Final Project: Medium Age influence on Social Spending in Japan and The United States

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Abstract:

In this project, I will analyze the Social Spending of OECD countries from 1980 to 2015. In particular, I will focus on Japan, who currently has a very high medium age, and the US, whose population medium age is expected to grow. This project will be broken down into three sections. The first section will analyze overall Social Spending trends including the Net Social Spending of Japan and United States, the CAGR of Social Spending by OECD countries, Average Social Spending by OECD countries. The second section will break down the Social Spending of Japan and the United States by sector, and I will specifically focus on Old Age Social Spending trends. The final section will focus on the Medium Age trends in Japan and the United States and how they are correlated to Old Age Social Spending in both countries.

Introduction:

This project is prompted by the idea that social spending in the US is expected to increase as people are living longer and medium age is increasing. Furthermore, social spending will be a key driver in increasing the Fiscal Deficit within the US, which brings the question whether the deficit is sustainable. AS defined by the OECD, Social Expenditures or Social Spending comprise of cash benefits, direct in-kind provision of goods and services, and tax breaks with social purposes. These Social Expenditures comprise of benefits targeted toward low-income households, the elderly, sick, unemployed and young people. In the US, Government spending is projected to grow at an annual rate of 5.5 percent over the next decade, reaching \$7.0 trillion in 2028. From this increase, spending from Social Security, Medicare, and Net interest account for more than two-thirds of that increase (CBO (https://www.cbo.gov/publication/53766)). The aging of the population is a large factor in the increase of overall Social Expenditure. The United States stands to learn by analyzing Japan economic decisions to counteract an ageing population.

Data Report

In this project, in order to analyze Social Spending and Medium Age trends, I will need to use public data on social spending provided by the OECD (https://data.oecd.org/). Specifically, I will use both a general social spending database (https://data.oecd.org/socialexp/social-spending.htm) and an aggregated social expenditure database (https://stats.oecd.org/BrandedView.aspx?

oecd_bv_id=socx-data-en&doi=data-00166-en) provided by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD) (https://data.oecd.org/). From the general social spending database, I will extract general social spending trends from a few OECD countries. From the aggreagated social expenditure database, I will extract specific aspects of Japan's and the United States's social expenditures by breaking it down into large components. To analyze Medium Age trends, I will use the United Nations Population Prospects

(https://population.un.org/wpp/Download/Standard/Population/) to get a database showing the population trends of Japan and the United States. All these databases will be read into this notebook and cleaned, mergedm and extracted for my use.

Three Sections:

1. Overall Social Spending Analysis

- Net Total Social Spending as a Percentage of GDP by Year
- Average Social Spending from 1980-2015 and CAGR in Social Spending from 1980-2015

2. Japan and United States Break down of Social Spending and focus on Old Age Social Spending

- Breakdown of Japan and USA's Social Spending 1980-2015
- Old Age Social Spending as a % of GDP
- CAGR of Old Age Social Spending

3. Japan and United States Medium Age Trends and Medium Age and Old Age Correlative Analysis

- Medium Age Trend 1980-2015
- Linear Regression of Medium Age and Old Age Social Spending

Conclusion:

Section 1: Overall Social Spending Analysis

Here I am importing the Social Spending Indicator from the OECD Social Spending Database

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In [4]: ▶ social.head()
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Out[4]:

	LOCATION	INDICATOR	SUBJECT	MEASURE	FREQUENCY	TIME	Value	Flag Codes
0	AUS	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1980	1.223	NaN
1	AUS	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1981	1.392	NaN
2	AUS	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1982	1.678	NaN
3	AUS	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1983	1.345	NaN
4	AUS	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1984	0.862	NaN

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In [5]: N social.shape
Out[5]: (4106, 8)
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In [6]: M

def netsocialspending(df,country):
    df = df[df["LOCATION"]==country]
    df = df.set_index("TIME")
    df = df[df["MEASURE"] == "PC_GDP"]
    df1 = df[df["SUBJECT"]== "PRIV"]
    df2 = df[df["SUBJECT"] == "PUB"]
    df3 = df1.copy()
    df3["Value"] = df1["Value"] + df2["Value"]
    df3["SUBJECT"] = "Net_Total"
    return df3
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Here I make a separate dataframe for Japan's Social Spending. Then I make one for Japan's Social Spending in USD per Capita separating the data frame from the Spending in USD per Capita Measure. Finally, I aggregate the Public and Private Social Spending to a yearly data frame from 1980 to 2015 of Total net social spending.

Out[7]:

	LOCATION	INDICATOR	SUBJECT	MEASURE	FREQUENCY	TIME	Value	Flag Codes
1658	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	А	1980	0.075	NaN
1659	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1981	0.093	NaN
1660	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1982	0.085	NaN
1661	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1983	0.096	NaN
1662	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	А	1984	0.105	NaN

Out[8]:

	LOCATION	INDICATOR	SUBJECT	MEASURE	FREQUENCY	TIME	Value	Flag Codes
1658	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	А	1980	0.075	NaN
1659	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1981	0.093	NaN
1660	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1982	0.085	NaN
1661	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1983	0.096	NaN
1662	JPN	SOCEXP	PRIV	PC_GDP	Α	1984	0.105	NaN

In [10]: ▶ JPNSOC_GDP.tail(10)

Out[10]:

