

Commission War & Profitability

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Big commission? No Problem!

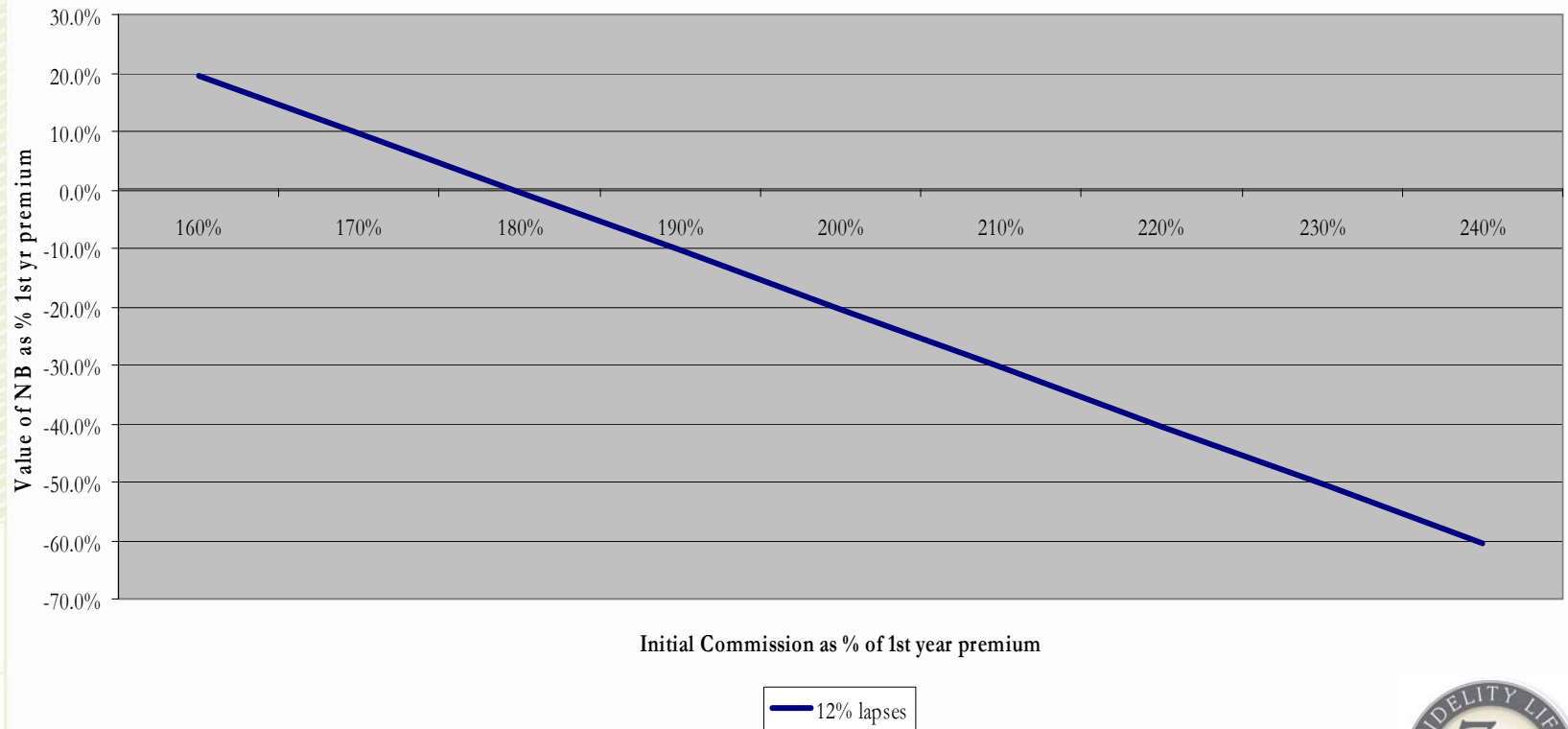


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Whoops!

