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**Jabok – Vyšší odborná škola
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Svět kolem nás

Understanding the Context

4-5th meeting

POVERTY & INEQUALITY

„If an American wants to live the American Dream,
they should go to Danemark.“

ART - CREATION

What are the
fundamentals of your
long-term happiness?

Paint / Patchwork / Create the fundamentals of your long-term happiness

No Woman No Cry

by Bob Marley

No, woman, no cry
No, woman, no cry
No, woman, no cry
No, woman, no cry
Said, said, said, I remember when we
used to sit
In the government yard in Trenchtown
Oba, obaserving the 'ypocrites
As they would mingle with the good
people we meet
Good friends we have, oh, good friends
we've lost
Along the way
In this great future, you can't forget
your past
So dry your tears, I seh
No, woman, no cry
No, woman, no cry
'Ere, little darlin', don't shed no tears
No, woman, no cry
Said, said, said, I remember when-a we
used to sit
In the government yard in Trenchtown

And then Georgie would make the fire
lights
As it was logwood burnin' through the
nights
Then we would cook cornmeal porridge
Of which I'll share with you
My feet is my only carriage
So I've got to push on through
But while I'm gone, I mean
Everything's gonna be all right
Everything's gonna be all right
Everything's gonna be all right
Everything's gonna be all right
I said, everything's gonna be all right-a
Everything's gonna be all right
Everything's gonna be all right, now
Everything's gonna be all right
So, woman, no cry
No, no, woman, woman, no cry
Woman, little sister, don't shed no tears
No, woman, no cry
I remember when we used to sit
In the government yard in Trenchtown

And then Georgie would make the fire
lights
As it was logwood burnin' through the
Nights
Then we would cook cornmeal porridge
Of which I'll share with you
My feet is my only carriage
So I've got to push on through
But while I'm gone
No, woman, no cry
No, woman, no cry
Woman, little darlin', say don't shed no
tears
No, woman, no cry
Eh! (little darlin', don't shed no tears
No, woman, no cry
Little sister, don't shed no tears
No, woman, no cry)



POVERTY – Who is poor?

Living in remote countryside on your own with cca \$12 a day?

No access to school, medical care, signal, ...

Living in a rented house in a slum packed with other people, having \$10 a day?

Free access to school, medical care, ...



Poverty is subjective

- Goes hand in hand with material deprivation
- Is locally specific
- Is a dynamic phenomenon (the situation of people keeps changing)
- The figures / data are often distorted
- The most commonly used indicator is \$1 a day

Poverty in question

- What are the stereotypes about poverty?
 - Heartbreaking pictures of starving children
 - Homeless people
 - ...
- What are less visible results of poverty?
 - People eating unhealthy food ... getting fat
 - Social exclusion
 - ...

Fall into poverty

- It is usually a series of unfortunate steps
 - Deterioration of health / Sudden serious illness and the cost of medical care
 - No health care services / Insurance
 - Limited access to financial loans
 - Long term crop failure
- The poor are more likely to be affected by financial crises

Long term causes of poverty

- No social security services
- No insurance system
- No sufficient education
- Limited or no access to information
 - Internet to asylum houses, local offices, ...
- Limited access to capital (loans)
- No chance of getting a better paid job
- Poor infrastructure (transport)

Does the rise from poverty mean better life?



HOW DO THEY RELATE?