	LOCATION	INDICATOR	SUBJECT	MEASURE	FREQUENCY	Value	Flag Codes
TIME							
2009	JPN	SOCEXP	PUBNET	PC_GDP	А	20.159	NaN
2011	JPN	SOCEXP	PUBNET	PC_GDP	Α	21.481	NaN
2013	JPN	SOCEXP	PUBNET	PC_GDP	Α	21.253	NaN
2015	JPN	SOCEXP	PUBNET	PC_GDP	Α	20.770	NaN
2005	JPN	SOCEXP	TOTNET	PC_GDP	Α	19.204	NaN
2007	JPN	SOCEXP	TOTNET	PC_GDP	Α	20.188	NaN
2009	JPN	SOCEXP	TOTNET	PC_GDP	Α	23.505	NaN
2011	JPN	SOCEXP	TOTNET	PC_GDP	Α	24.768	NaN
2013	JPN	SOCEXP	TOTNET	PC_GDP	Α	24.442	NaN
2015	JPN	SOCEXP	TOTNET	PC_GDP	Α	23.516	NaN

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JPNPUB = JPNSOC GDP[JPNSOC GDP["SUBJECT"]=="PUB"]
In [11]:
              JPNPUB.head()
    Out[11]:
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                                 SOCEXP
                                              PUB
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               1984
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                                 SOCEXP
                                              PUB
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              JPNPRIV = JPNSOC_GDP[JPNSOC_GDP["SUBJECT"]=="PRIV"]
In [12]:
In [13]:
              JPNPRIV.head()
    Out[13]:
                    LOCATION INDICATOR SUBJECT MEASURE FREQUENCY Value Flag Codes
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               1984
                          JPN
                                 SOCEXP
                                             PRIV
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In [14]:
              JPNTOT = JPNPRIV.copy()
In [15]:
              JPNTOT["Value"] = JPNPUB["Value"] + JPNPRIV["Value"]
              JPNTOT["SUBJECT"] = "NET TOTAL"
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In [16]: ► JPNTOT

#This is the cleaned up dataframe for Japan

Out[16]:

	LOCATION	INDICATOR	SUBJECT	MEASURE	FREQUENCY	Value	Flag Codes
TIME							
1980	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	А	10.066	NaN
1981	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	10.520	NaN
1982	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	10.854	NaN
1983	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	11.100	NaN
1984	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	10.976	NaN
1985	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	10.956	NaN
1986	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	11.302	NaN
1987	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	11.357	NaN
1988	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	11.056	NaN
1989	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	10.909	NaN
1990	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	11.086	NaN
1991	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	11.228	NaN
1992	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	11.839	NaN
1993	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	12.575	NaN
1994	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	13.146	NaN
1995	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	13.787	NaN
1996	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	13.792	NaN
1997	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	16.980	NaN
1998	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	17.861	NaN
1999	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	18.808	NaN
2000	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	18.930	NaN
2001	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	19.954	NaN
2002	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	20.447	NaN
2003	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	19.949	NaN
2004	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	20.012	NaN
2005	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	19.951	NaN
2006	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	20.032	NaN
2007	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	20.942	NaN
2008	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	22.005	NaN
2009	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	24.564	NaN
2010	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	24.732	NaN
2011	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	25.891	NaN

	LOCATION	INDICATOR	SUBJECT	MEASURE	FREQUENCY	Value	Flag Codes
TIME							
2012	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	А	25.931	NaN
2013	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	25.652	NaN
2014	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	25.145	NaN
2015	JPN	SOCEXP	NET_TOTAL	PC_GDP	Α	24.950	NaN

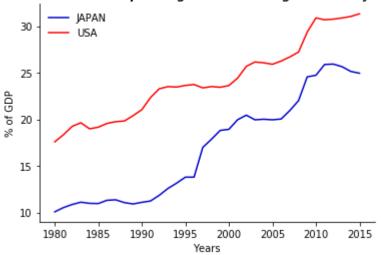
Out[18]:

	LOCATION	INDICATOR	SUBJECT	MEASURE	FREQUENCY	Value	Flag Codes
TIME							
1980	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	А	17.584	NaN
1981	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	18.342	NaN
1982	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	19.244	NaN
1983	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	19.631	NaN
1984	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	18.983	NaN
1985	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	19.153	NaN
1986	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	19.560	NaN
1987	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	19.749	NaN
1988	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	19.823	NaN
1989	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	20.396	NaN
1990	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	21.035	NaN
1991	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	22.337	NaN
1992	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.278	NaN
1993	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.513	NaN
1994	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.465	NaN
1995	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.640	NaN
1996	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.740	NaN
1997	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.376	NaN
1998	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.519	NaN
1999	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.442	NaN
2000	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	23.626	NaN
2001	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	24.426	NaN
2002	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	25.685	NaN
2003	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	26.160	NaN
2004	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	26.070	NaN
2005	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	25.910	NaN
2006	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	26.258	NaN
2007	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	26.700	NaN
2008	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	27.224	NaN
2009	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	29.369	NaN
2010	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	30.891	NaN
2011	USA	SOCEXP	Net_Total	PC_GDP	Α	30.687	NaN

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	TIME											
	2012	USA	SOCEXP	Net_	Total	PC_GE)P		A 30.7	759	NaN	_
	2013	USA	SOCEXP	Net_	Total	PC_GE)P		A 30.8	383	NaN	
	2014	USA	SOCEXP	Net_	Total	PC_GE)P		A 31.0)46	NaN	
	2015	USA	SOCEXP	Net_	Total	PC_GE)P		A 31.3	331	NaN	
In [19]: 🕨	USATOT.inc	lex										
Out[19]:	Int64Index 0,	([1980	, 1981, 1	1982,	1983,	1984,	1985,	1986,	1987	198	8, 1989,	199
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<u>Section 1: Net Total Social Spending as a Percentage of GDP by Year</u>

Net Total Social Spending as a Percentage of GDP by Year



This graph shows the increase in net total spending on Social Spending of both the United States and Japan from 1980-2015. We can see that around 1980 there was larger gap between the US and Japan in amount of Social Spending as % of GDP. This gap has become smaller in 2015. This smaller gap is due to the increased social spending in Japan that has rapidly caught up with the US.

