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What Cosmetic Surgery Innovation Can Teach Us About Healthcare Costs

Healthcare costs in the United States are growing much faster than wages. However, some services are bucking the trend.

Cosmetic surgeries, which are elective and not typically covered by insurance, have become cheaper.

For the time it took to earn the money to pay for one cosmetic procedure in 1998, you could get over two procedures today.

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[Blog Post | Energy Production](#)

Bitcoin Brought Electricity to Countries in the Global South

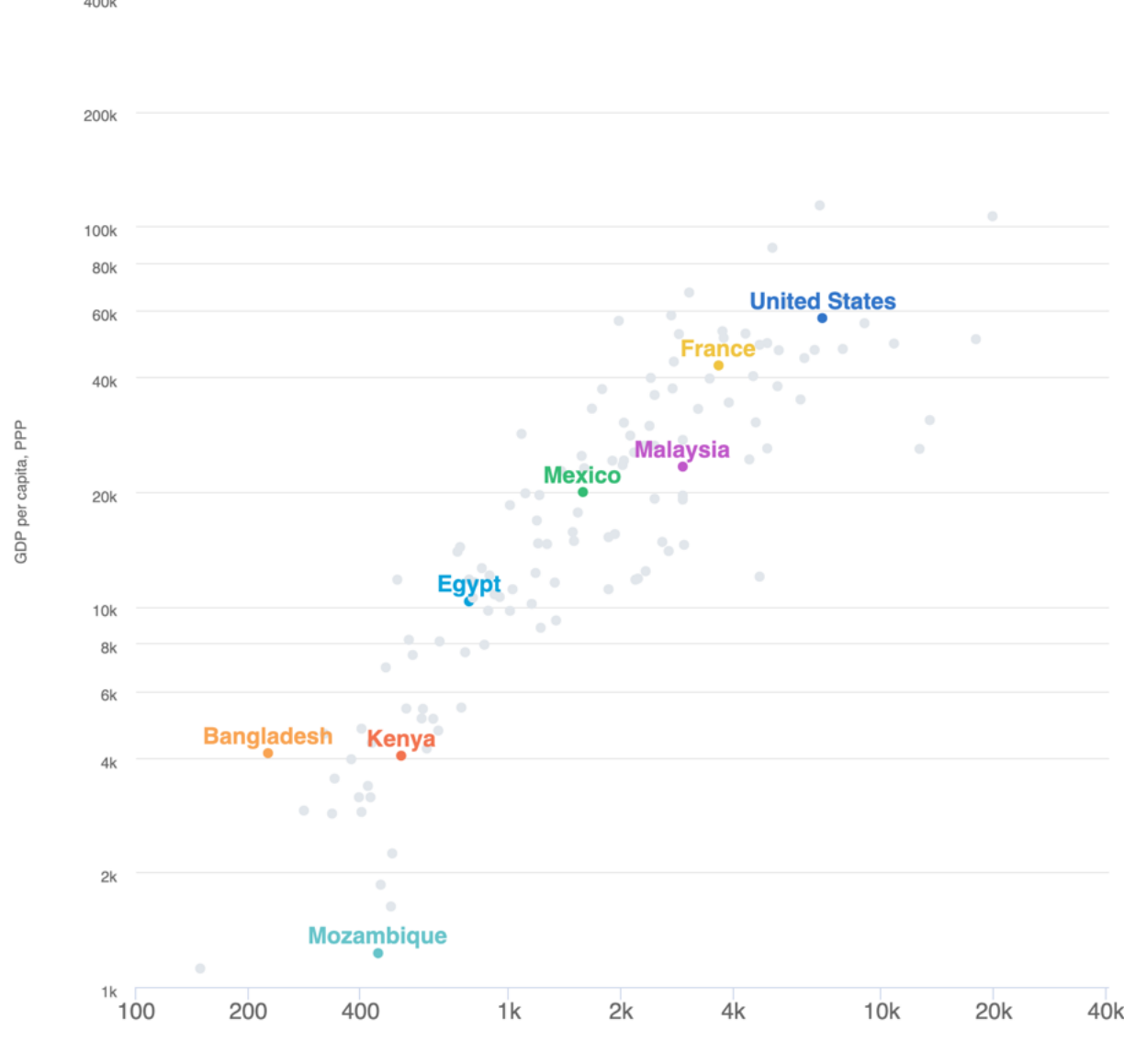
The global poor need more energy, but they often lack the resources and institutions to attract investment in their infrastructure. In Africa, bitcoin miners are providing a solution.



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Energy use & GDP per capita, PPP

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The importance of energy to economic development cannot be overstated.

As Joakim Book [writes](#) in the article above, “there are no rich, low-energy countries and no poor, high-energy countries.”

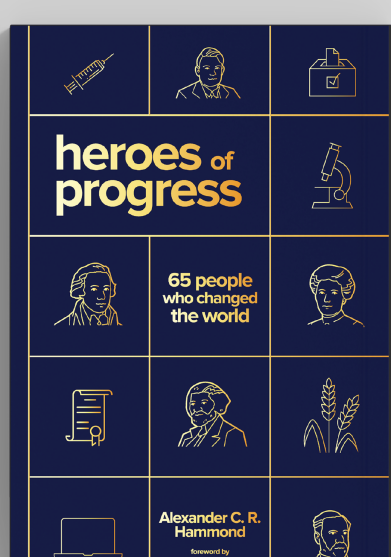
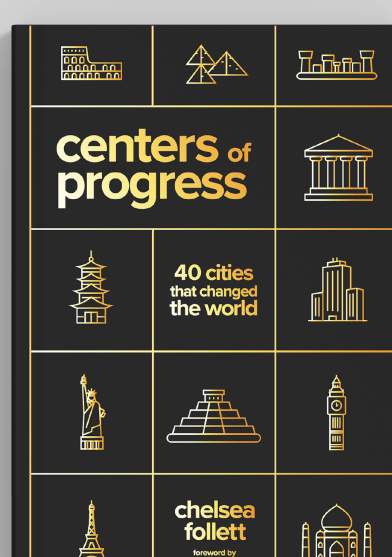
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