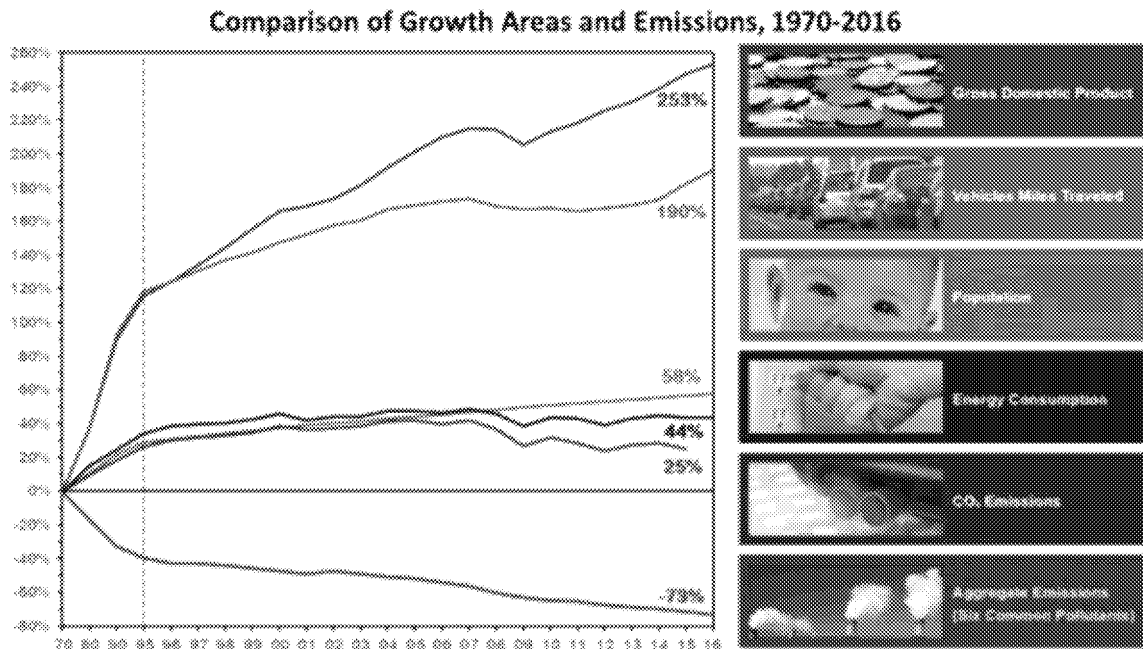


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Clearing the Air on Cleaning the Air

Dear Brittany:

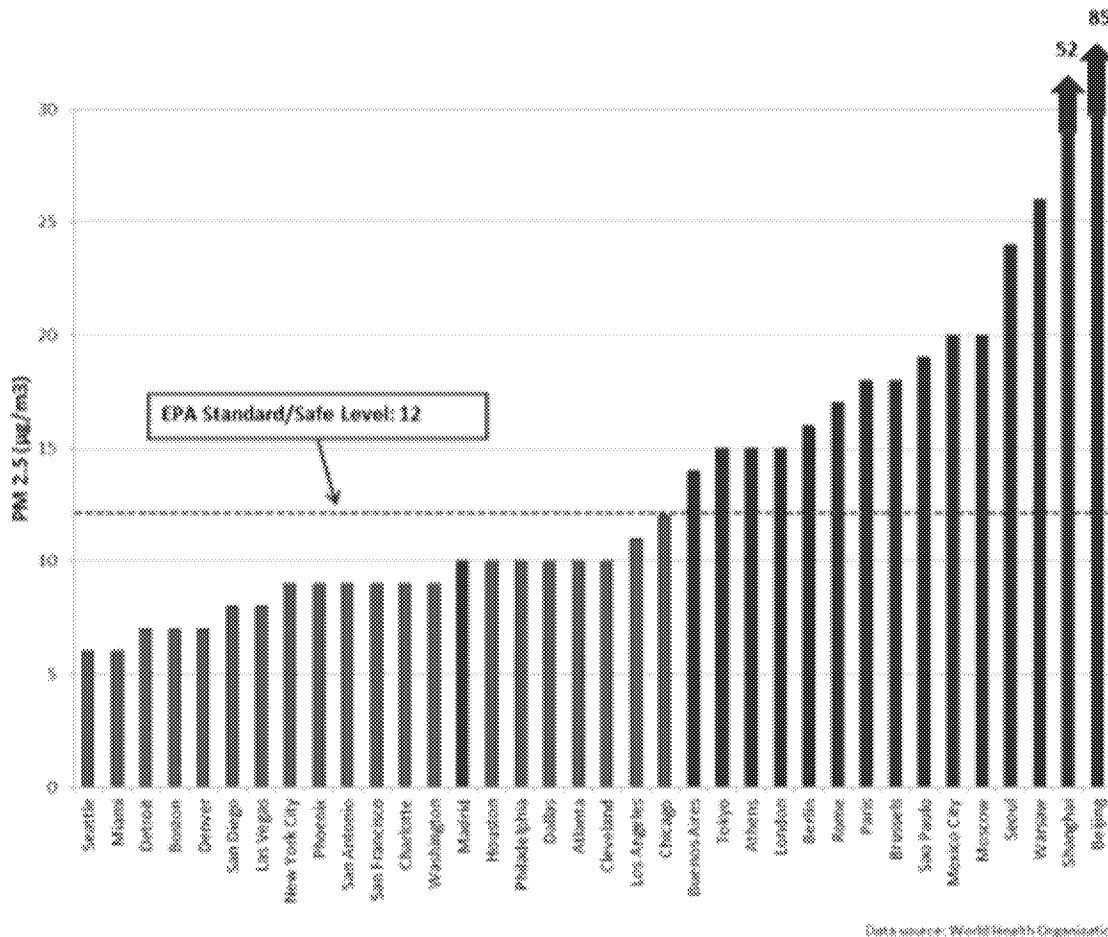
Pop quiz: How clean is the air in the United States? How about where you live? If you're like many Americans, you may answer that air quality is not so good, and may even think it is trending worse. This is simply not the case. As the recently released graphic from EPA illustrates, nationwide pollution levels have decreased 73% since 1970, all while the U.S. economy and population have grown substantially.



Unfortunately, despite this good news, public polling typically shows that American's opinions of air quality have worsened. This is surely due in part to misleading reports and news articles that paint a pessimistic view.

To help set the record straight, El's Dan Byers has a [new blog](#) showing how air quality in several U.S. cities, like Dallas, Milwaukee and Las Vegas, has steadily improved at the same time their economies and population have grown, and how U.S. cities stack up against other major cities around the world. Did you know that Houston has cleaner air than Paris, London and Rome?

Comparison of PM 2.5 Air Quality Levels in Major Global Cities



Data source: World Health Organization

These statistics show undeniably that our air quality has greatly improved all while America has experienced economic growth and increased energy and industrial production. These achievements are the product of a truly cooperative system involving EPA, states, industry, and environmental advocates working together on countless issues to advance technology and policy in a manner that fosters economic growth.

Some have referred to these achievements as "the greatest environmental story seldom told." We hope you will join us in helping to set the record straight, and instead make it the greatest story often told.

Sincerely,



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