Now I want to compare how Japan and US's Social Spending compares to other OECD Countries. I want to plot two graphs one that shows the Compounded Annual Growth Rate(CAGR) compared to the the rest of the world and another that shows the mean Social Spending from 1980 to 2015.

To do this I will adjust the first function to give me the mean of several OECD countries Social Spending. Then I will adjust this equation to give me the CAGR of a select number of countries.

This function will return the mean social spending from 1980 to 2015.

```
In [22]:
           meansocialspending(social, "USA")
   Out[22]: 24.189861111111114
In [23]: ▶ | meansocialspending(social, "JPN")
   Out[23]: 16.9245833333333334
       meansocialspending(social, "DNK")
In [24]:
   Out[24]: 28.605972222222217
Out[25]: 27.9645
           meansocialspending(social, "IRL")
In [26]:
   Out[26]: 19.660638888888889
           meansocialspending(social, "DEU")
In [27]:
   Out[27]: 27.36961111111111
In [28]: ▶ | meansocialspending(social, "CAN")
   Out[28]: 20.910305555555553
```

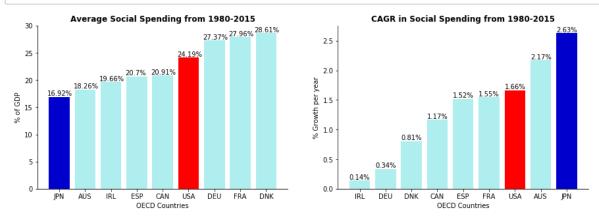
```
In [29]:
             meansocialspending(social, "AUS")
   Out[29]: 18.26262162162162
Out[30]: 20.69825
         Now I want to adjust this function to give me the CAGR for each of these countries from 1980 to
         2015
             def CAGRsocialspending(df,country, startyr, endyr):
In [31]:
                 df = df[df["LOCATION"]==country]
                 df = df.set_index("TIME")
                 df = df[df["MEASURE"] == "PC GDP"]
                 df1 = df[df["SUBJECT"]== "PRIV"]
                 df2 = df[df["SUBJECT"] == "PUB"]
                 df3 = df1.copy()
                 df3["Value"] = df1["Value"] + df2["Value"]
                 df3["SUBJECT"] = "Net Total"
                 CAGR = ((df3.loc[endyr, "Value"]/df3.loc[startyr, "Value"])**(1/(endyr-sta
                 # here is my CAGR equation
                 return CAGR
             CAGRsocialspending(social, "USA", 1980, 2015)
In [32]:
   Out[32]: 1.6640322467138091
         M CAGRsocialspending(social, "JPN", 1980, 2015)
In [33]:
   Out[33]: 2.6273810782927454
In [34]:
             CAGRsocialspending(social, "DNK", 1980, 2015)
   Out[34]: 0.8062150325409911
In [35]:
            CAGRsocialspending(social, "FRA", 1980, 2015)
   Out[35]: 1.5457587745081103
```

<u>Section 1: Social Spending CAGR and Mean Social Spending Among OECD Countries</u>

```
In [41]:

    fig = plt.figure(figsize= (15,10))

             countriesmean = [meansocialspending(social, "JPN"), meansocialspending(social
             numcountries = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
             LABELS = ["JPN", "AUS", "IRL", "ESP", "CAN", "USA", "DEU", "FRA", "DNK"]
             ax1 = plt.subplot(2,2,1)
             plt.bar(numcountries,countriesmean,color = ["mediumblue","paleturquoise", "p
             plt.xticks(numcountries, LABELS)
             ax1.set_title("Average Social Spending from 1980-2015", fontsize = 12, fontw
             ax1.spines["top"].set visible(False)
             ax1.spines["right"].set_visible(False)
             for i, v in enumerate(countriesmean):
                  plt.text(numcountries[i] - 0.45, v + 0.19, str(round(v, 2))+"%")
             plt.xlabel('OECD Countries')
             plt.ylabel('% of GDP')
             countries2015 = [CAGRsocialspending(social, "IRL", 1980, 2015), CAGRsocialspen
             LABELS2 = ["IRL", "DEU", "DNK", "CAN", "ESP", "FRA", "USA", "AUS", "JPN"]
             ax2 = plt.subplot(2,2,2)
             plt.bar(numcountries,countries2015,color = ["paleturquoise", "paleturquoise"]
             plt.xticks(numcountries, LABELS2)
             ax2.set_title("CAGR in Social Spending from 1980-2015",fontsize = 12, fontwe
             ax2.spines["top"].set visible(False)
             ax2.spines["right"].set_visible(False)
             for i, v in enumerate(countries2015):
                  plt.text(numcountries[i] - 0.40, v + 0.02, str(round(v, 2))+"%")
             plt.xlabel('OECD Countries')
             plt.ylabel('% Growth per year')
             #plt.savefig("AVG SOC.png", bbox inches = "tight", dpi = 1200)
             plt.show()
```



From the graph on the left, we can observe that Japan has had lower average social spending compared to other OECD countries. This is because of Japan's smaller focus on social spending before 2000. The US is around the average of OECD Countries in mean social spending between

1980 and 2015.

If we look at the graph on the right, we observe immediately that Japan's social spending has the largest Compounded Annual Growth Rate. I want to now venture into why Japan's social spending CAGR is so high. The US is again around average for these OECD Countries.

