

YouTube Title: "Hans Rosling's 200 Countries, 200 Years, 4 Minutes – The Joy of Stats – BBC Four"

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Video Length: 4:48 minutes

Chapter 17: Economic Growth, p. 365

Topic: The Nature of Growth, p. 366

Key Terms: Economic growth

Learning Objective 3: The pros and cons of continued growth.

Economic Application

This BBC video describes world economic growth over the past 200 years within the framework a fascinating real space graph. The highly enthusiastic Dr. Hans Rosling animates this world data with regard to health and wealth. More specifically, Dr. Rosling examines 200 countries of the world in terms of life expectancy and income per person. He concludes that the huge historical gap between the west and the rest is now closing, and shows in dramatic fashion that the world has made remarkable progress over the past 200 years. We have become an entirely new converging world with a clear trend into the future where everyone can make it to the healthy wealthy corner.

Multiple-Choice Question

Despite the huge historical disparities of income and health across the world today, we have seen 200 years of tremendous progress. What is the primary conclusion developed by the authors of the video regarding world economic growth for the future?

- a) Everyone (all countries) can make it to the healthy wealthy corner.
- b) Our world will continue to have considerable disparity between nations.
- c) Numerous countries will remain indefinitely within the "sick and poor" region of the graph.
- d) Economic growth can occur independently of per capita income growth.

Discussion Question

Describe some of the major conclusions developed by the authors of the video regarding world economic growth over the last 200 years.