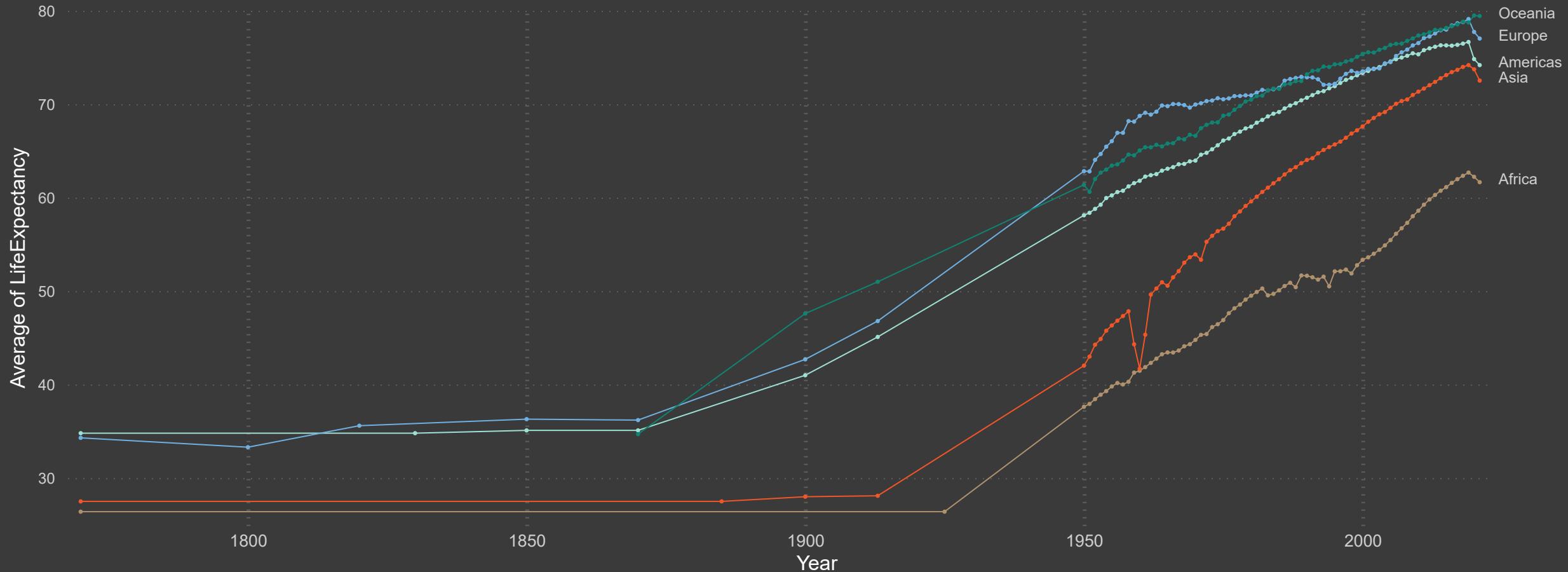


## AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY OVER TIME ACCROSS CONTINENTS



## LIFE EXPECTANCY HAS INCREASED ACROSS THE WORLD

In 2021, the global average life expectancy was just over 70 years. This is an astonishing fact – because just two hundred years ago, it was less than half.

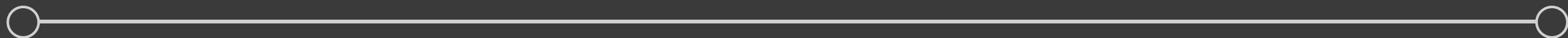
This was the case for all world regions: in 1800, no region had a life expectancy higher than 40 years.

The average life expectancy has risen steadily and significantly across all regions.

