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## Xiaogang: How a Village Went Forward While China Went Back

Mao Zedong’s push for collective agriculture during the “Great Leap Forward” devastated rural China.

After suffering through years of poor harvests, the villagers of Xiaogang made a secret agreement: rather than farming as a collective, each family would tend to their own plot of land, keeping the fruits of their labor.

Their experiment with private property was a tremendous success, heralding a period of market liberalization that transformed China into the economic powerhouse it is today.

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Since 1955, the time price of a microwave oven has dropped 99.8 percent.

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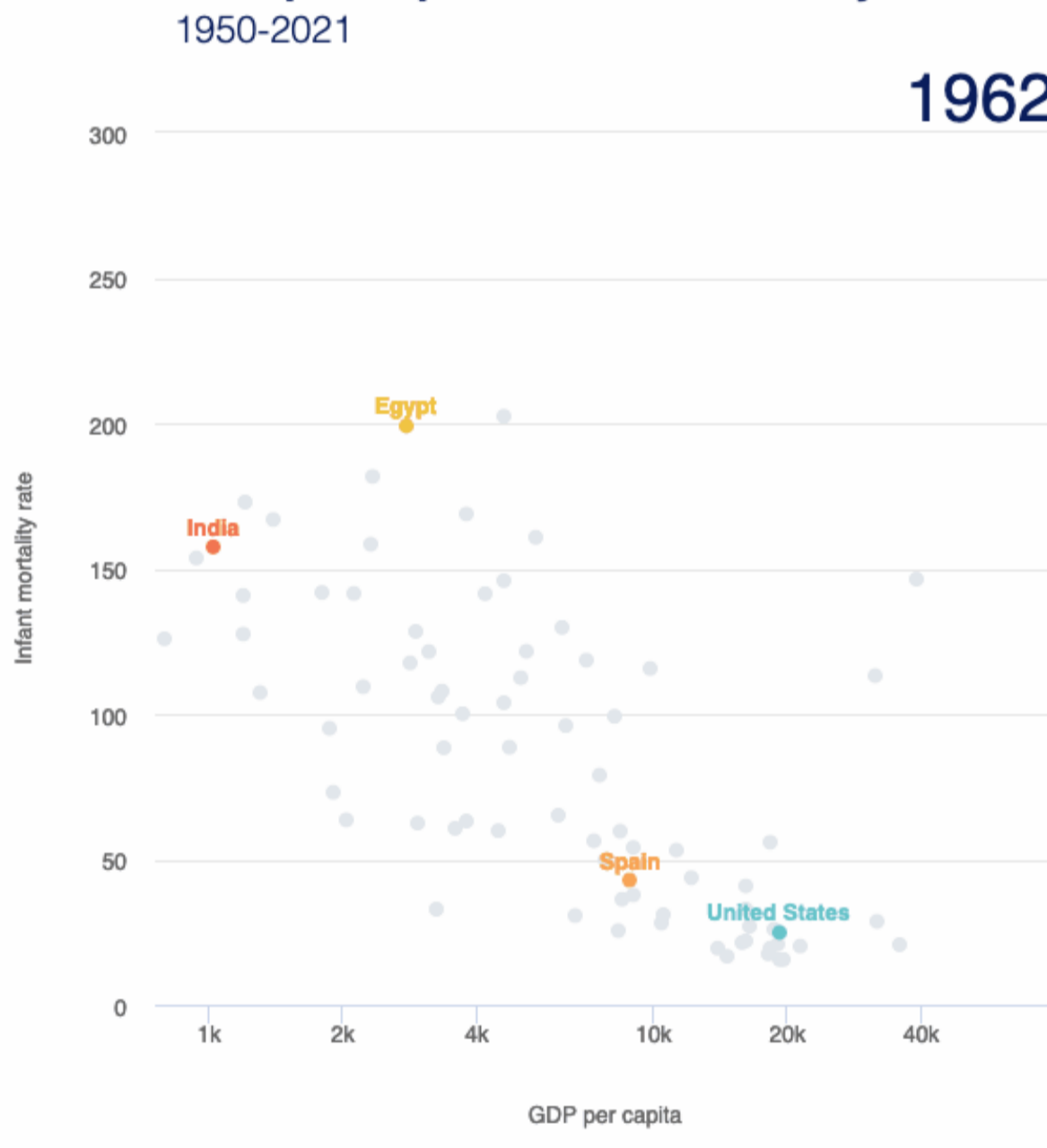
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## Learn More about Centers of Progress

This week, our managing editor Chelsea Follett appeared on the [10 Blocks](#) and [Free the Economy](#) podcasts to discuss [Centers of Progress](#). Click the links above to listen and learn more about the book.



## GDP per capita & Infant mortality rate 1950-2021



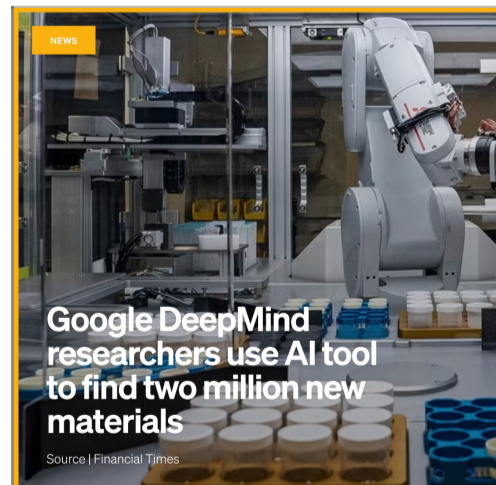
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In the 1960s, only relatively wealthy countries had infant mortality rates below 50 deaths per 1,000 live births.

By 2021, only the very poorest countries had infant mortality rates above that level.

Explore the data

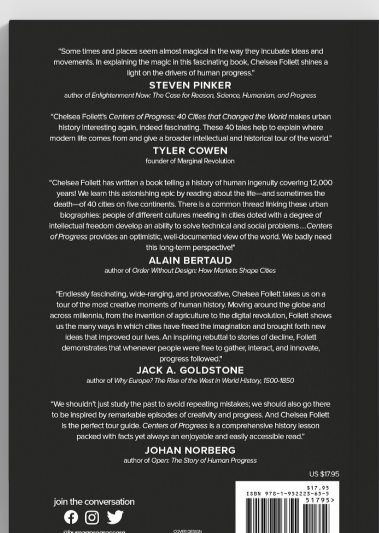
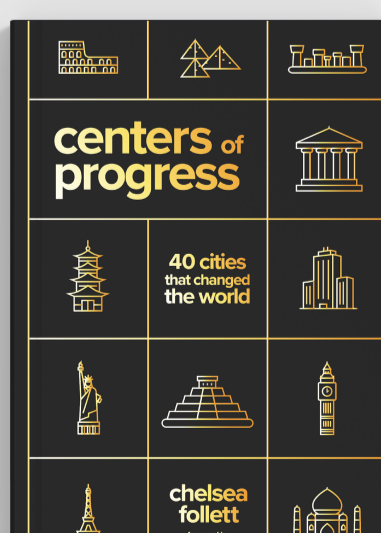
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