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# DOOMSLAYER

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## How to Combat Gloom and Pessimism

People are most optimistic in rapidly growing countries that are catching up with the developed world.

Slow and steady progress, such as what is currently underway in the United States, does not inspire widespread optimism about the future.

For an accurate perspective on the world, those of us lucky enough to live in already-developed countries must learn to overcome our innate negativity bias.

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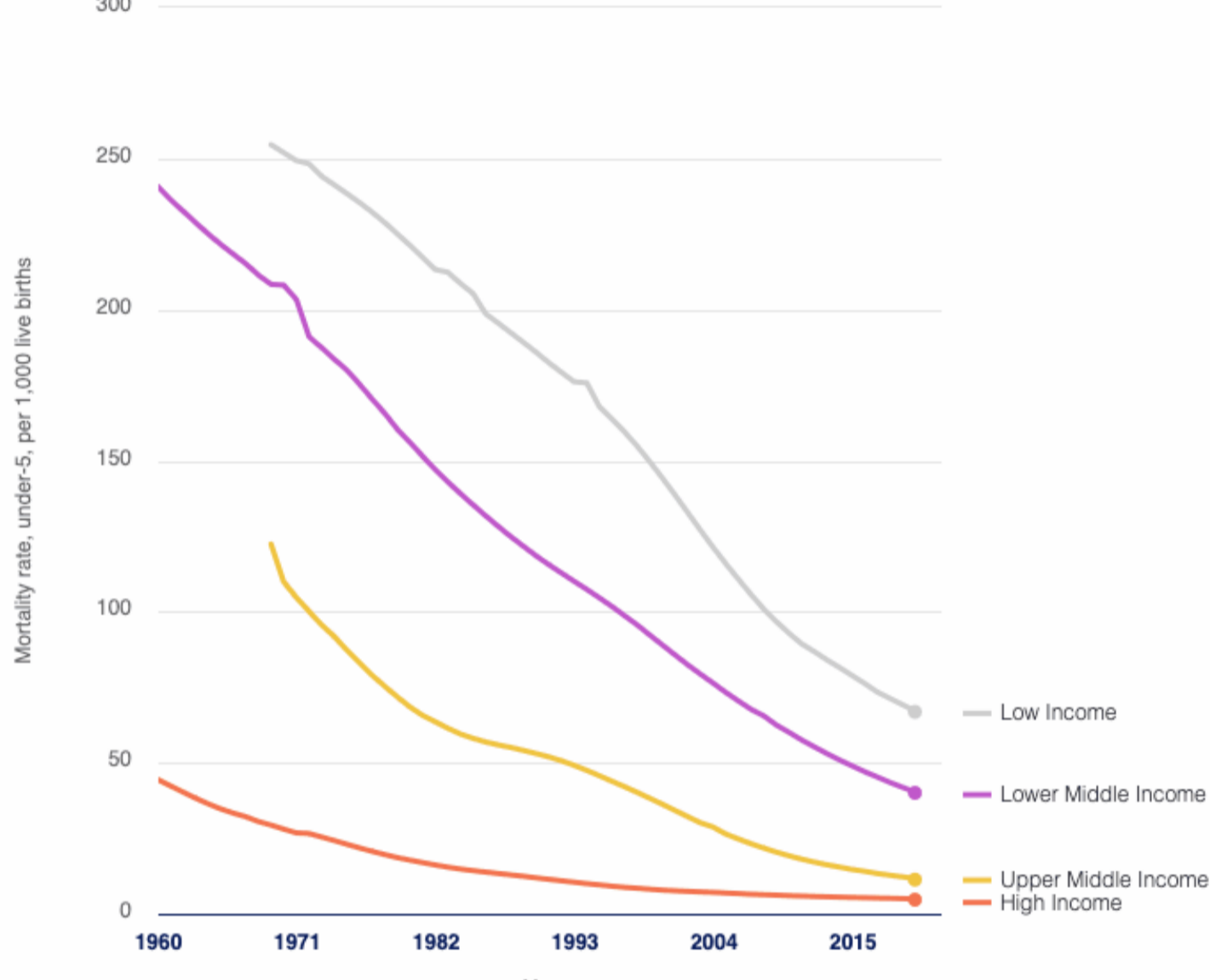
## Vision Abundance Doubles on the LASIK Eye Surgery Market

An unskilled American worker can get more than two LASIK surgeries today for the time it took them to earn the money to buy one in 1998.



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### Mortality rate, under-5 per 1,000 live births, 1960-2022



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Catch-up growth consists of more than GDP.

Across a variety of indicators, such as [malaria deaths](#), [air pollution deaths](#), [life expectancy](#), and [maternal mortality](#), the gap between rich and poor countries is narrowing.

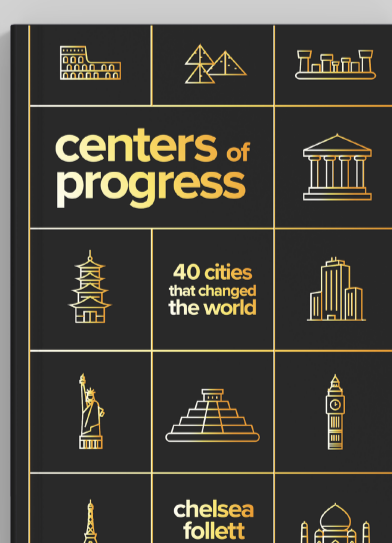
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