Section 2: Japan and United States Break down of Social Spending and focus on Old Age Social Spending

Now I want to look at what specific factors are affecting the growth in Social Spending. I am now going to use the <u>Aggregated Social Expenditures Database</u> (https://stats.oecd.org/BrandedView.aspx?oecd_bv_id=socx-data-en) from the OECD. I am going to make a pie chart showing what makes up the social expenditures in the United States and Japan.

Here I will directly import the file from my computer.

```
In [42]:

N soc exp = pd.read csv(url2)

In [43]:
            C:\Users\DNRK1\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\IPython\core\interactiveshell.p
            y:3020: DtypeWarning: Columns (0) have mixed types. Specify dtype option on
            import or set low memory=False.
              interactivity=interactivity, compiler=compiler, result=result)
In [44]: N soc_exp["Source"].unique()
            #we need to add Public and Private
   Out[44]: array(['Public', 'Mandatory private', 'Voluntary private', 'Net Public',
                   'Net Total', 'Private (Mandatory and Voluntary)'], dtype=object)
In [45]:
            soc exp["Measure"].unique()
            # We need in percentage of GDP
   Out[45]: array(['At current prices in national currency, in millions',
                   'At constant prices (2010) in national currency, in millions',
                   'Per head, at current prices and current PPPs, in US dollars',
                   'In percentage of Gross Domestic Product',
                   'In percentage of Gross National Income',
                   'In percentage of Total General Government Expenditure',
                   'Per head, at constant prices (2010) and constant PPPs (2010), in US
            dollars',
                   'In percentage of Net National Income'], dtype=object)
```

Now I am going to clean the database to include only Japan, set index to years, set units to percentage of GDP, filter by total expenditure and total programme.

```
soc exp.set index("Year", inplace = True)
In [47]:
               #soc_exp = soc_exp.fillna(0)
In [48]:
               jpnsoc_exp = soc_exp[soc_exp["Country"]=="Japan"]
In [49]:
               jpnsoc exp gdp = jpnsoc exp[jpnsoc exp["Measure"]=="In percentage of Gross D
In [50]:
               jpnsoc_exp_gdp
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Here I isolate one branch so that I can later scale this process into a function.

```
jpnage= jpn2[jpn2["Branch"] == "Old age"]
In [53]:
             jpn3 = jpnage[jpnage["Source"]== "Public"]
In [54]:
             jpn3["Value"].mean()
   Out[54]: 6.222250000000001
             jpn4 = jpnage[jpnage["Source"]=="Private (Mandatory and Voluntary)"]
In [55]:
             jpn4["Value"].mean()
   Out[55]: 1.53025
             jpn5 = jpn3.copy()
In [56]:
             jpn5["Value"] = jpn4["Value"] + jpn3["Value"]
In [57]:
             jpn5["Source"] = "Net Total"
             jpn5
   Out[57]:
```

	SOURCE	Source	BRANCH	Branch	TYPEXP	Type of Expenditure	TYPROG	Type of Programme	
Year									
1980	10	Net Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	
1985	10	Net Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	
4000	40	Net	4	Old	^	Takal	^	T-4-1	

Now I'm going to write a function that inputs a dataframe, a country, a branch of social expenditures ('Old age', 'Survivors', 'Incapacity related', 'Health', 'Family','Active labour market programmes', 'Unemployment', 'Housing','Other social policy areas'), and then outputs the average contribution of each Social Expenditure Branch toward the total average social expenditure.

```
In [58]:
            def meanbranch(df, country, branch):
                df1 = df[df["Country"]==country]
                df2 = df1[df1["Measure"] == "In percentage of Gross Domestic Product"]
                df3 = df2[df2["Type of Expenditure"] == "Total"]
                df4 = df3[df3["Type of Programme"]== "Total"]
                df5 = df4[df4["Branch"] == branch]
                if branch == "Active labour market programmes":
                    df6 = df5[df5["Source"]== "Public"]
                    return df6["Value"].mean()
                elif branch == "Unemployment":
                    df6 = df5[df5["Source"]== "Public"]
                    return df6["Value"].mean()
                elif branch == "Housing":
                    df6 = df5[df5["Source"]== "Public"]
                    return df6["Value"].mean()
                #there are a lot of else if's because the OECD is missing a lot of data
                #the public domain will suffice.
                elif branch == "Survivors":
                    df6 = df5[df5["Source"]== "Public"]
                    return df6["Value"].mean()
                elif branch == "Family":
                    df6 = df5[df5["Source"]== "Public"]
                    return df6["Value"].mean()
                else:
                    df6 = df5[df5["Source"]== "Public"]
                    df7 = df5[df5["Source"] == "Private (Mandatory and Voluntary)"]
                    df8 = df6.copy()
                    df8["Value"] = df6["Value"] + df7["Value"]
                    df8["Source"] = "Net Total"
                    return df8.iloc[0:8]["Value"].mean()
        In [59]:
   Out[59]: 7.7525000000000001
Out[60]: 1.1155
            meanbranch(soc exp, "Japan", "Incapacity related")
In [61]:
   Out[61]: 0.85333333333333334
In [62]:  ▶ | meanbranch(soc exp, "Japan", "Health")
   Out[62]: 6.516
```

