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## AI Is a Great Equalizer That Will Change the World

In the West, many people are anxious about AI taking their jobs.

That concern is likely overblown—although some jobs will be lost to AI, if history is any guide, new jobs will be created. Furthermore, AI's ability to replace skilled labor is also one of its greatest potential benefits, especially in the developing world.

Much like the mobile phone, which brought information technology to the world's poorest populations, AI promises to bring education, healthcare, and technical knowledge to the places that need them most.

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## Heroes of Progress: An Interview

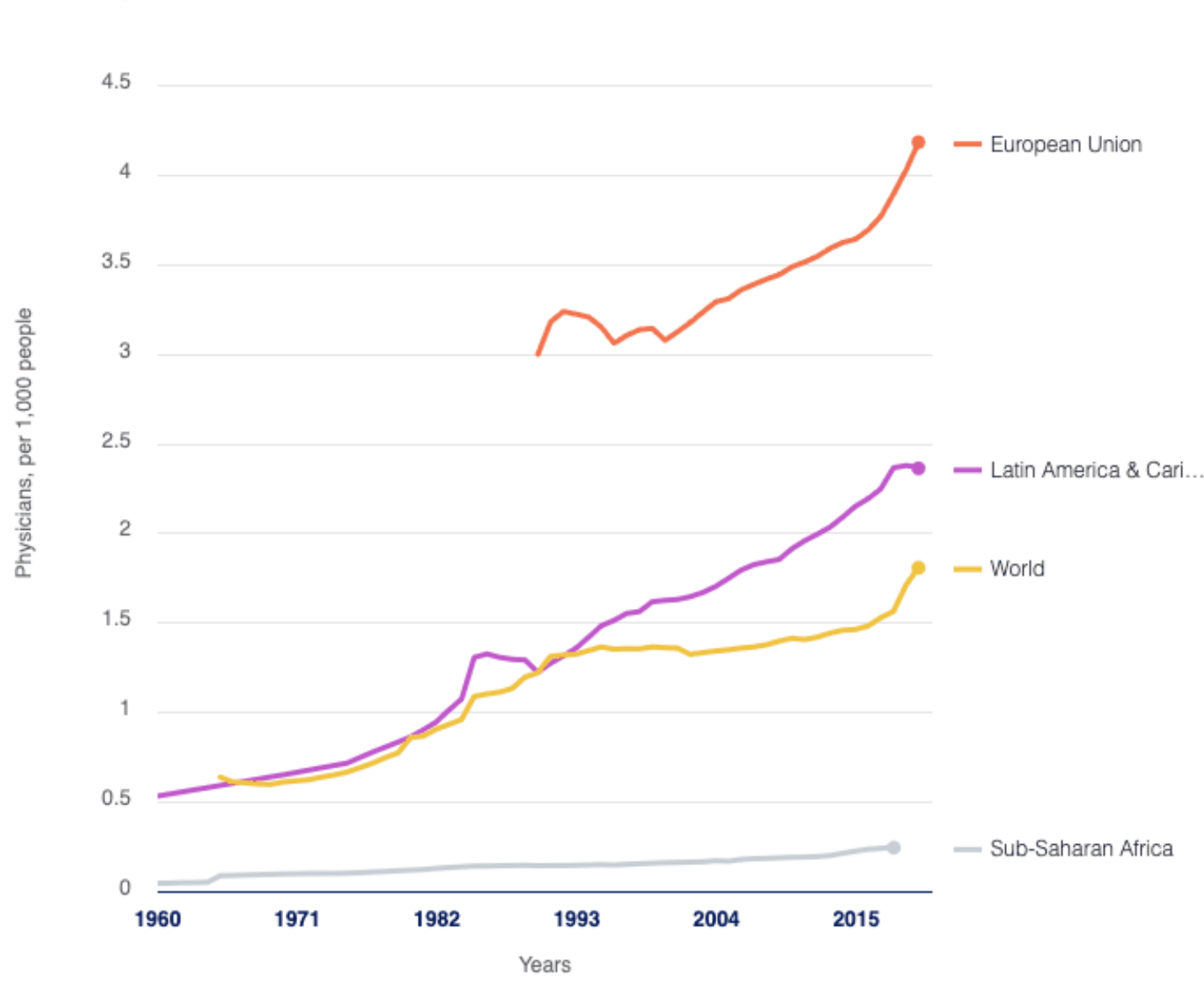
Our latest book, [Heroes of Progress](#), released on Tuesday. In a recent interview, author Alex Hammond explains why he wrote the book, how he chose the heroes, and the conditions that made their innovations possible.

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### Physicians

per 1,000 people, 1960-2021



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For a vision of how much the world has to gain from artificial intelligence, consider medicine.

According to World Bank data, the European Union has around one doctor for every 230 people. In Sub-Saharan Africa, there is one for every 5,000.

In a region with such profound scarcity, AI will not replace physicians, but it may bring their expertise to millions more.

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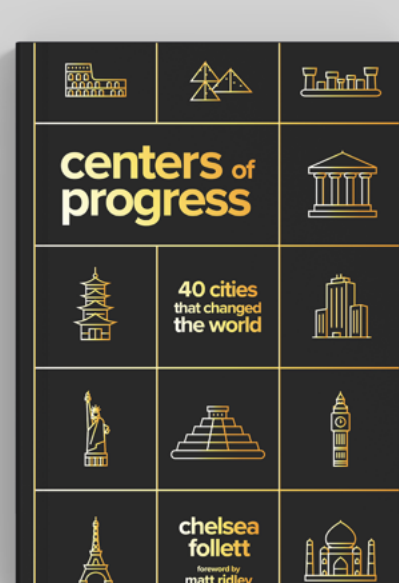
**STEVEN PINKER**  
author of *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress*

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