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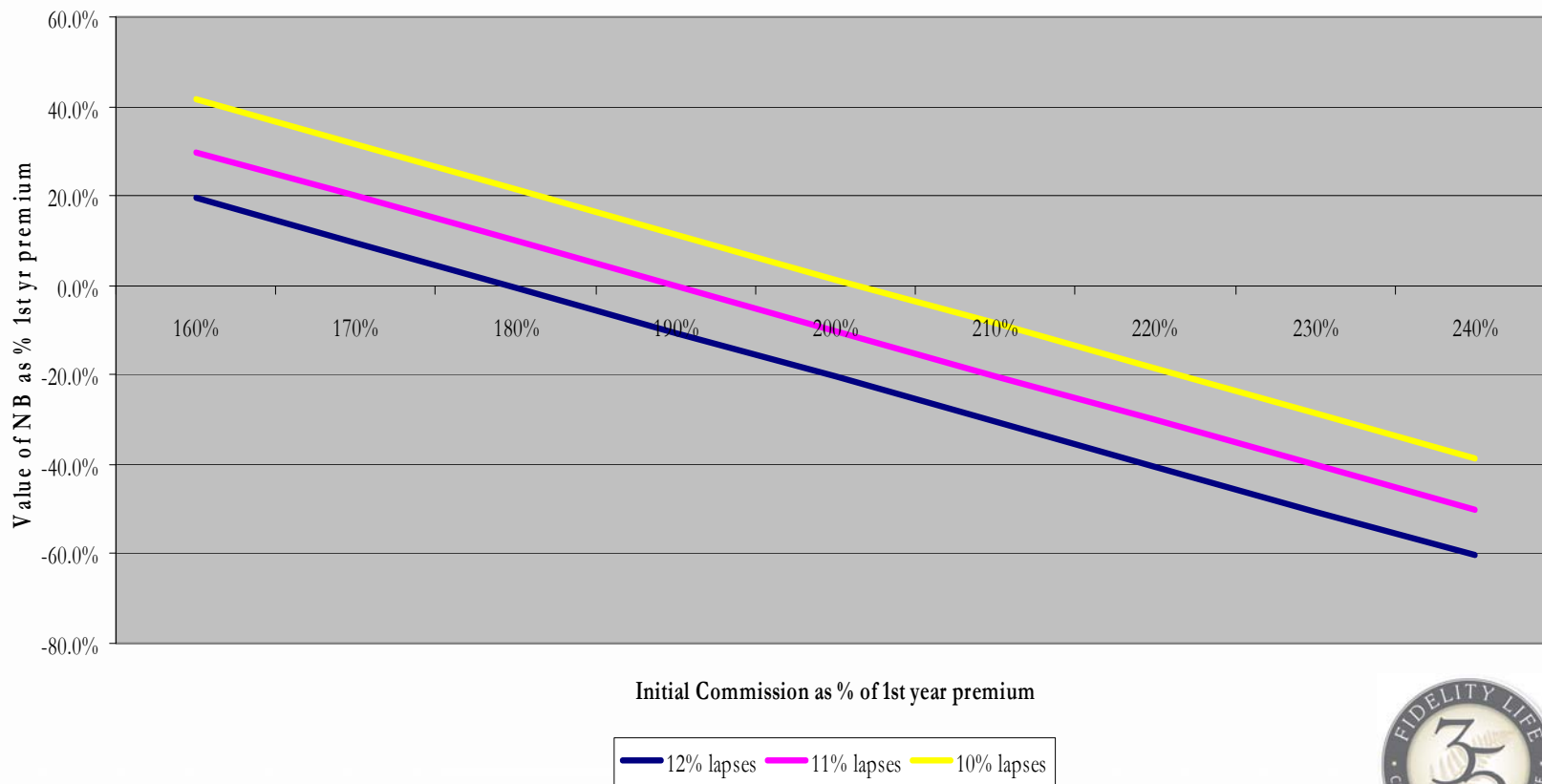
Dividends? Sorry, no money!



Fewer lapses => More Commission

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Let's twist again!



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Sales strategies

- Economies of scale (pay more for bigger share)
- Loss leader (grow share before new tax regime)
- Adjustable bonuses (big payout for good advisers)
- Others are not stupid (let's follow the lemmings)
- We've still got planned profit margins!



Tax on the horizon



Options?

- Less Commission
- Less Profit
- Higher Premiums
 - Life only + 20% to 30%
 - All lines + 10% to 15%



Endangered specie?



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