

Human Progress

DOOMSLAYER

a newsletter that cuts through the gloom



[Blog Post | Economic Growth](#)

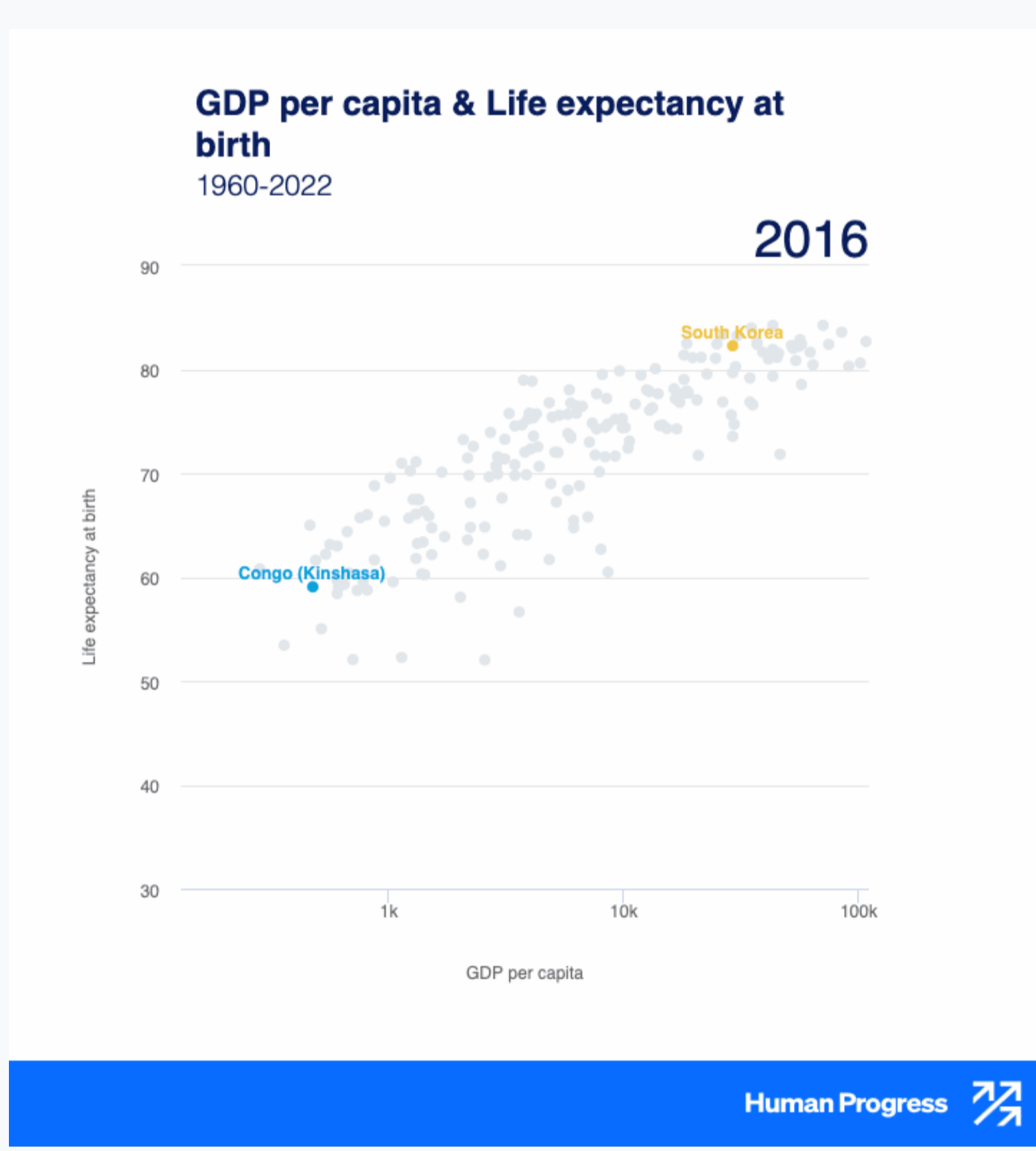
The Human Meaning of Economic Growth

You might have heard that economic growth is overrated, unsustainable, or even entirely counterproductive because it puts profits over people and the planet.

These narratives are based on a fundamental misconception. Economic growth is not primarily about accumulating money—it is about the actualization of human values.

Before widespread and sustained economic growth, the things we really care about—such as health, knowledge, pleasure, safety, and freedom—were vastly scarcer. And they would be orders of magnitude more abundant today if the economy had grown even faster.

[Read more](#)



Economic growth also benefits countries that don't experience it.

Thanks to the innovation that occurred in wealthy and free societies, life expectancy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo increased by nearly 20 years between 1960 and 2022, even as its income per capita fell substantially.

[Explore the data](#)

Follow us on Instagram



[@humanprogressorg](#)

“Two years ago, sodium-ion battery pioneer Natron Energy was busy preparing its specially formulated sodium batteries for mass production. The company slipped a little past its...”

centers of progress
40 cities that changed the world
chelsea follett

heroes of progress
65 people who changed the world
Alexander C. R. Hammond

ORDER NOW
amazon

Were you forwarded this newsletter? Sign up [here](#).

