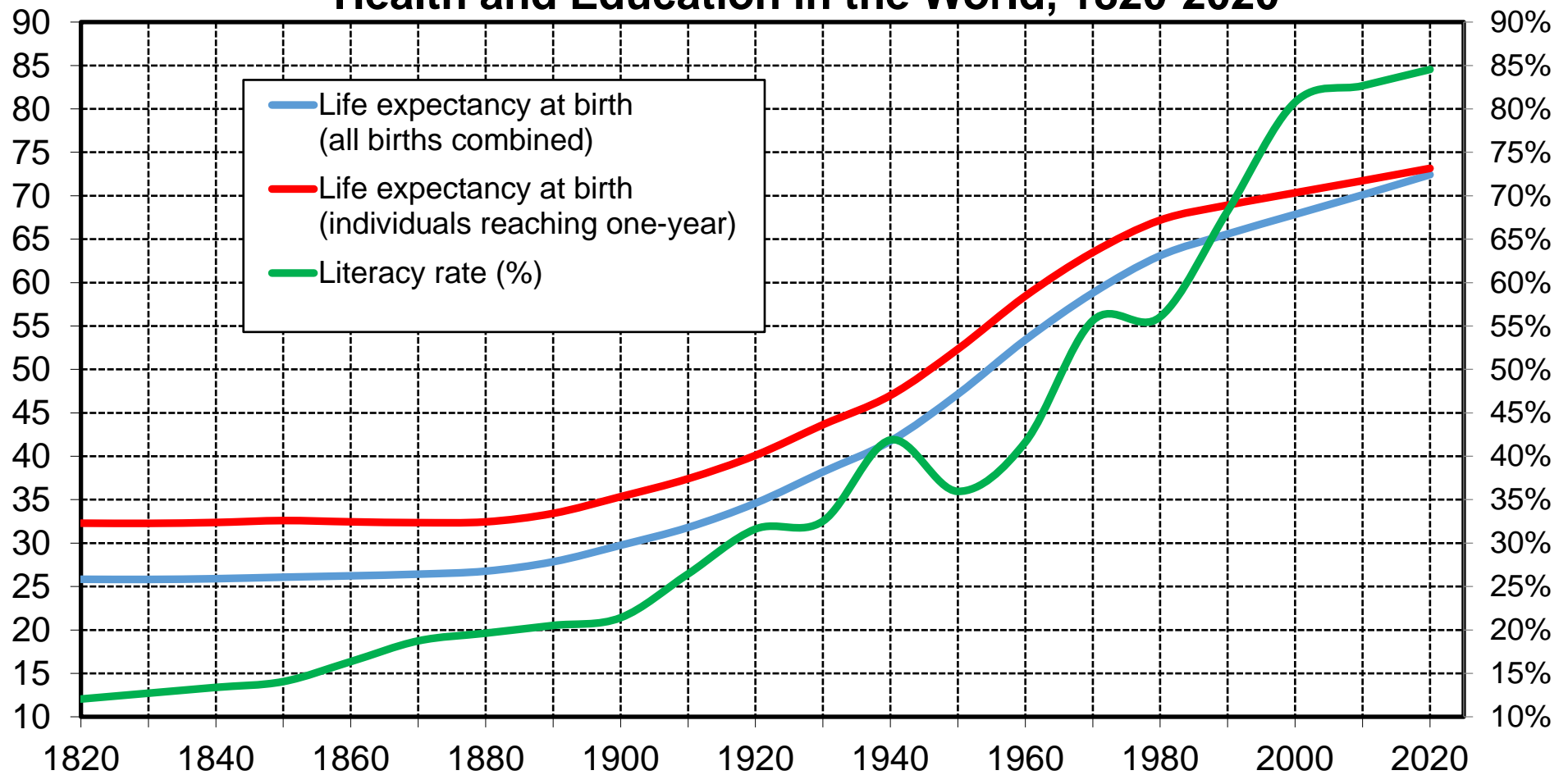


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Interpretation. Life expectancy at birth worldwide increased from an average of 26 years in the world in 1820 to 72 years in 2020. Life expectancy for those living to age 1 rose from 32 years to 73 years (because infant mortality before age 1 decreased from 20% in 1820 to less than 1% in 2020). The literacy rate for 15-year-olds-and-over worldwide rose from 12% to 85%.
Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/equality (figure 1)