# IRA Tax Fundamentals and Strategies



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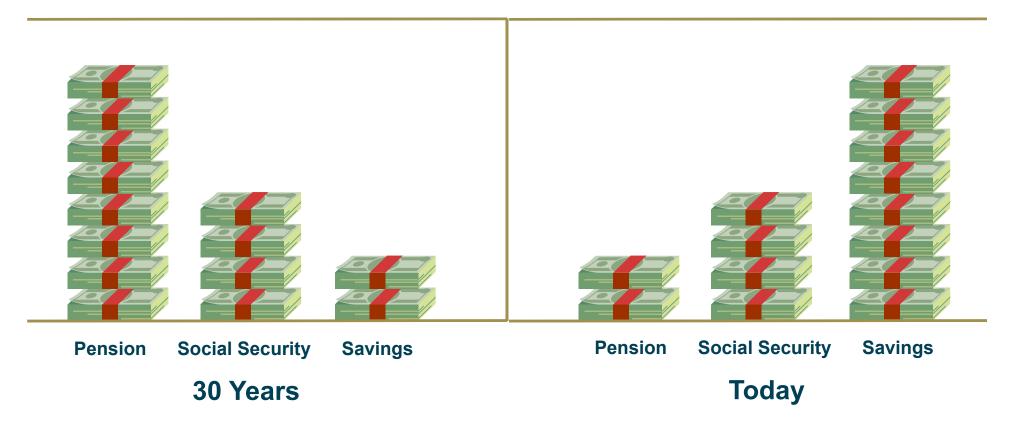
# **Today's Objectives**

Today I'll demonstrate how you can improve your legacy

by describing what IRA investors typically do, & comparing it to two simple but powerful ideas

so you can maximize your IRA legacy potential

## **Sources of Retirement Cash Flow**







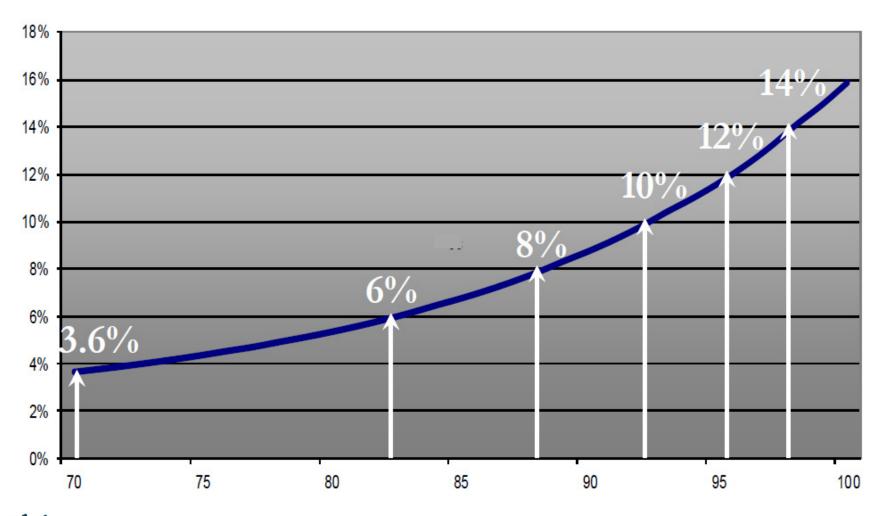
# The dilemma

- Many people who have been successful in saving for retirement have established a large enough nest-egg to be able to create a legacy for their children, grandchildren and favorite charities, leaving them to wonder how to best leverage their qualified or tax advantaged retirement plans.
- A common question is whether IRA owners should take larger withdrawals and pay income taxes now, or whether they should take out as little as possible during their lifetime, leaving a likely income tax burden for their heirs and beneficiaries.