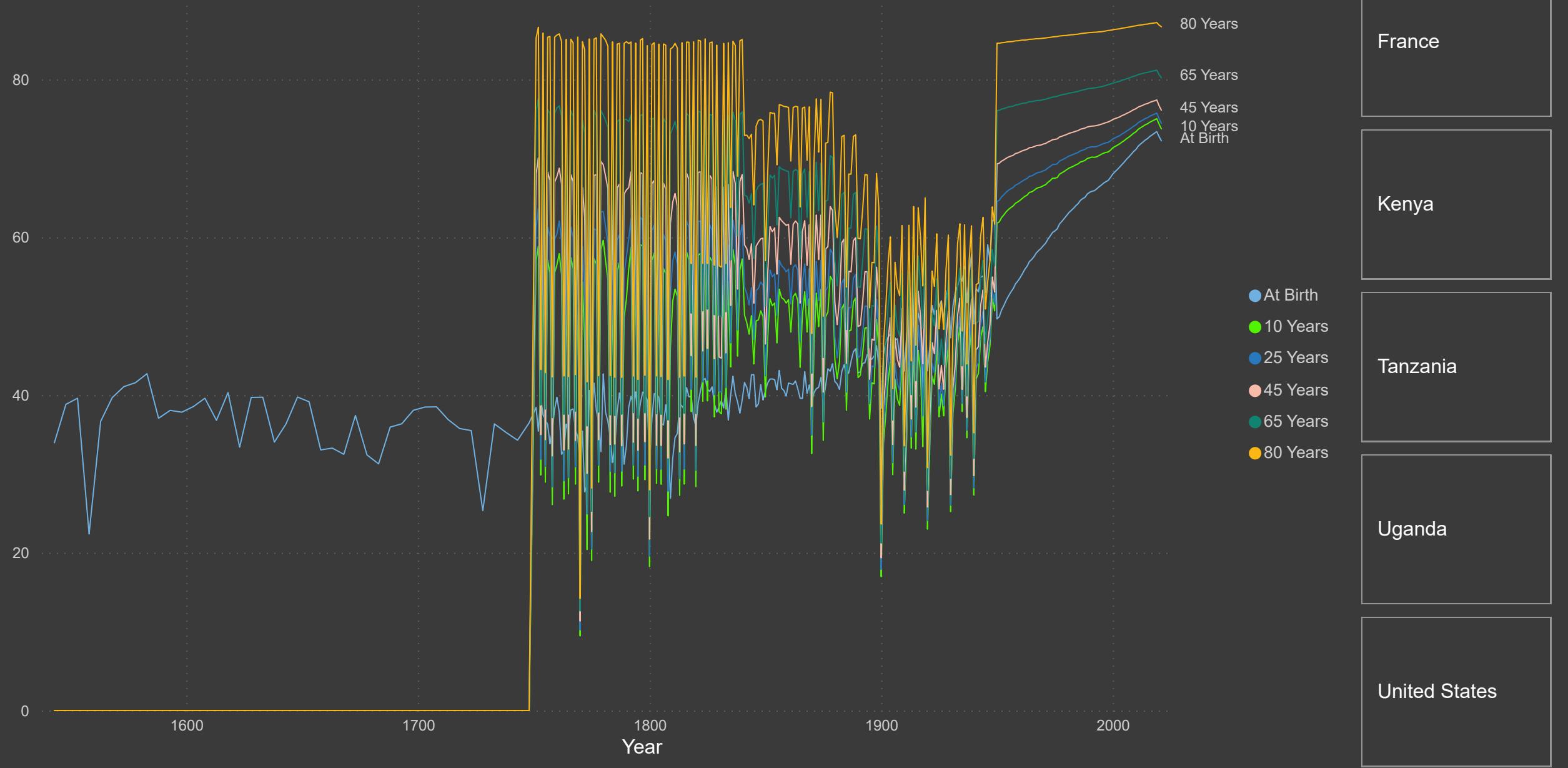
This extraordinary rise is the result of a wide range of advances in health – in nutrition, clean water, sanitation, neonatal healthcare, antibiotics, vaccines, and other technologies and public health efforts – and improvements in living standards, economic growth, and poverty reduction.