```
In [63]: ▶ meanbranch(soc exp, "Japan", "Family")
  Out[63]: 0.71225
In [64]: ▶ | meanbranch(soc_exp, "Japan", "Active labour market programmes")
  Out[64]: 0.23433333333333333
In [65]: ▶ | meanbranch(soc_exp, "Japan", "Unemployment")
  Out[65]: 0.369
Out[66]: 0.054875
Out[67]: 0.241
In [68]:  h branchlist = ['Old age', 'Survivors', 'Incapacity related', 'Health', 'Famil'
In [69]:
     In [70]:
     In [71]: ▶ japsummean
  Out[71]: 17.848791666666667
     Here I add each componenet of social spending into "jap mean list" and then sum it
Out[72]: 0.4343431278027692
```

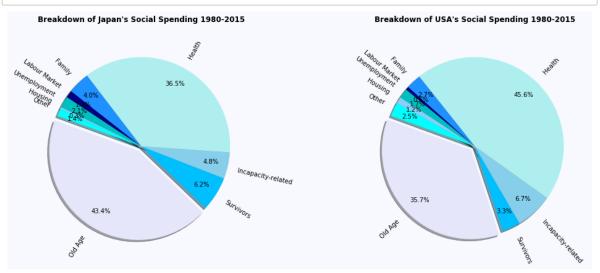
```
▶ | jap_pie_list = []
In [73]:
            for x in jap_mean_list:
                z = (x/japsummean)
                jap_pie_list.append(z)
            #this for loop inputs the mean of the each social spending branch then compu
In [74]:
            jap_pie_list
   Out[74]: [0.4343431278027692,
             0.06249722787023398,
             0.04780902535419065,
             0.3650667295405151,
             0.03990466208029955,
             0.013128806571873448,
             0.020673668385581656,
             0.003074437812083451,
             0.01350231458245306]
            USA mean list = [meanbranch(soc exp, "United States", "Old age"), meanbranch(
In [75]:
In [76]:
            USA_mean_list
   Out[76]: [8.593,
             1.62475000000000001,
             10.981375,
             0.141250000000000001,
             0.4211111111111116,
             0.601875]
```

<u>Section 2: Breakdown of Japan and US's Social Spending 1980-</u> 2015

```
In [77]:

    fig = plt.figure(figsize= (15,10))

             fig.patch.set_facecolor('ghostwhite')
             ax1 = fig.add_axes([0, 0, .5, .5], aspect=1)
             branches = 'Old Age', 'Survivors', 'Incapacity-related', 'Health', 'Family',
             size1 = jap pie list
             piecolors = ["lavender", "deepskyblue", "skyblue", "paleturquoise", "dodgerblue"
             pieexplode = (0.06,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0)
             plt.pie(size1 ,explode = pieexplode ,labels = branches,colors = piecolors, a
             plt.title("Breakdown of Japan's Social Spending 1980-2015\n", fontsize = 12,
             ax2 = fig.add_axes([.5, .0, .5, .5], aspect=1)
             size2 = USA mean list
             plt.pie(size2 ,explode = pieexplode ,labels = branches,colors = piecolors, a
             plt.title("Breakdown of USA's Social Spending 1980-2015\n", fontsize = 12, f
             #plt.savefig("BreakdownSocialSpending.png", bbox inches = "tight", dpi = 120
             plt.show()
```



From this pie chart, we can see that Social Spending on Old Age programs is the largest part of Japan's social spending at 43.4%. The United States also has high spending on Old Age but Health related social spending is higher. This could be a reason to why Japan's social spending has risen so much.

I now am going to isolate the Old Age related social spending to see how it has moved from 1980-2015.

```
In [78]: M

def oldagebranch(df, country, branch):
    df1 = df[df["Country"]==country]
    df2 = df1[df1["Measure"] == "In percentage of Gross Domestic Product"]
    df3 = df2[df2["Type of Expenditure"] == "Total"]
    df4 = df3[df3["Type of Programme"]== "Total"]
    df5 = df4[df4["Branch"] == branch]

df6 = df5[df5["Source"]== "Public"]
    df7 = df5[df5["Source"] == "Private (Mandatory and Voluntary)"]

df8 = df6.copy()
    df8["Value"] = df6["Value"] + df7["Value"]
    df8["Source"] = "Net_Total"
    df8 = df8.iloc[0:8]
    return df8
```

Out[79]:

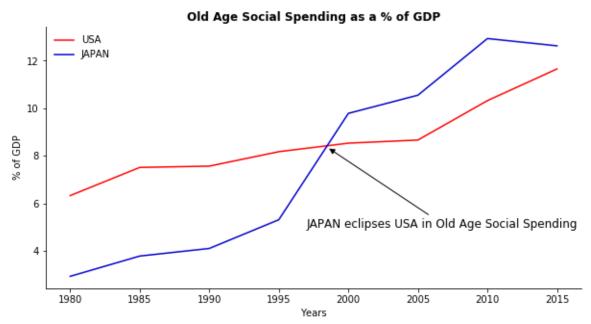
	SOURCE	Source	BRANCH	Branch	TYPEXP	Type of Expenditure	TYPROG	Type of Programme	
Year									
1980	10	Net_Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	PC
1985	10	Net_Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	PC
1990	10	Net_Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	PC
1995	10	Net_Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	PC
2000	10	Net_Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	PC
2005	10	Net_Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	PC
2010	10	Net_Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	PC
2015	10	Net_Total	1	Old age	0	Total	0	Total	PC

8 rows × 22 columns