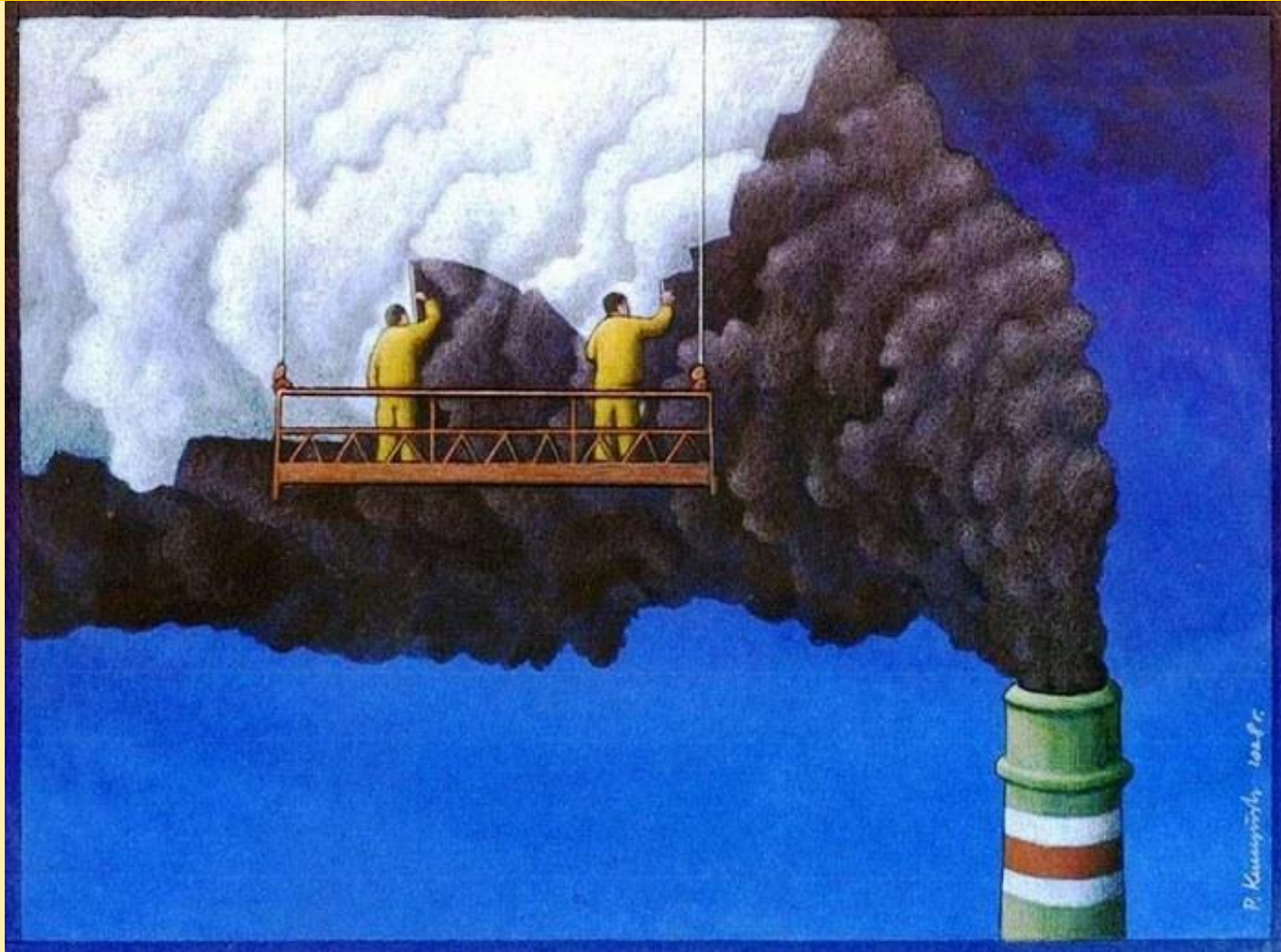
- money & value
- poverty & ecology (care of the environment)
- being rich & being happy
- ...



