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AI Can Make Higher Education Much More Accessible

ChatGPT is reshaping education—and not just as a homework machine.

With universities rolling back test-optional policies, students stunted by pandemic school closures are struggling to meet the old standards.

AI models, which are better test-takers than most humans, have the potential to help by providing cheap, high quality tutoring at a moments notice.

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Contact Lens Abundance

Since 1971, contact lenses have become far more abundant.

Unskilled workers can now get 15.9 sets of contact set lenses for the time price of one set in 1971.

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More People, More Prosperity

Our [Simon Abundance Index](#) is named after the economist Julian Simon, who first observed that, as the world's population grew, resources became more abundant.

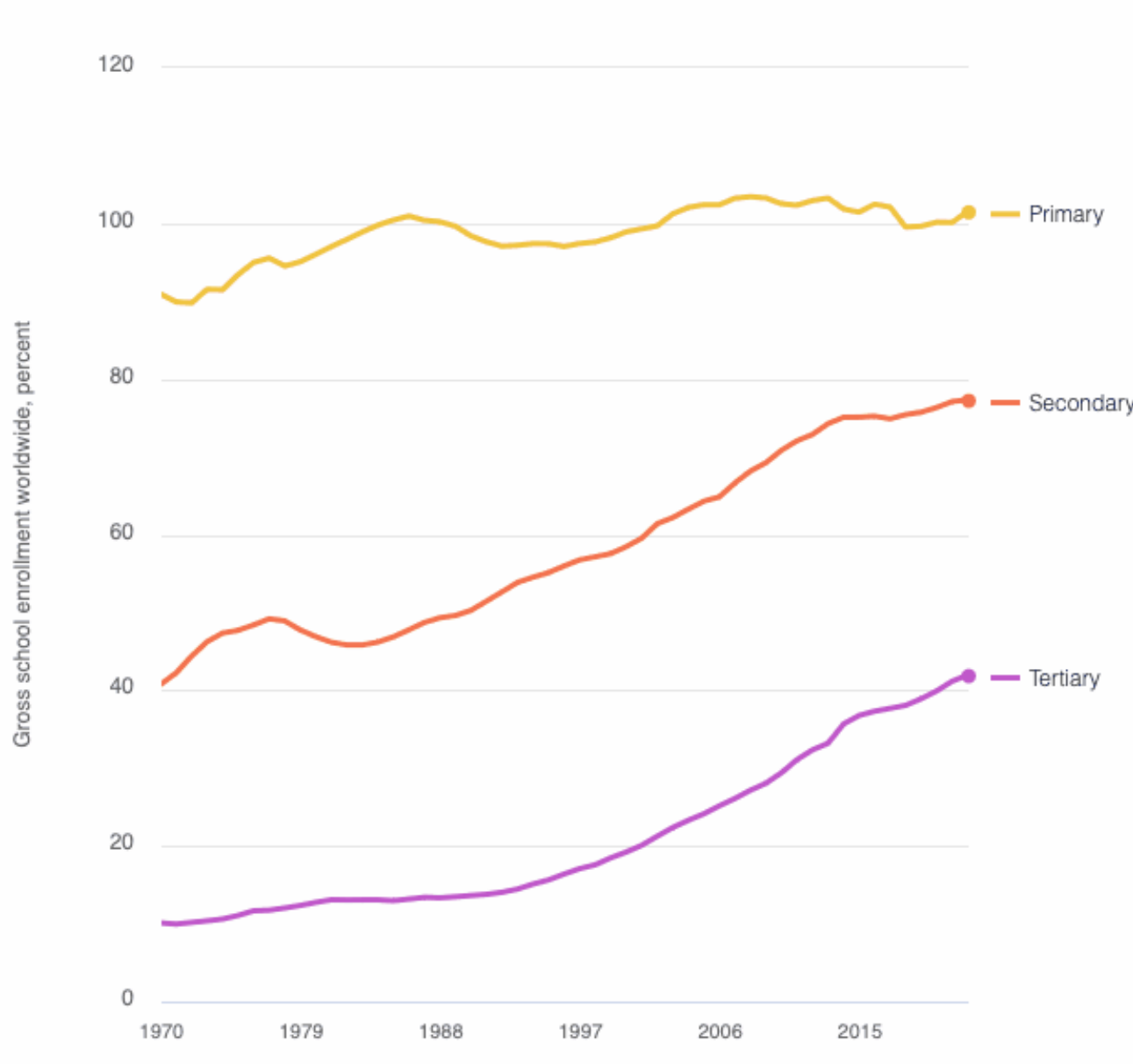
Unfortunately, many people still believe the opposite.

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Gross school enrollment worldwide

percent, 1970-2022



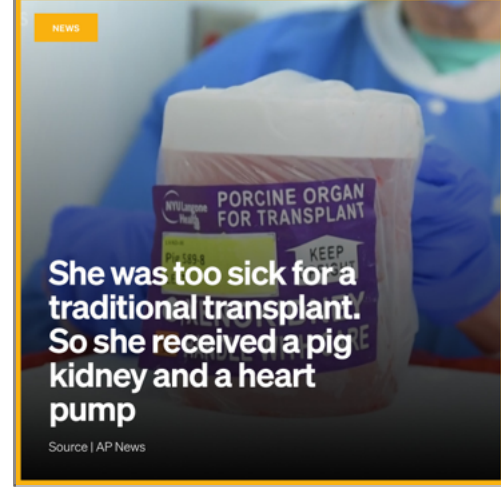
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In the last half-century, primary education has become nearly universal, and secondary schooling is close behind. Access to tertiary education is rapidly expanding.

Whether or not large language models accelerate this progress, we can expect a far more educated world in the future.

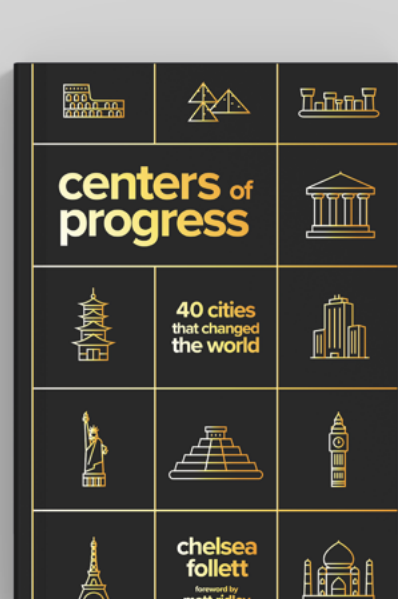
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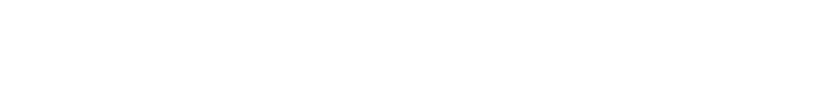
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