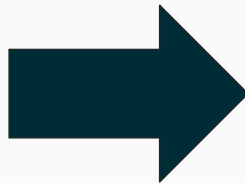


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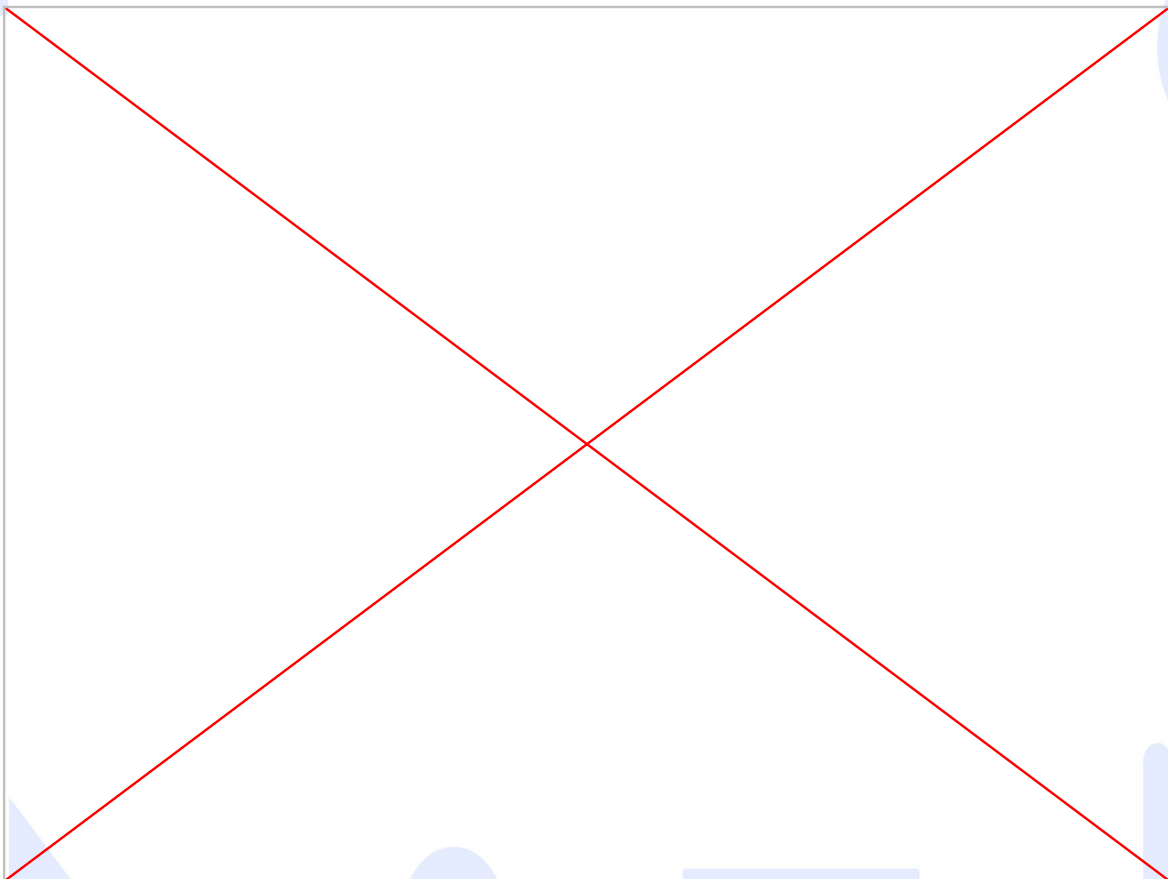


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## Denmark's Dollar Forty-One Menu

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Proponents of raising the minimum wage often point to Scandinavian countries like Denmark as models for American labor policy. But the devil is in the details. Take this week's [\*New York Times\* profile](#) of the comparatively high Danish minimum wage, for example. The authors ask, if the Danes can do it, why can't the United States?

In the midst of a mostly-fawning piece on Danish labor policy, the authors unwittingly answer their own question: It would lead to higher prices and fewer job opportunities.

The piece points out that the associated higher labor costs mean that a Big Mac in Denmark costs 17 percent more than in the United States – \$5.60 versus \$4.80. [Other analyses](#) put the price discrepancy at around double this. For example, the equivalent of the “Dollar Menu” in Denmark is \$1.41, and an extra value meal is nearly 40 percent more.

