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Before April 3, 1860, it took 25 days to send a message 2,000 miles from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. On that day, the innovative Pony Express cut delivery times to 10 days.

The service initially charged \$5 for every half-ounce of mail, the equivalent of 62.5 hours of blue-collar work. In today's wages, that's equal to \$2,187.

18 months later, in 1861, electrons replaced horses as the fastest way to send a message.

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Why does the media fawn over alarmists like Paul Ehrlich while ignoring more optimistic voices?

Our editor gives one reason:

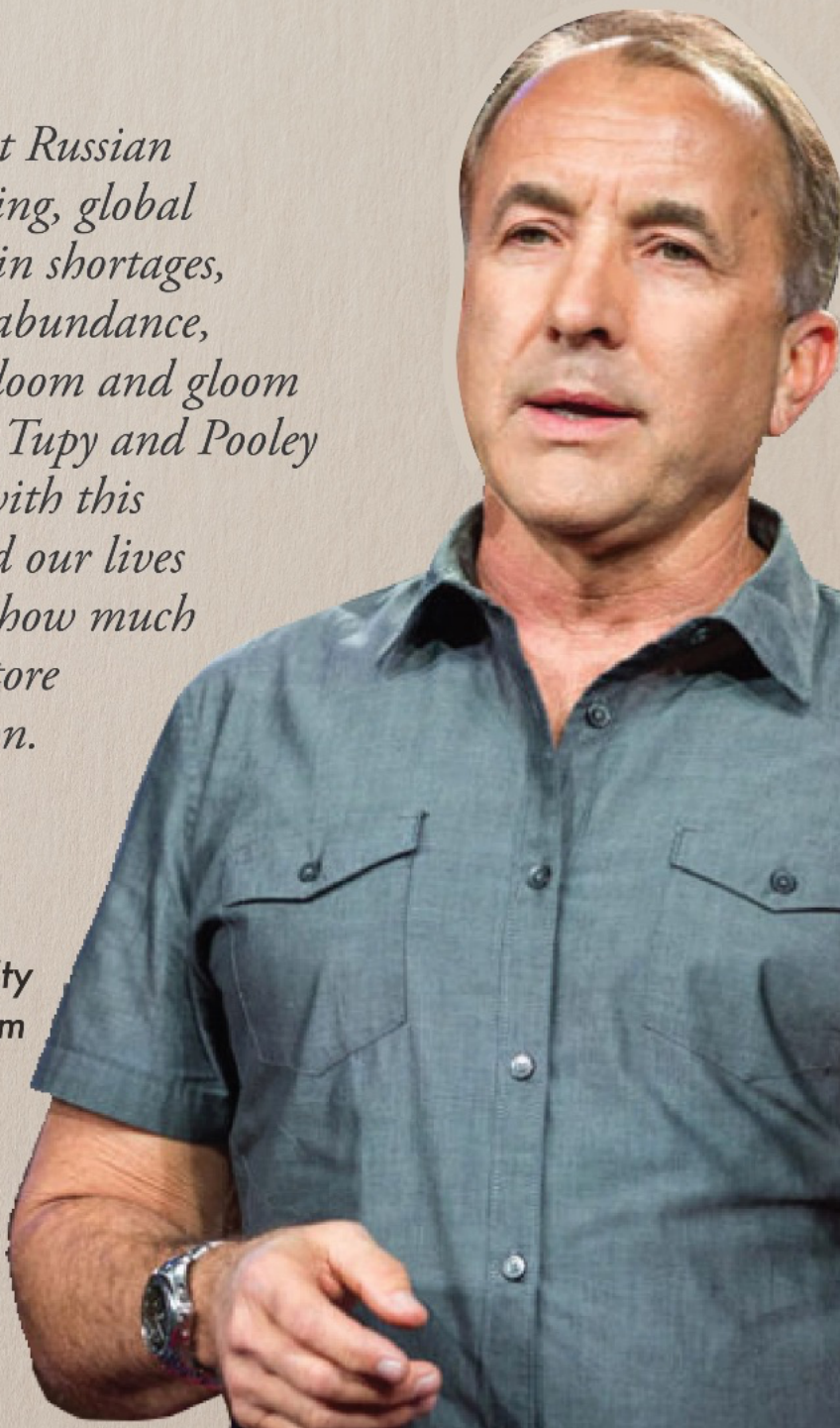
"When you sell the apocalypse, the audience feels like you are deep and that you care. When you discuss rational optimism or 'solutionism,' it feels like you are being glib and uncaring."

[Read more in his interview with James Pethokoukis.](#)

In a tsunami of bad news about Russian revanchism, nuclear saber rattling, global warming, inflation, supply chain shortages, and a pandemic emerges Superabundance, a data-fueled corrective to the doom and gloom the media daily heaps upon us. Tupy and Pooley have done the world a service with this fact-filled reminder of how good our lives are compared to ages past, and how much more human flourishing is in store if we unleash human innovation.

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