

Problem solving

**Some problems can't be solved
[such as revitalizing disindustrialized areas,
declining birth rates in advanced countries,
migration from poorer to richer neighbors],
just mitigated at the edges.**

**Pretending otherwise
isn't "optimistic" or enlightened,
it is poisonous to a nation's civic health.
Oh, for more of the can't-do spirit.**

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