```
J ja_df["Value"]
In [80]:
    Out[80]: Year
             1980
                      2.934
             1985
                      3.787
             1990
                      4.105
             1995
                      5.313
                      9.783
             2000
                     10.547
             2005
             2010
                     12.929
             2015
                     12.622
             Name: Value, dtype: float64
             us_df = oldagebranch(soc_exp, "United States", "Old age")
In [81]:
             us df["Value"]
In [82]:
    Out[82]: Year
             1980
                      6.327
             1985
                      7.512
             1990
                      7.566
             1995
                      8.173
             2000
                      8.532
             2005
                      8.663
             2010
                      10.320
                      11.651
             2015
             Name: Value, dtype: float64
             jpnCAGR = ((ja_df.iloc[-1]["Value"]/ja_df.iloc[0]["Value"])**(1/35) - 1)*100
In [83]: ▶
             jpnCAGR
    Out[83]: 4.256898686837585
             USCAGR = ((us_df.iloc[-1]["Value"]/us_df.iloc[0]["Value"])**(1/35) - 1)*100
In [84]:
             USCAGR
    Out[84]: 1.7597785906666719
In [85]:
             CAGRLIST = [USCAGR, jpnCAGR]
             CAGRLIST
   Out[85]: [1.7597785906666719, 4.256898686837585]
```

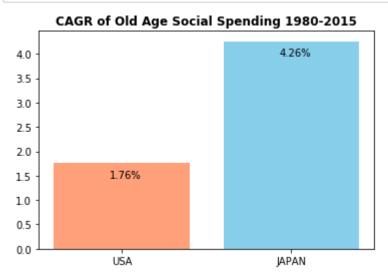
Section 2: Old Age Social Spending as a % of GDP

```
In [86]:
             fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10,5))
             ax.plot(us_df.index, us_df["Value"], color = "red", label = "USA")
             ax.plot(ja df.index, ja df["Value"], color = "mediumblue", label = "JAPAN")
             ax.set title("Old Age Social Spending as a % of GDP", fontsize = 12, fontwei
             ax.legend(frameon=False)
             ax.spines["top"].set_visible(False)
             ax.spines["right"].set visible(False)
             plt.xlabel('Years')
             plt.ylabel('% of GDP')
             ax.annotate(
                  "JAPAN eclipses USA in Old Age Social Spending",
                 xy=(1998.5, 8.35), # This is where we point at...
                 xycoords="data", # Not exactly sure about this
                 xytext=(1997, 5), # This is about where the text is
                 horizontalalignment="left", # How the text is alined
                 arrowprops={
                     "arrowstyle": "-|>", # This is stuff about the arrow
                     "color": "black"
                 },
                 fontsize=12,
             )
             #plt.savefig("OldageSS.png", bbox inches = "tight", dpi = 1200)
             plt.show()
```



We can see that between 1995 and 2000, Japan surpassed the US in Old Age Social Spending. The Japanese Old age social spending has increased from below 4% to over 12% since 1980.

Section 2: CAGR of Old Age Social Spending 1980-2015



The CAGR in Old Age Social Spending was far larger for Japan than the US between 1980 and 2015. This may be a sign that population age increase has caused a large rise in social spending for Japan.

I want to now see how the average medium population at these times have a correlation to the increase in Old Age Social Spending.`

Section 3: Japan and United States Medium Age Trends and Medium Age and Old Age Correlative Analysis

Here I am importing the medium population age dataframe from the <u>United Nations Population Prospects (https://population.un.org/wpp/Download/Standard/Population/)</u>

Out[89]:

	Unnamed: 0	Unnamed: 1	Unnamed: 2	Unnamed: 3	Unnamed: 4	Unn
0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
1	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
2	United Nations	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
3	Population Division	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
4	Department of Economic and Social Affairs	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
5	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
6	World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
7	File POP/5: Median age by region, subregion an	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	

Out[90]:

	Unnamed: 0	Unnamed: 1	Unnamed: 2	Unnamed:	Unnamed: 4	Unnamed: 5	Unnamed: 6
14	Index	Variant	Region, subregion, country or area *	Notes	Country code	1950	1955.000000
15	1	Estimates	WORLD	NaN	900	23.5898	23.143139
16	2	Estimates	More developed regions	а	901	28.4823	28.975673
17	3	Estimates	Less developed regions	b	902	21.452	20.696901
18	4	Estimates	Least developed	С	941	19.3646	19.080937

In [91]: M medium.columns = medium.iloc[0]
 medium

Out[91]:

14	Index	Variant	Region, subregion, country or area *	Notes	Country code	1950	1955.0	1960.0	
14	Index	Variant	Region, subregion, country or area *	Notes	Country code	1950	1955.000000	1960.000000	
15	1	Estimates	WORLD	NaN	900	23.5898	23.143139	22.689060	
16	2	Estimates	More developed regions	а	901	28.4823	28.975673	29.536944	
17	3	Estimates	Less developed regions	b	902	21.452	20.696901	20.035858	
			Least						

In [92]: M medium.set_index("Index",inplace = True)

Out[93]:

14	Variant	Region, subregion, country or area *	Notes	Country code	1950	1955.0	1960.0	1965.0	1970.0	1975.0	1
Index											
83	Estimates	Japan	NaN	392	22.349	23.582	25.389	27.175	28.776	30.264	

In [96]:

```
japtrans = japmedage.T
In [94]:
                japtrans
    Out[94]:
                                             Index
                                                         83
                                               14
                                           Variant Estimates
                 Region, subregion, country or area *
                                                       Japan
                                            Notes
                                                        NaN
                                     Country code
                                                         392
                                             1950
                                                      22.349
                                            1955.0
                                                      23.582
                                            1960.0
                                                      25.389
                                            1965.0
                                                      27.175
                                            1970.0
                                                      28.776
                                            1975.0
                                                      30.264
                                            1980.0
                                                       32.55
                                            1985.0
                                                      35.004
                                            1990.0
                                                      37.282
                                            1995.0
                                                      39.397
                                            2000.0
                                                      41.205
                                            2005.0
                                                      43.004
                                            2010.0
                                                      44.655
                                            2015.0
                                                      46.348
                japtrans.reset_index(inplace = True)
In [95]:
```

japtrans.columns = japtrans.iloc[1]

