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Organic Farming Activism Threatens Millions—

and the Environment

Modern farming methods—think mechanization, genetically modified crops, and agrochemicals—defeat hunger wherever they are implemented.

Unfortunately, these practices also have an environmental cost, leading certain activists to condemn them outright.

In reality, however, low-tech alternatives to modern agriculture are often far worse, for both humans and the environment.

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Infinite Abundance of Long-Distance Phone Calls

Today, no one thinks about the cost of making a long-distance phone call.

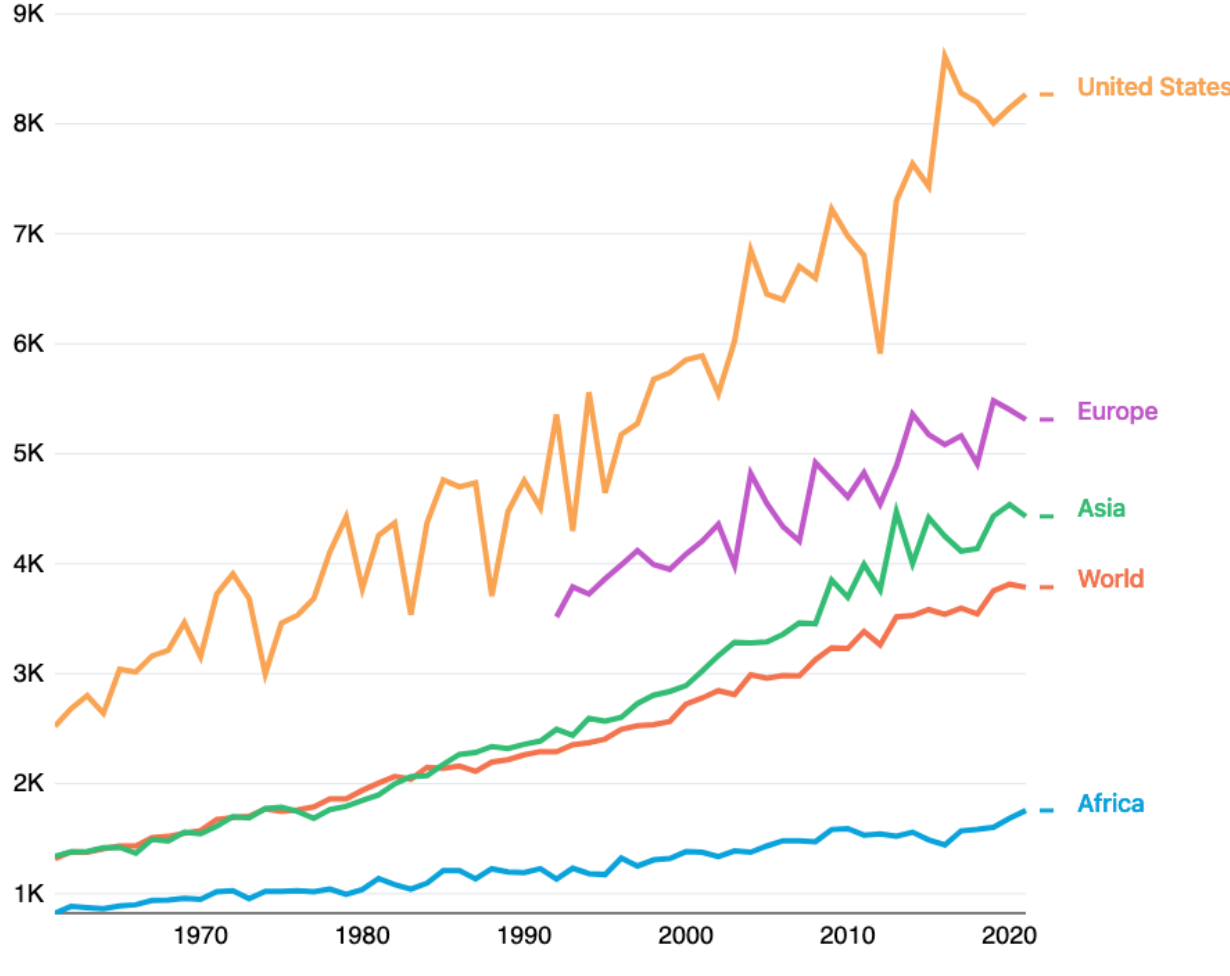
In 1910, it was a big deal. Depending on where one lived, a five-minute phone call to New York City could cost a week's wages or more.



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Cereal yield

kg per hectare (1961–2021)



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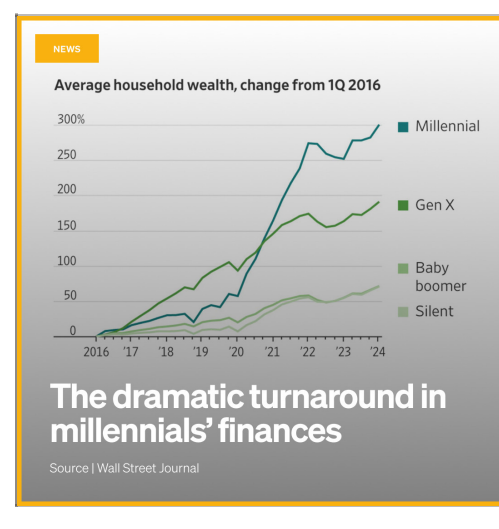
One of the best things we could do for the environment would be to modernize agriculture even further.

The environmental scientist Jesse Ausubel [has noted](#) that if every farmer adopted modern techniques, “an area the size of India or the USA east of the Mississippi could be released globally from agriculture over the next 50 years or so.”

Indeed, this transition has [already begun](#).

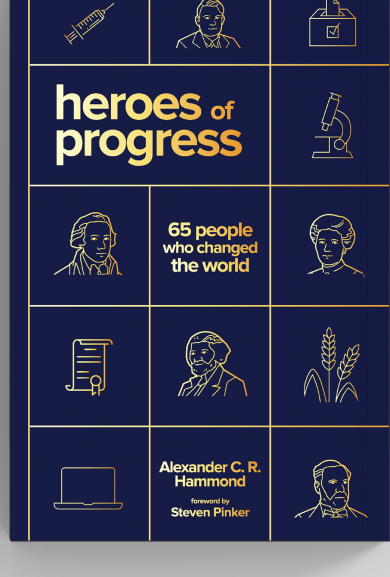
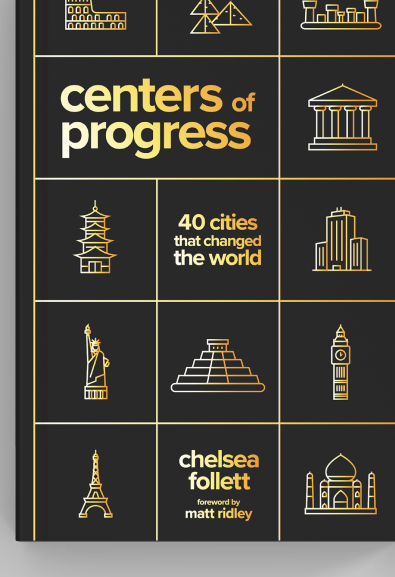
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