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23 Charts and Maps That Show the World is Getting Much, Much Better | READ STORY
For most Americans, these feel like bleak times. But it would be a mistake to view that as the sum total of the world in 2018. Under the radar, some aspects of life on Earth are getting dramatically better. Extreme poverty has fallen by half since 1990, and life expectancy is increasing in poor countries — and there are many more indices of improvement like that everywhere you turn.

The $80 Trillion World Economy in One Chart

MT CD Update

The Proposal Deadline for the International Association for Community Development 2019 World Community Development Conference has been extended to Dec. 10. The conference will take place June 23-26 at the University of Dundee, Scotland and has a great line-up of speakers and events including an optional post-conference Practice Exchange in rural Scotland. Montana State University Extension is offering scholarship funds to an MSU Extension faculty or staff member; Email for more info.

The proposal deadline for the 2019 NACDEP Conference (June 9 - 13,
The latest estimate from the World Bank puts global GDP at roughly $80 trillion in nominal terms for 2017. In nominal terms, the U.S. still has the largest GDP at $19.4 trillion, making up 24.4% of the world economy. While China’s economy is far behind in nominal terms at $12.2 trillion, you may recall that the Chinese economy has been the world’s largest when adjusted for purchasing power parity (PPP) since 2016. The next two largest economies are Japan ($4.9 trillion) and Germany ($4.6 trillion) – and when added to the U.S. and China, the top four economies combined account for over 50% of the world economy.

Where Americans Find Meaning in Life

Economic, religious and political divides shape where Americans find meaning – but family, career and friendship emerge as common themes.
Growing Up in Rural Areas Appears to Decrease Incarceration Rate

*Daily Yonder | READ STORY*

Children from poor families growing up in rural areas were less likely to be in prison by their late 20s and early 30s, according to a massive study conducted by economists at Harvard University.

Climate Change Puts U.S. Economy and Lives at Risk, and Costs Are Rising, Federal Agencies Warns

*Inside Climate News | READ STORY*

The U.S. government’s climate scientists issued a blunt warning on Friday, writing that global warming is a growing threat to human life, property and ecosystems across the country, and that the economic damage—from worsening heat waves, extreme weather, sea level rise, droughts and wildfires—will spiral in the coming decades.
Farm Bill Delays Create Uncertainty for Montana AG Community

KBZK, November 29

Montana Highway Patrol “Packs the Patrol Car” for Toys for Tots

KULR, December 1

EPA Delays Consent Decree for Butte, Anaconda Superfund Sites

KXLF, December 2

Organizers call annual Roaddogs Toy Run a success, gathering over $50K worth of gifts for kids

Billings Gazette, December 2

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