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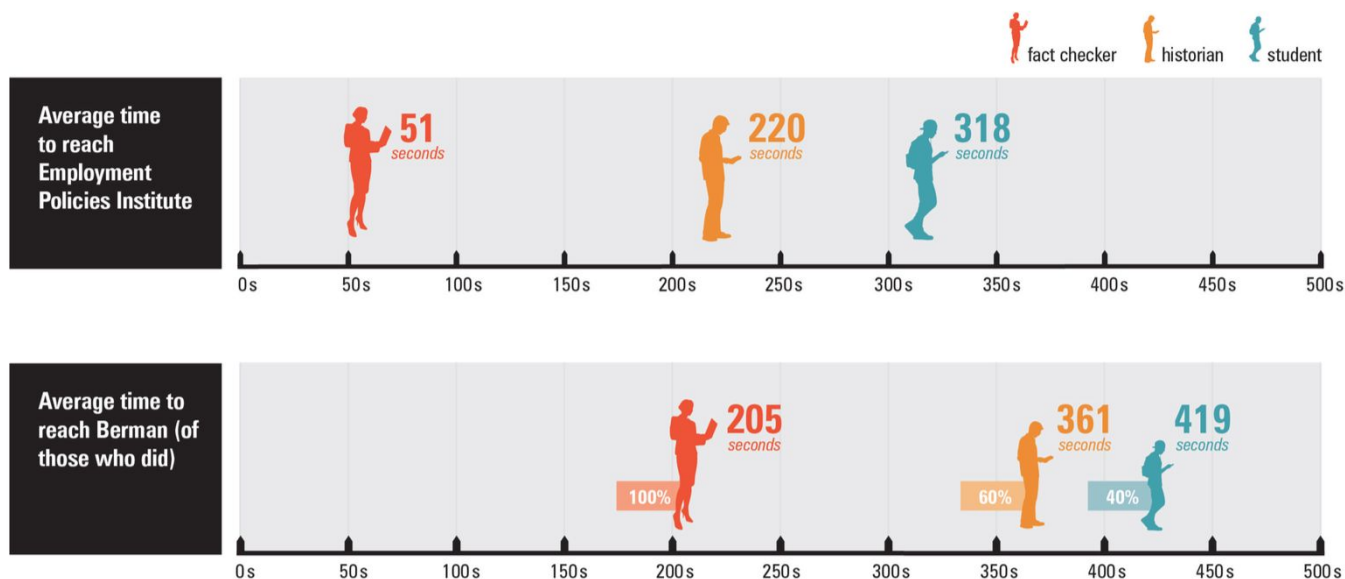
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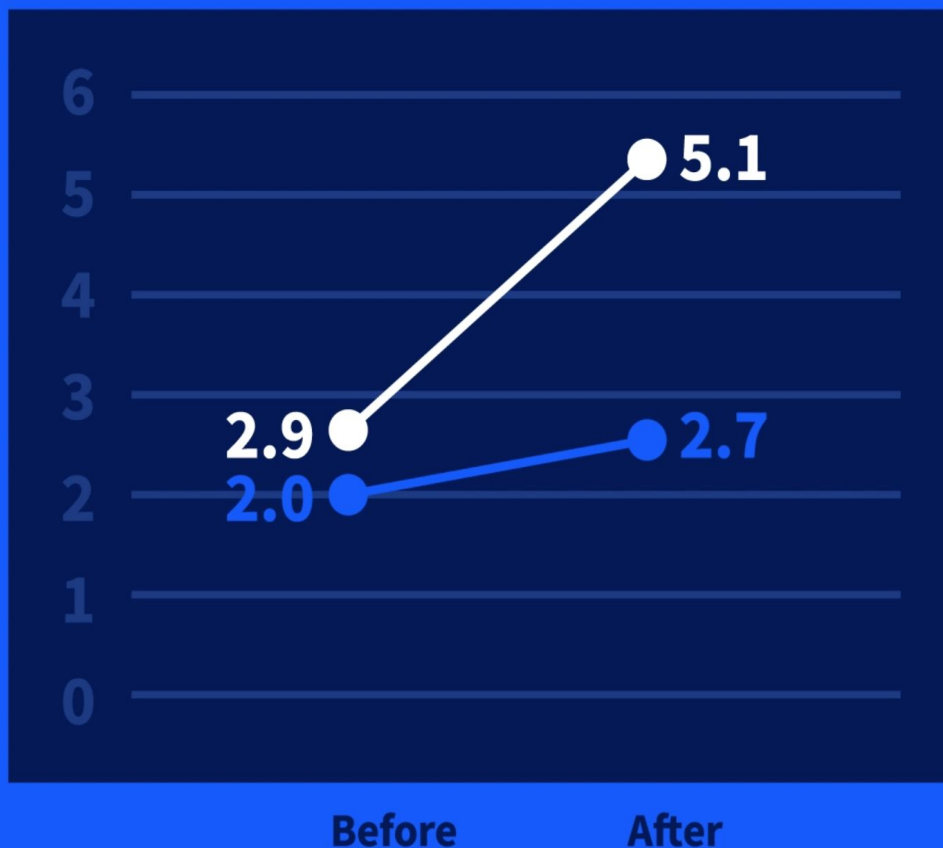
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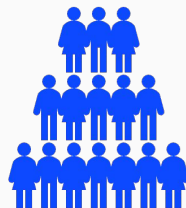
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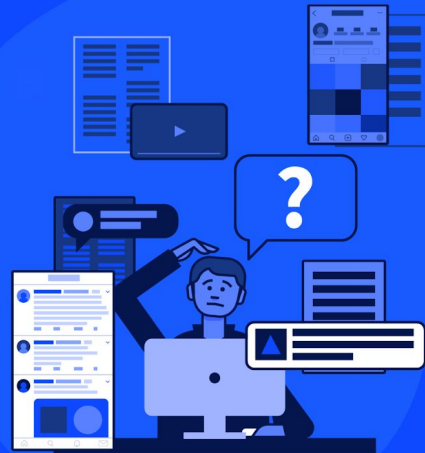


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
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 **What It Is**

- **Founded:** 1991 by Richard Berman. [Wikipedia](#)
- **Type:** 501(c)(3) non-profit research organization (often referred to as a think tank). [Wikipedia](#)

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