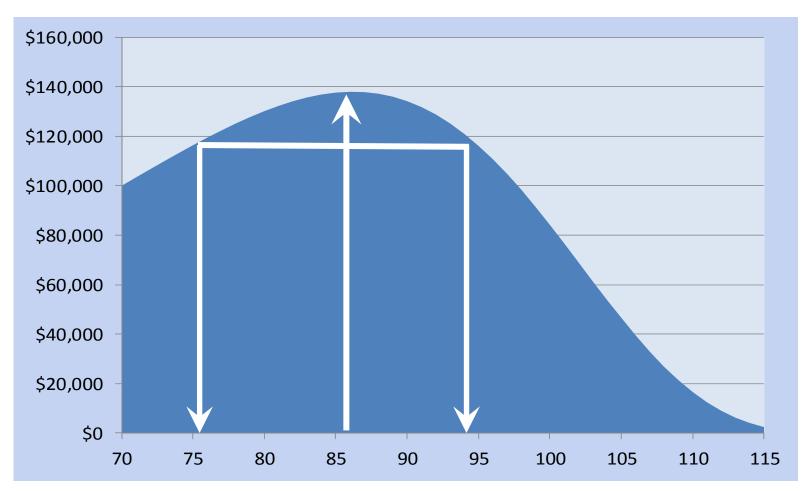
#### RMDs vs. Account Value







# **Projected IRA Values**



\$100,000 IRA; 7% hypothetical annual return

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# **RMD Table**

Age	Uniform Table Divisor	Single-Life Table Divisor	Age	Uniform Table Divisor	Single-Life Table Divisor	Age	Uniform Table Divisor	Single-Life Table Divisor
70	27.4	17.0	86	14.1	7.1	102	5.5	2.5
71	26.5	16.3	87	13.4	6.7	103	5.2	2.3
72	25.6	15.5	88	12.7	6.3	104	4.9	2.1
73	24.7	14.8	89	12.0	5.9	105	4.5	1.9
74	23.8	14.1	90	11.4	5.5	106	4.2	1.7
75	22.9	13.4	91	10.8	5.2	107	3.9	1.5
76	22.0	12.7	92	10.2	4.9	108	3.7	1.4
77	21.2	12.1	93	9.6	4.6	109	3.4	1.2
78	20.3	11.4	94	9.1	4.3	110	3.1	1.1
79	19.5	10.8	95	8.6	4.1	111	2.9	1.0
80	18.7	10.2	96	8.1	3.8	112	2.6	
81	17.9	9.7	97	7.6	3.6	113	2.4	
82	17.1	9.1	98	7.1	3.4	114	2.1	
83	16.3	8.6	99	6.7	3.1	115 +	1.9	
84	15.5	8.1	100	6.3	2.9			
85	14.8	7.6	101	5.9	2.7			





# I.R.D.

Income in Respect of a Decedent



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#### IRD: The Bad News Is. . .

1. No step-up in basis at death

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- 2. Beneficiary pays income tax at owner's death
  - Taxes are calculated at <u>Beneficiary's tax rate</u>
- 3. Deceased IRA owner must include the entire IRA value in his / her estate for estate taxes
  - Even though the \$\$ pass directly to the designated beneficiary!

This is what's known as the "**Double-Tax**"



#### IRD: The Good News Is. . .

# You can overcome these problems, and. . . The IRS gives you tools to do it!

- 1. Stretch the inheritance to spread the taxes over many years and continue tax deferral
- 2. Consider charitable beneficiaries
- 3. NUA Net Unrealized Appreciation
- 4. IRD Deduction: Beneficiary receives an *income* tax deduction for estate taxes paid by owner



#### **Estate Taxes & IRD**

#### IRA values included in decedent's gross estate

- Decedent's estate pays the <u>estate</u> taxes
- Beneficiary pays the <u>income</u> taxes

#### **Unlimited Marital Deduction (since 1982)**

 Allows first-decedent-spouse to pass IRA to surviving spouse without incurring estate tax

#### IRD income-tax-deduction for beneficiary's

For the estate taxes attributable to the IRA

#### The Problem???

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Decedent's CPA vs. Beneficiary's CPA



