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- We have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.
- We spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less.
- We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.
- We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.
- We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too
 fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too
 much, and pray too seldom.
- We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.
- We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.
- We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years!
- We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.
- We've done larger things, but not better things.
- We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.
- We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.
- · We write more, but learn less.
- We plan more, but accomplish less.
- We've learned to rush, but not to wait.
- We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

Lastly on a brighter and funnier side, we also have these paradoxes:

- Only in America can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a DIET coke.
- Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our junk in the garage.
- Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls and have call-waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
- Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Happy Fourth of July!

God Bless America and God Bless Us All

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