```
In [97]:
                japtrans
     Out[97]:
                     Region, subregion, country or area *
                                                          Japan
                  0
                                               Variant Estimates
                   1
                        Region, subregion, country or area *
                                                          Japan
                   2
                                                            NaN
                                                Notes
                   3
                                                            392
                                          Country code
                                                          22.349
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                                                 1950
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                                                 1955
                                                          23.582
                                                 1960
                                                          25.389
                   6
                  7
                                                 1965
                                                          27.175
                   8
                                                 1970
                                                          28.776
                  9
                                                 1975
                                                          30.264
                 10
                                                 1980
                                                           32.55
                 japr = japtrans.drop([0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9])
 In [98]:
 In [99]:
                 japr
     Out[99]:
                     Region, subregion, country or area *
                                                       Japan
                 10
                                                 1980
                                                        32.55
                 11
                                                 1985
                                                       35.004
                 12
                                                 1990 37.282
                 13
                                                 1995 39.397
                                                 2000 41.205
                 14
                                                 2005 43.004
                 15
                 16
                                                 2010 44.655
                 17
                                                 2015 46.348
In [100]:
                japr.columns = ["Years", "Mediumage"]
In [101]:
                japr.set_index("Years",inplace = True)
                japr["Country"] = "Japan"
In [102]:
```

```
In [103]:
              japr.index = japr.index.map(int)
              japr["Mediumage"]
In [104]:
   Out[104]: Years
              1980
                       32.55
              1985
                      35.004
                      37.282
              1990
              1995
                      39.397
                      41.205
              2000
              2005
                      43.004
              2010
                      44.655
                      46.348
              2015
              Name: Mediumage, dtype: object
In [105]:
              def cleanpop(df,Country):
                  df = df.drop([0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13])
                  df.columns = df.iloc[0]
                  df.set index("Index", inplace = True)
                  df1 = df[df["Region, subregion, country or area *"]==Country]
                  df2 = df1.T
                  df2.reset index(inplace = True)
                  df2.columns = df2.iloc[1]
                  df3 = df2.drop([0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9])
                  df3.columns = ["Years","Mediumage"]
                  df3.set index("Years", inplace = True)
                  df3.index = df3.index.map(int)
                  df3["Country"] = Country
                  df3["Mediumage"] = df3.Mediumage.astype(float)
                  return df3
In [106]:
              USMED = cleanpop(mediumage, "United States of America")
              USMED
```

Country

Out[106]:

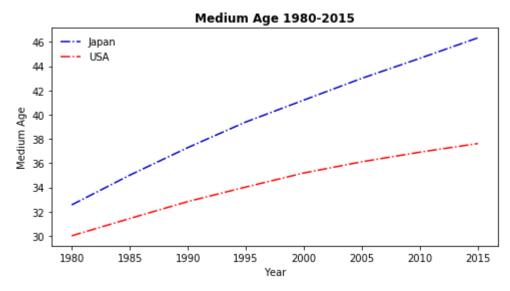
Years		
1980	29.997	United States of America
1985	31.427	United States of America
1990	32.826	United States of America
1995	34.027	United States of America
2000	35.186	United States of America
2005	36.113	United States of America
2010	36.907	United States of America
2015	37.621	United States of America

Mediumage

```
In [107]:
               #pretty cool equation to find any medium age from just the name!
               JPMED = cleanpop(mediumage, "Japan")
               JPMED
    Out[107]:
                      Mediumage Country
                Years
                1980
                          32.550
                                  Japan
                1985
                          35.004
                                  Japan
                1990
                          37.282
                                  Japan
                1995
                          39.397
                                  Japan
                2000
                          41.205
                                  Japan
                2005
                          43.004
                                  Japan
                2010
                          44.655
                                  Japan
                2015
                          46.348
                                  Japan
In [108]:
               JPMED["Mediumage"] = JPMED.Mediumage.astype(float)
               JPMED["Mediumage"].dtypes
    Out[108]: dtype('float64')
In [109]:
               JP_MA_ARRAY = np.array(JPMED["Mediumage"])
               JP MA ARRAY
    Out[109]: array([32.55, 35.004, 37.282, 39.397, 41.205, 43.004, 44.655, 46.348])
In [110]:
               US MA ARRAY = np.array(USMED["Mediumage"])
               US_MA_ARRAY
    Out[110]: array([29.997, 31.427, 32.826, 34.027, 35.186, 36.113, 36.907, 37.621])
```

Section 3: Medium Age from 1980 to 2015

```
In [111]: N
    ax1 = plt.figure(figsize = (8,4))
    ax1 = fig.add_axes([0, 0, .6, .5], aspect= 1)
    plt.plot(JPMED.index ,JP_MA_ARRAY, color = "mediumblue", label = "Japan", li
    plt.plot(USMED.index, US_MA_ARRAY, color = "red", label = "USA", linestyle =
    plt.legend(frameon=False)
    plt.title("Medium Age 1980-2015", fontsize = 12, fontweight = "bold")
    ax1.spines["top"].set_visible(False)
    ax1.spines["right"].set_visible(False)
    plt.xlabel('Year')
    plt.ylabel('Medium Age')
    #plt.savefig("medage.png", bbox_inches = "tight", dpi = 1200)
    plt.show()
```



This shows that Japan's medium age has steadily increased since 1980 at a pace afaster than the US. Japan has had a sharp increase in Medium age, beginning over 32 years old in 1980 and now over 46 years old in 2015. The US has also increased from around 30 years old to over 36 in 2015.

I now want to see how the increase in medium age correlates to social spending for the countries.

