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Are Cars Too Expensive in the Year 2024?

The Model T was a great innovation in its day. Between 1908 and 1924, the price fell from \$850 to \$260, or 510 hours of blue-collar work.

Today, a blue-collar worker can earn enough to buy a new Nissan Versa in 446 hours. It's also far faster, safer, and more reliable.

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Turgot and an Early Theory of Progress

The idea that long-term progress is possible is relatively new. One of its earliest proponents was the 18th-century French statesman Turgot.

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Are Autocratizers Overtaking Democratizers?

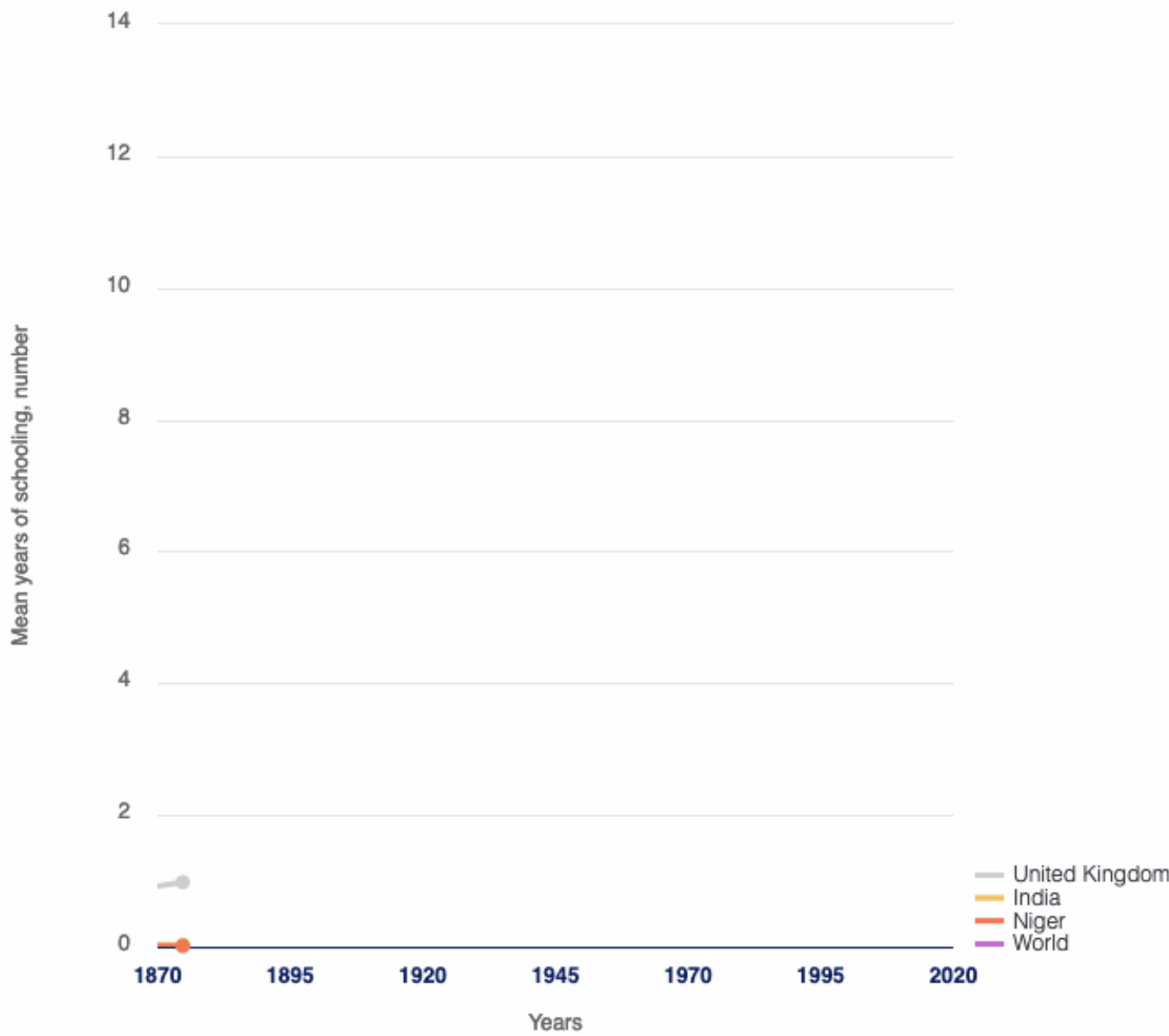
The decline of democracy in the last decade has largely wiped out the past 35 years of improvement

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Mean years of schooling

number, 1870-2020



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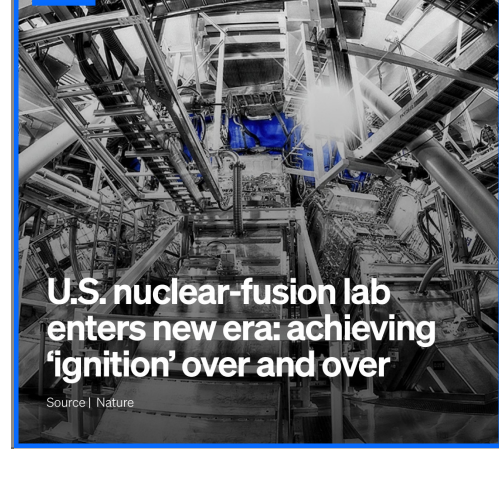


As late as 1870, the average length of schooling for people between the ages of 25 and 64 is estimated to have been about 0.5 years.

Today, the global average is rapidly approaching nine years.

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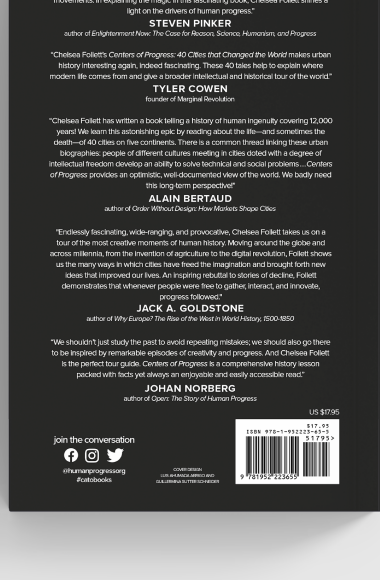
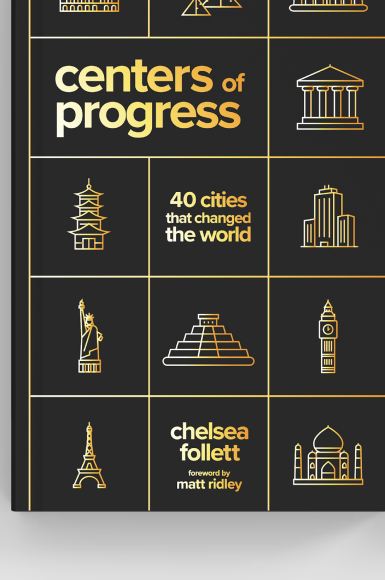


U.S. nuclear-fusion lab enters new era: achieving 'ignition' over and over

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