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Abundance Is a Choice about the Future

We live in an era of unparalleled prosperity, but also of widespread pessimism. People expect things to get worse, and our leaders hope only that the decline isn't blamed on them.

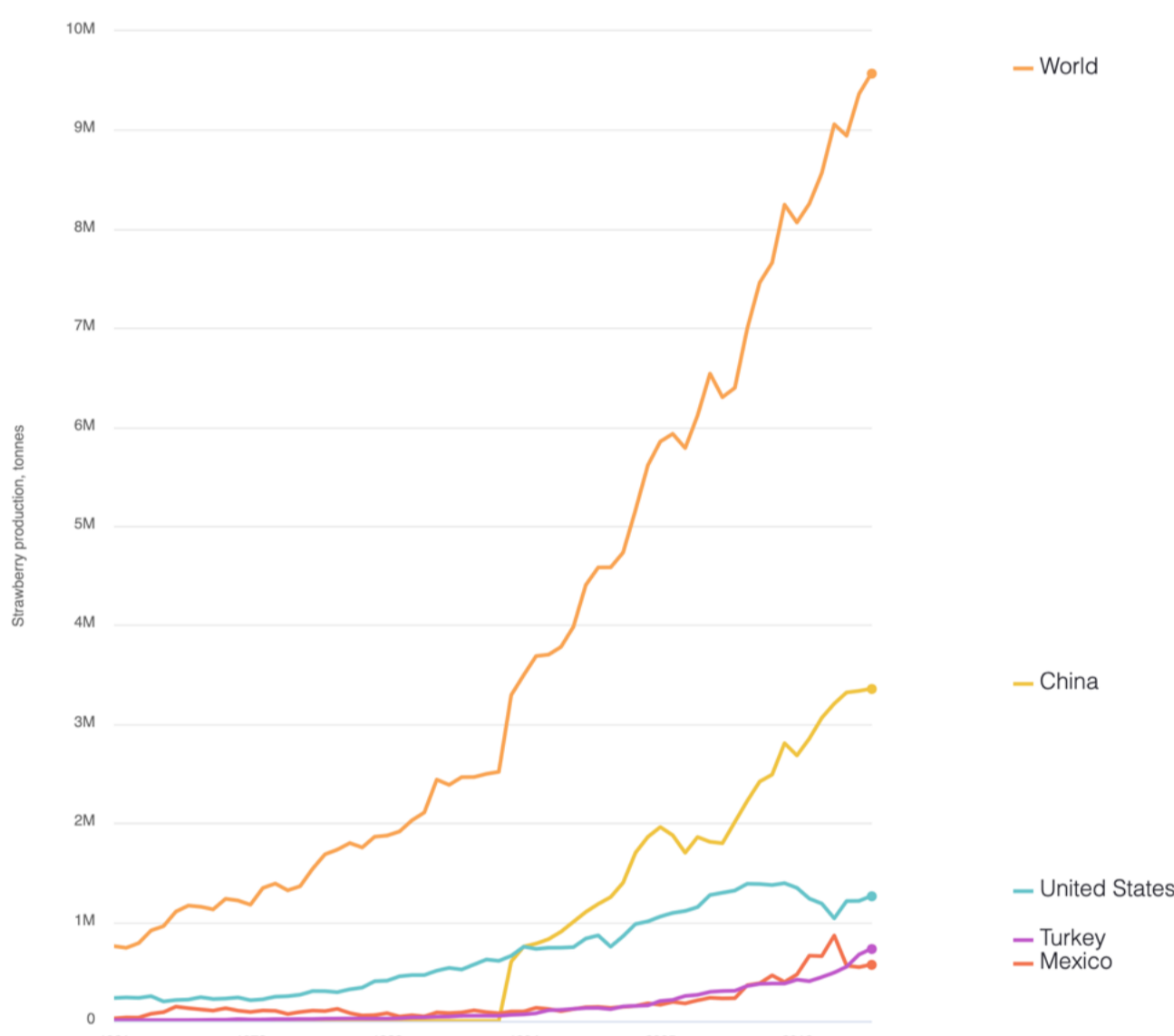
This attitude is dangerous. Pessimistic people see the world as zero-sum, distrust their neighbors, demand more from governments, and are more attracted to demagogues.

The solution is two-fold: a policy agenda that prioritizes abundance and an optimistic vision to counter the prevailing zeitgeist.

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Strawberry production

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Cultivating rational optimism begins with gratitude for the countless ways modernity has improved our lives.

In a recent [blog post](#), the economist Jeremy Horpedahl points out that as late as 1980, strawberries were [only available seasonally](#) in the United States.

Now, [thanks to international trade](#) and a 430 percent increase in global strawberry production, they are a year-round breakfast staple.

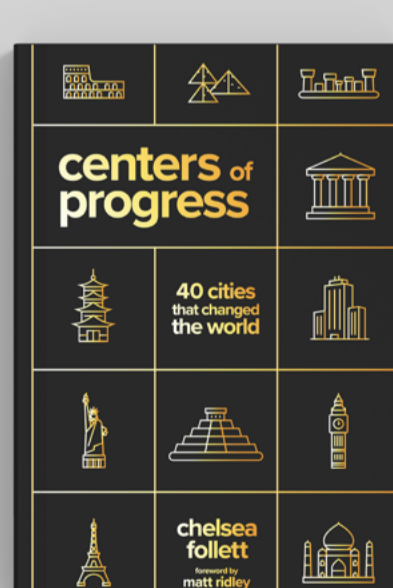
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