The Case For Rational Optimism



THE WORLD HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER PLACE.

A few key measures of human progress, expressed as a percentage of the world's population at a point in time.

Extreme Poverty

% of people living on less than \$1.90 per day.

Literacy

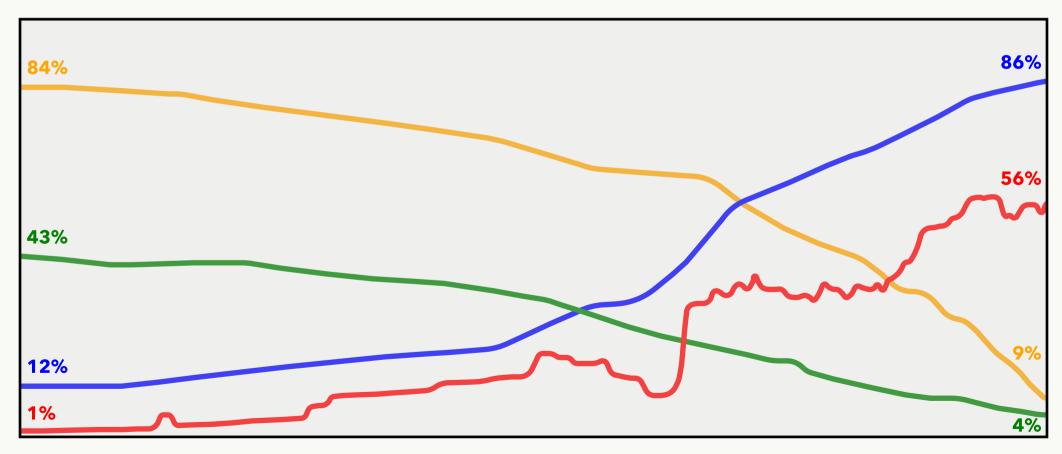
% of adults who can both read and write.

Child Mortality

% of children dying before the age of 5.

Democracy

% of people living in a democracy.



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