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We live in amazing times. For the majority of those of us who live in America, we have vast reservoirs of free time. But how do we choose to use that free time? Sadly, for the last fifty years, we have spent most of it passively watching television, watching television to the exclusion of other more social, more fulfilling activities....

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