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What was once "global warming" and "climate change" is now called a "climate crisis."

Activists promoted this new language to frighten people, and it's working. A recent poll found 56% of young people think humanity is doomed.

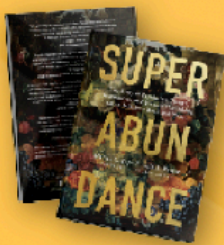
That fatalistic attitude isn't going to solve our problems. Instead, let's try optimism. Humanity has never had it so good, and while we have created some problems, we can solve them.

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Human life expectancy at birth averaged approximately 30 years for most of human history. That was in large part because of the sky-high child mortality rate. As late as 1800, 43 percent of children globally died before the age of 5.

In 1800, life expectancy in Europe and North America started to increase at a sustained rate of about three months per year.

Within a century, people living in the richest parts of the world could expect to live to the age of 50. In 2017, global life expectancy reached 72.4 years, according to the World Bank.



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