## IRA Estate Tax Example: Theory vs. Reality

Decedent Beneficiary

Output

Decedent Beneficiary





# IRA Estate Tax Example: Theory vs. Reality

	Decedent		Beneficiary
IRA Value:	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Estate Tax (40%):	<u>- \$400,000</u>		<u>- \$0</u>
Net Value:	\$600,000		\$1,000,000
Income Tax (40%):	<u>- \$0</u>		<u>- \$400,000</u>
Total Taxes:	\$800,000		
% Lost to Tax:	80%		





# IRA Estate Tax Example:

Theory vs. Reality







# **Estate Tax Exclusion: Then and Now**

1997: \$600,000 Per Person

2014: \$5,340,000 Per Person



# Stretching The IRD Deduction

#### Recall the previous example:

- IRA Value = \$1,000,000
- Estate Tax (40%) = \$400,000
- Creates IRD deduction of 40% of the asset

#### Children inherit \$1,000,000

- Stretch = \$80,000 per year for 30 years (over-simplified)
- Estate Tax Deduction = 40%
- So 40% of each stretch payment is excused from income tax until the deduction is used up

#### Each stretch payment is 40% income-tax-free for 12.5 years!

- Unlimited deduction carry-forward
- Can amend prior 3-years' tax-returns



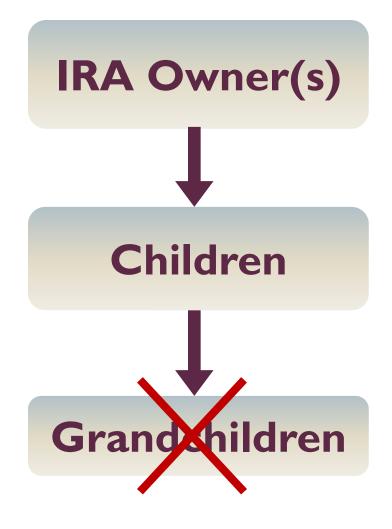


# 2 IRA Wealth Transfer Strategies



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# **Typical IRA Transfer**





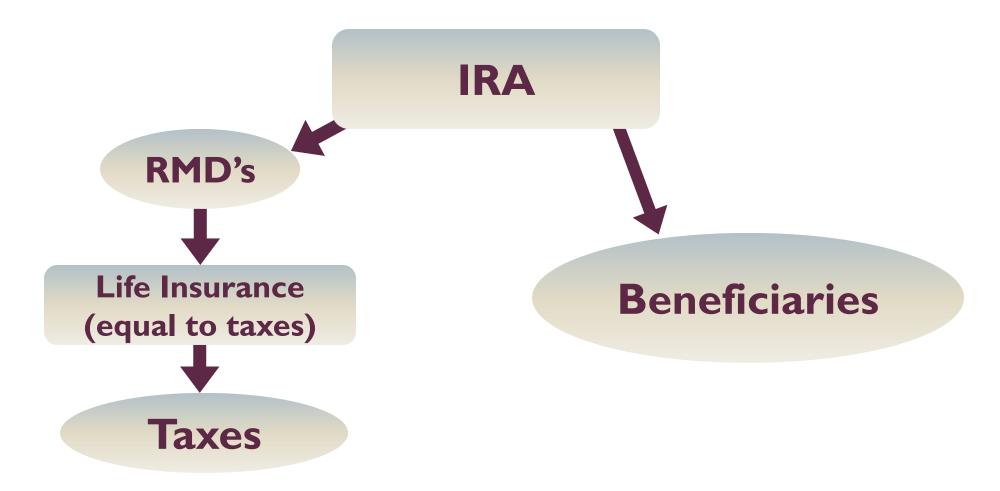
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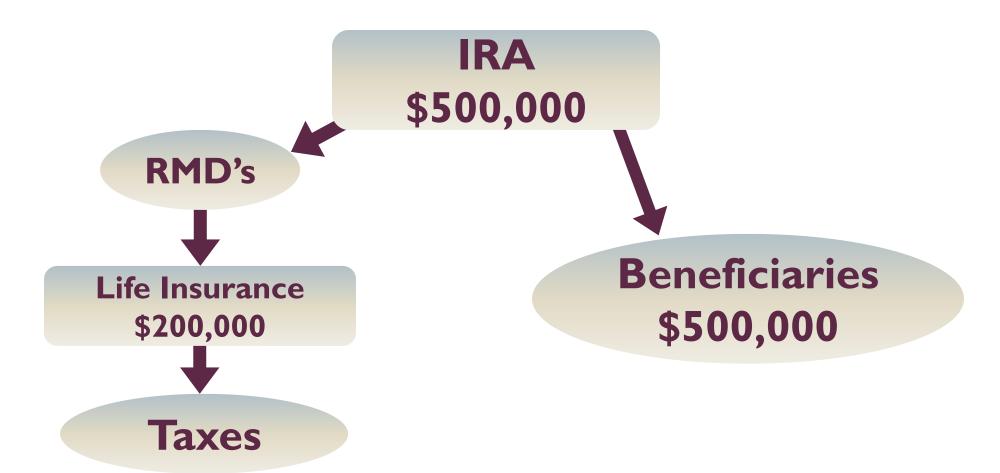
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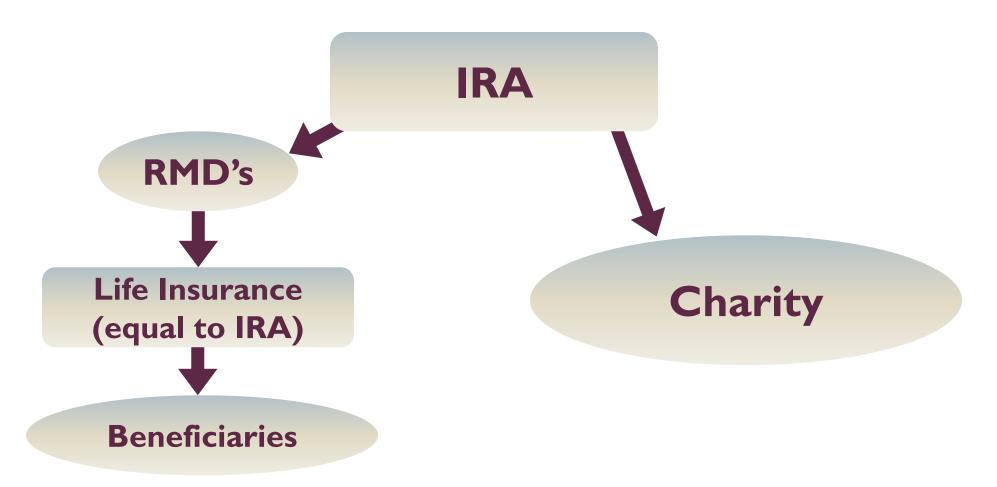
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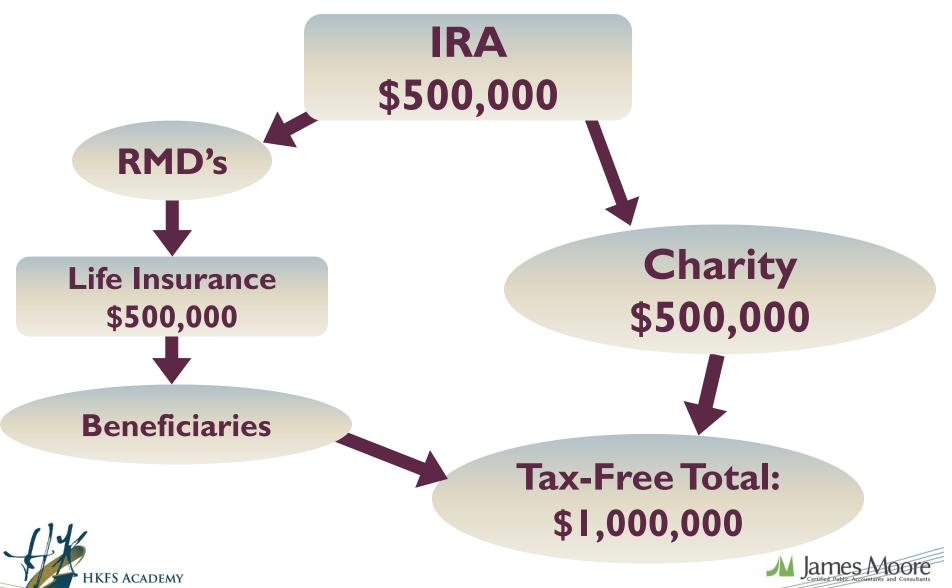
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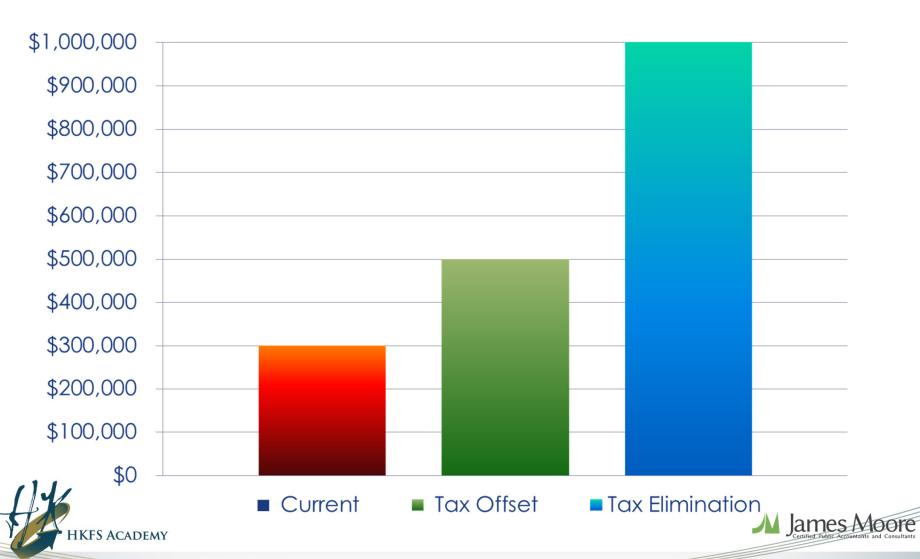