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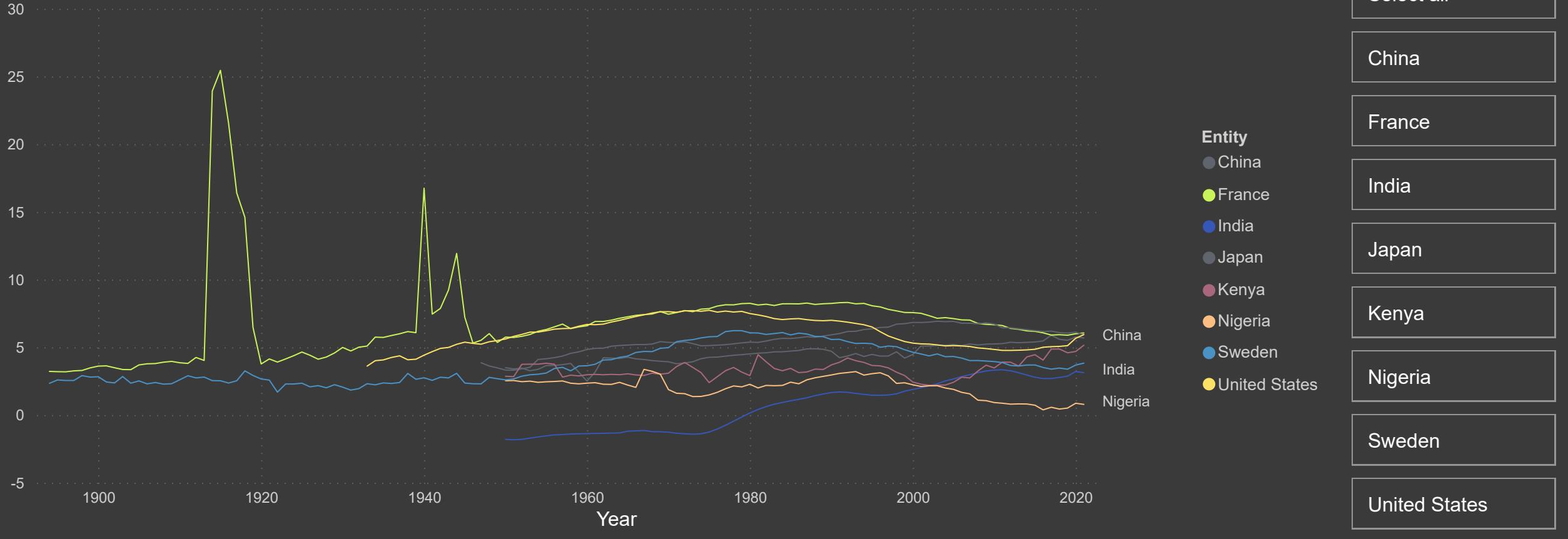
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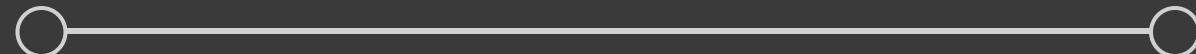
## LIFE EXPECTANCY ACCROSS DIFFERENT AGES



## SEX GAP LIFE EXPECTANCY



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### WOMEN TEND TO LIVE LONGER THAN MEN, BUT THIS GAP HAS CHANGED OVER TIME

Across the world, [women tend to live longer than men](#). But the gender gap varies between countries and is not constant over time, as you can see in the chart. For example, the gap spiked in some countries during the World Wars. But wars are only one of many reasons for the sex gap in life expectancy, which arises from a range of causes at different ages. The gap begins at birth: newborn boys have a higher death rate than newborn girls, as they're more vulnerable to diseases. It continues in youth, when boys have a higher death rate than girls, typically due to violence and accidents. It's sustained at older ages when men have higher death rates than women from chronic health conditions, which are partly due to higher rates of smoking, alcohol, and drug use. The chart shows how the sex gap in life expectancy widened gradually over the twentieth century, largely because of the rise in smoking, especially among men. Since then, it has been narrowing again in many but not all countries.

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