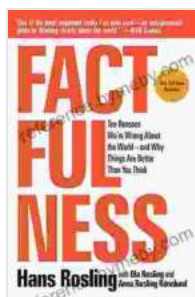


Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World and Why Things Are Better Than You Think

By Steven Pinker

In his thought-provoking book, *Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World*, renowned psychologist and author Steven Pinker argues that we are living in a better time than ever before. Drawing on data from a wide range of disciplines, Pinker shows that many of the ills that plague us today, from violence to poverty to environmental degradation, are in fact on the decline.

Pinker's book is a timely antidote to the pervasive pessimism that often dominates our news and social media feeds. He reminds us that the world is not as bad as we think it is, and that we have made significant progress in many areas over the past few decades. For example, Pinker shows that:



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- Violence has declined over the long term, and is now at its lowest level in human history.
- Environmental degradation is a serious problem, but it is also one that we are making progress on. For example, air pollution has declined significantly in many parts of the world in recent decades.

Pinker acknowledges that the world is not perfect, and that we still face many challenges. However, he argues that we should not let these challenges blind us to the progress that we have made. He writes:



“ "The world is not a utopia, but it is also not a dystopia. It is a place of both progress and setbacks, of both hope and despair. But if we focus on the progress, we can see that the world is getting better, not worse." ”

Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the world we live in and how to make it a better place. Pinker's book is a powerful reminder that we should not take our progress for granted, and that we should continue to strive for a better future.

Here are ten reasons why things are better than you think:

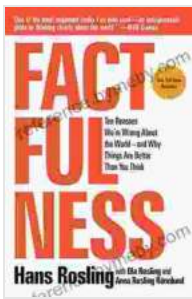
1. **Life expectancy has increased dramatically in the past century, and is now higher than ever before.** In 1900, the average life expectancy was just 47 years. Today, it is over 70 years. This is due to a number of factors, including advances in medicine, nutrition, and sanitation.
2. **Extreme poverty has declined by more than half since 1990, and is expected to continue to decline in the coming years.** In 1990, over 35% of the world's population lived in extreme poverty. Today, that number has fallen to less than 10%. This is due to a number of factors, including economic growth, globalization, and the spread of education.
3. **Violence has declined over the long term, and is now at its lowest level in human history.** In the early 1900s, there were over 200 homicides per 100,000 people in the United States. Today, that number has fallen to less than 5 per 100,000 people. This is due to a number of factors, including the decline of war, the spread of democracy, and the development of more effective law enforcement.
4. **Environmental degradation is a serious problem, but it is also one that we are making progress on.** For example, air pollution has declined significantly in many parts of the world in recent decades. This is due to a number of factors, including the adoption of cleaner energy technologies and the implementation of stricter environmental regulations.
5. **Education levels have increased dramatically in the past century, and are continuing to rise.** In 1900, only a small fraction of the world's population had access to education. Today, over 80% of the world's population is literate. This is due to a number of factors, including the spread of democracy, the development of more effective

educational methods, and the increasing availability of educational resources.

6. **Democracy is spreading around the world, and is now the most common form of government.** In 1900, only a handful of countries were democracies. Today, over 100 countries are democracies. This is due to a number of factors, including the decline of colonialism, the spread of education, and the increasing demand for political participation.
7. **Technology is advancing at an unprecedented rate, and is making our lives easier and more enjoyable.** In the past few decades, we have seen the development of the internet, the smartphone, and artificial intelligence. These technologies are making it easier for us to communicate with each other, learn new things, and access entertainment. They are also making our lives more efficient and productive.
8. **The world is becoming more interconnected, and we are more aware of each other than ever before.** In the past, people were much more isolated from each other. Today, we are connected to people all over the world through the internet and social media. This is making us more aware of the challenges that we face, and it is also making it easier for us to work together to solve these challenges.
9. **We are living in a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity.** The world has never been more peaceful or prosperous than it is today. This is due to a number of factors, including the decline of war, the spread of democracy, and the development of technology. We should cherish this peace and prosperity, and we should work to build a better future for ourselves and our children.

10. **The future is bright.** We are facing many challenges, but we have also made significant progress in many areas. We should be optimistic about the future, and we should continue to work to build a better world for ourselves and our children.

These are just ten reasons why things are better than you think. There are many more reasons to be optimistic about the future. We should not let the challenges we face blind us to the progress that we have made. We should continue to strive for a better future, and we should never give up hope.



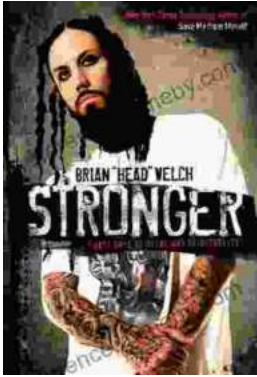
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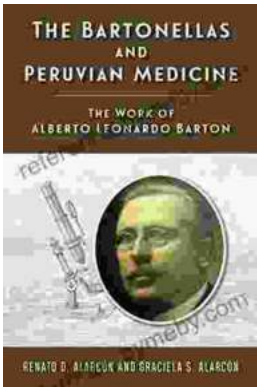
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