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How is it that public health has delivered on its promise to improve the lives of millions, while failing to resolve the [dramatic health disparities](#) of people of color in the US? And what can the movement for tech governance learn from these failures?

Through 150 years of [public institutions that serve the common good through science](#), public health has transformed human life. In just a few generations, some of the world's most complex challenges have become manageable. Millions of people can now expect safe childbirth, trust their water supply, enjoy healthy food, and expect collective responses to epidemics. In the United States, people born in 2010 or later will live over [30 years longer than people born in 1900](#).

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