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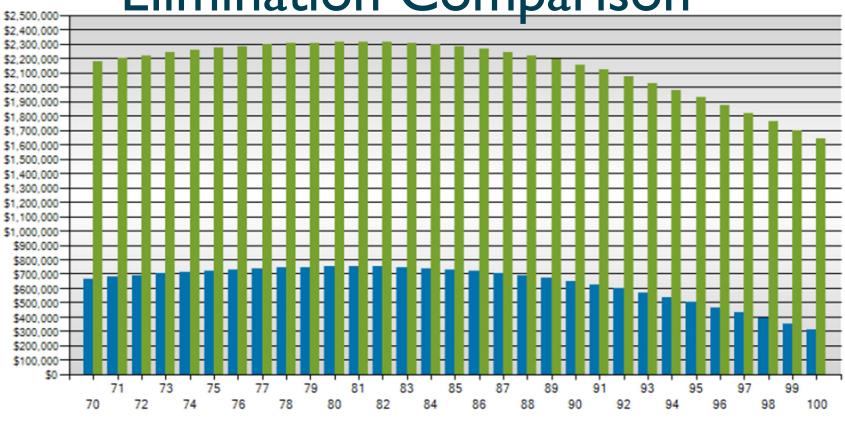


# **Comparison of Strategies**

**Total Net After-Tax Legacy** 



IRA Beneficiary Income Tax Elimination Comparison



Beneficiary's Current Strategy

After-Tax Inheritance

Beneficiary's Proposed Strategy

After-Tax Inheritance





# The "Soft" Close

"I know you qualify for this program financially, but. .

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I don't know if you qualify medically."

You have time to think about it.



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