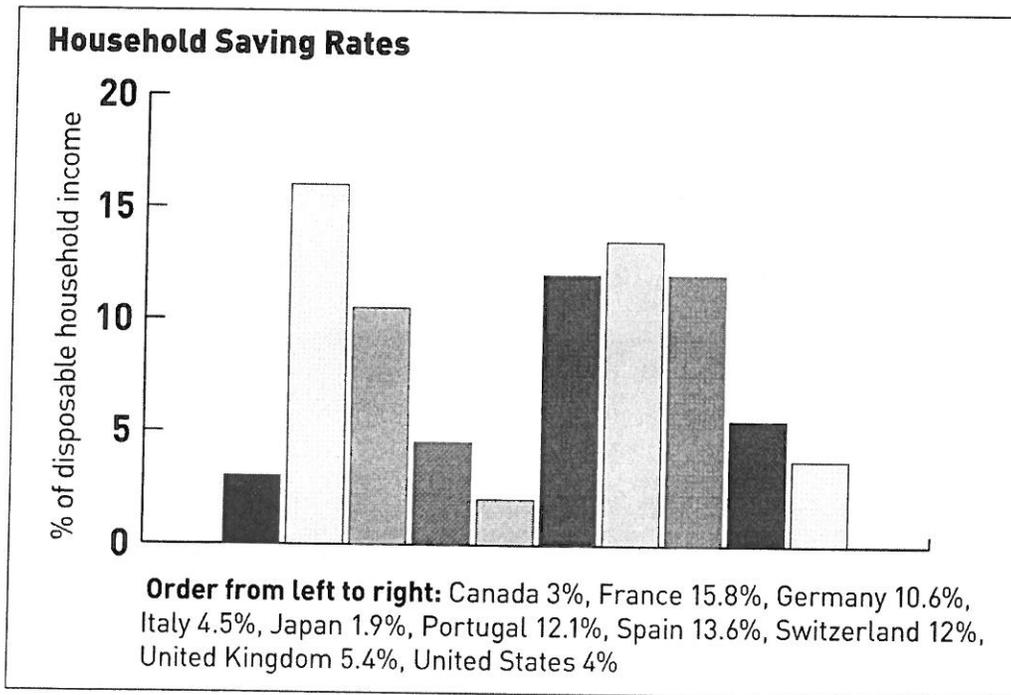
Savings by Nation ^(1/2)

Take a Peek in the World's Piggy Bank

The Household Saving Ratio: Household saving divided by household disposable income. Disposable income is the amount of money that households have available for saving and spending after income taxes have been taken out.

Directions

Use the information in the graph to answer the following questions.



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, June 2012

Note: The household saving rate is evaluated quarterly and is always changing. As of March 2013, the household saving rate in the United States had dropped to 2.7%. (Federal Reserve)

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Savings by Nation (2/2)

① How much less does the United States save compared to the highest saving nation?

② What is the average saving rate in Europe as compared to the average saving rate in North America?

③ Find the mean and median for the list of values in the Savings by Nation chart.

④ Based on an annual disposable income of \$40,000, calculate the average amount of money a person would save in Japan; in the United States; in France.

⑤ What are some possible explanations for the low saving rate in the United States?

⑥ Research: Go online to research the current U.S. saving rate. Is it higher or lower than 4%? What might have caused this increase or decrease in saving behavior?
