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National Academy of Sciences in 1999. The NRC placed the number of pathological gamblers among the U.S. adult population at less than 1 percent. This caused the National Gambling Impact Study to conclude the availability of casinos within driving distance does not appear to affect prevalence rates for compulsive gambling. Similar government-sponsored research studies in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Texas all showed statistically stable rates of pathological gambling in those states, as well, despite more legalized gambling. This clearly refutes the notion that the more people gamble, the more likely they are to become pathological gamblers. Myth number two: ten to ten percent of all gamblers have a gambling problem. Fact: gambling's critics tend to grossly overstate the number of the compulsive gamblers. The most recent impartial estimate is, again, approximately 1 percent of the U.S. adult population. And that was from the report I just cited. In the same 1999 report, the National Gambling Impact Study Commission reported this figure to be about 0.9 percent. Furthermore, a 1997 study by Harvard Medical School's Division of Addictions, estimated the number slightly higher at 1.29 percent. The Harvard report was a comprehensive analysis...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...of 120 previously conducted independent studies on problem gambling disorders. Based on the three studies, there appears to be a general consensus that approximately 1 percent or about 3 million people in the U.S. adult population can be classified as pathological gamblers. While a serious issue, this is far less than the numbers of afflicted with other compulsive disorders, such as drug abuse and alcoholism. This is also a far cry from the numbers alleged by opponents of gambling, which has estimated that as many as 15 percent of gamblers are...have a compulsive disorder. Myth number three: the majority of gambling revenues come from addicted gamblers. Fact: opponents claim that up to half of gambling revenues come from problem gamblers. However,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, thank you.