```
In [113]: ► JPSS = anybranch(soc_exp, "Japan", "Old age")
JPSS
```

Out[113]:

	Source	Branch	UNIT	Country	Value
Year					
1980	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	Japan	2.934
1985	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	Japan	3.787
1990	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	Japan	4.105
1995	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	Japan	5.313
2000	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	Japan	9.783
2005	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	Japan	10.547
2010	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	Japan	12.929
2015	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	Japan	12.622

Out[114]:

	Source	Branch	UNIT	Country	Value
Year					
1980	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	United States	6.327
1985	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	United States	7.512
1990	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	United States	7.566
1995	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	United States	8.173
2000	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	United States	8.532
2005	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	United States	8.663
2010	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	United States	10.320
2015	Net_Total	Old age	PCT_GDP	United States	11.651

I make Arrays here so I can run the Numpy correlation coefficient equation

```
In [116]:
              jp_va_array = np.array(JPSS["Value"])
              jp_va_array
   Out[116]: array([ 2.934, 3.787, 4.105, 5.313, 9.783, 10.547, 12.929, 12.622])
             np.corrcoef(JP MA ARRAY, jp va array)
In [117]:
   Out[117]: array([[1.
                                , 0.95505619],
                     [0.95505619, 1.
                                            ]])
In [118]:
              np.corrcoef(US_MA_ARRAY,us_va_array)
   Out[118]: array([[1.
                          , 0.91846898],
                     [0.91846898, 1.
                                            ]])
```

Now, I need an equation to plot a linear regression of these two data points. I use this <u>source (https://stackoverflow.com/questions/22239691/code-for-best-fit-straight-line-of-a-scatter-plot-in-python)</u> to help me

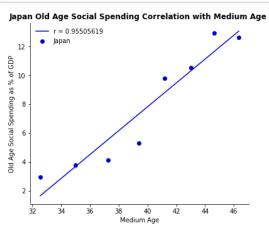
```
In [119]:

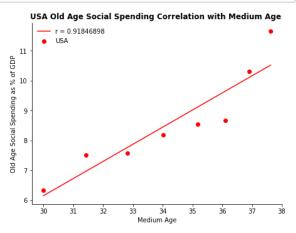
    def linearreg(dataX, dataY):

                #ybar = m(xbar) + b
                xbar = sum(dataX)/len(dataX)
                ybar = sum(dataY)/len(dataY)
                n = len(dataX)
                top = 0
                top = sum([xi*yi for xi,yi in zip(dataX,dataY)]) - n*xbar*ybar
                bot = sum([xi**2 for xi in dataX]) - n * xbar**2
                m = top/bot
                b = ybar - m * xbar
                return m, b
In [120]:
         j_m,j_b = linearreg(JP_MA_ARRAY,jp_va_array)
          In [121]:
In [122]:
          j_yfit
   Out[122]: [1.643508063786964,
             3.674700030790678,
             5.560215638302683,
             7.310815071967259,
             8.807308583109357,
             10.296352734959267,
             11.662896311782067,
             13.064203565301742
In [123]:
         u_yfit = [u_b +u_m*xi for xi in US_MA_ARRAY]
             u yfit
   Out[123]: [6.14458022197465,
             6.965311652489476,
             7.768251003042096,
             8.45755061706189,
             9.122744832423205,
             9.6547854170996,
             10.11049223935748,
              10.5202840165516]
```

<u>Section 3: Linear Regression of Medium Age and Old Age Social Spending</u>

```
In [124]:
              fig= plt.figure(figsize = (10,8))
              ax1 = fig.add axes([0, 0, .6, .5], aspect=1)
              plt.scatter(JP_MA_ARRAY, jp_va_array, color = "mediumblue", label = "Japan")
              plt.plot(JP_MA_ARRAY,j_yfit, color = "mediumblue",label = "r = 0.95505619")
              plt.title("Japan Old Age Social Spending Correlation with Medium Age ", font
              ax1.spines["top"].set_visible(False)
              ax1.spines["right"].set_visible(False)
              plt.xlabel('Medium Age')
              plt.ylabel('Old Age Social Spending as % of GDP')
              plt.legend(frameon=False)
              ax2 = fig.add axes([.7, .0, .6, .5], aspect = 1)
              plt.scatter(US MA ARRAY, us va array, color = "red", label = "USA")
              plt.plot(US_MA_ARRAY,u_yfit, color = "r", label = "r = 0.91846898")
              plt.title("USA Old Age Social Spending Correlation with Medium Age ", fontsi
              ax2.spines["top"].set_visible(False)
              ax2.spines["right"].set_visible(False)
              plt.xlabel('Medium Age')
              plt.ylabel('Old Age Social Spending as % of GDP')
              plt.legend(frameon=False)
              #plt.savefig("OldageregressionSS.png", bbox inches = "tight", dpi = 1200)
              plt.show()
```





The correlation for increasing Medium Age with Old Age Social spending in Japan is incredibly high at a correlation coefficient of r = 0.955. From this basic information, we can begin making a hypothesis about increasing medium age as a factor of social spending. The US similarly has a large correlation coefficient at r = 0.918. Although we do not have enough data to make a solid claim about medium age as a coefficient for increased Old Age Social Spending, we can at least hypothesize that it is a large factor.

Conclusion:

In this project, I analyzed the general social spending behavior of OECD countries to narrow down large factors within social spending. I learned that Old Age related social spending is the largest social spending component for Japan and the second largest for the US. From this, I hypothesized that Japan's Old Age Social Spending may be higher because of a higher medium age. I tested this in a linear regression and it turns out the Japan's old age social spending has a higher correlation with a higher medium age than does the US's. This report functions as an initial insight into a larger issue stemming from the projected growth of social spending. In the future, social spending in the US is expected to run the US into a deep Fiscal Deficit. This report hopefully provided an initial insight into how the US could potentially learn from Japan's population issue, which is expected to become an issue for the US.