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Scott: What about a middle ground?

Rick: You'll have the sitcom future people. They will do normal stuff by giving their loved ones and those close to them the best life possible by making middle of the road possibilities. To us, it will look like crazy ass choices, but they will be based on the crazy ass conditions of the future.

Those people at some point will be augmented. Right now, about 1% of the US population is augmented. They have a pacemaker, cochlear implant, insulin pump, but mostly pacemakers. That's the standard set of well-accepted technology right now.

Eventually, the accepted technology adopted by mainstream people by the tens of millions will be brain boosters. It turns out that if you put on a cap that runs a low-grade electric current through your head then you think better for a half an hour. You can imagine somebody getting ambitious and saying, "Hey, if you want your kid to do better in school, then implant this little brain booster dealy thing."

Whether it's a thinking cap or a hunk of bio-circuitry that revs your brain clock a little bit when you need it or all the time because you want to be slightly smarter all of the time, then people will start doing that.

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