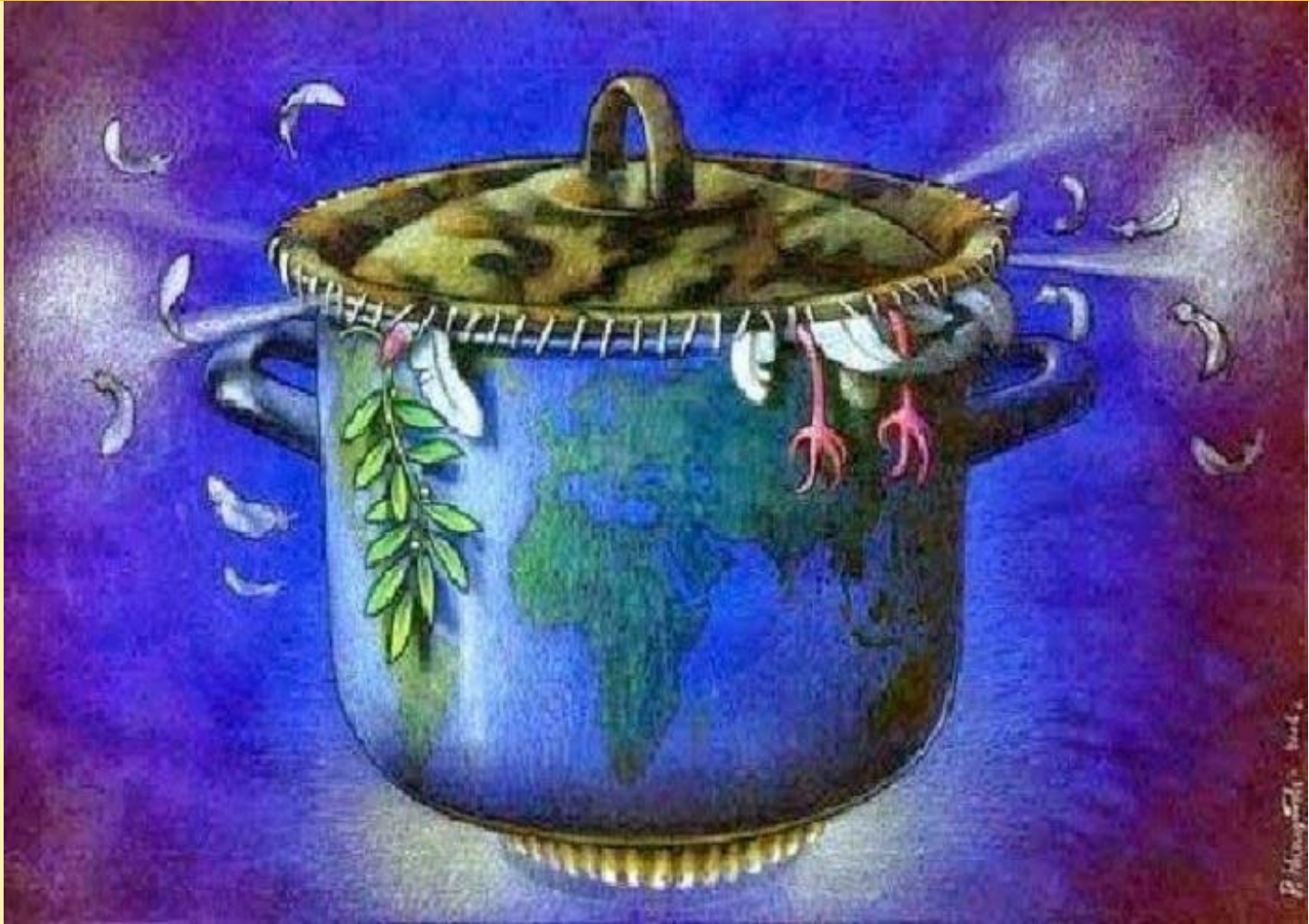
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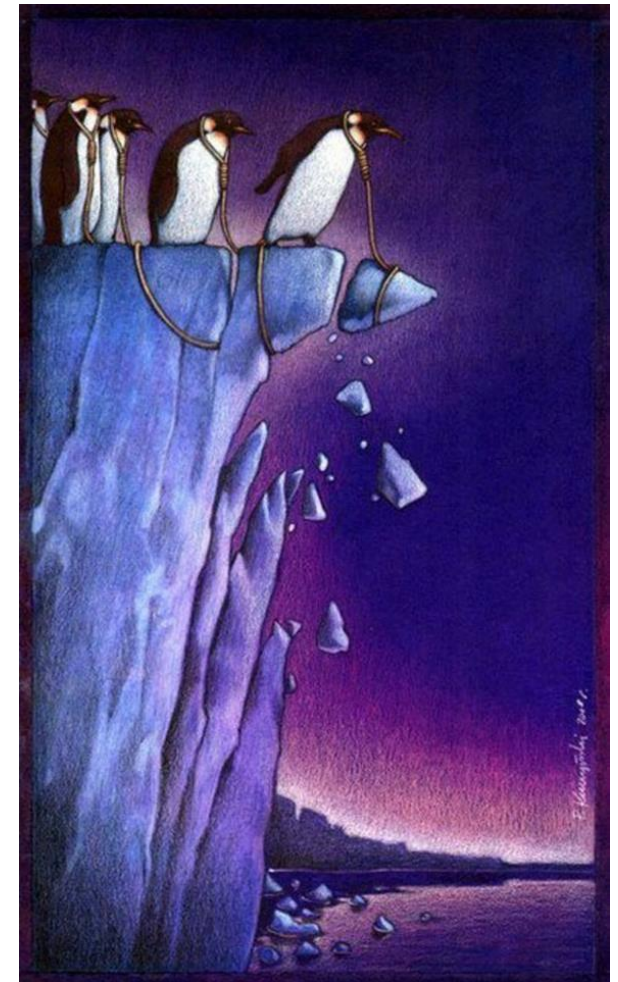
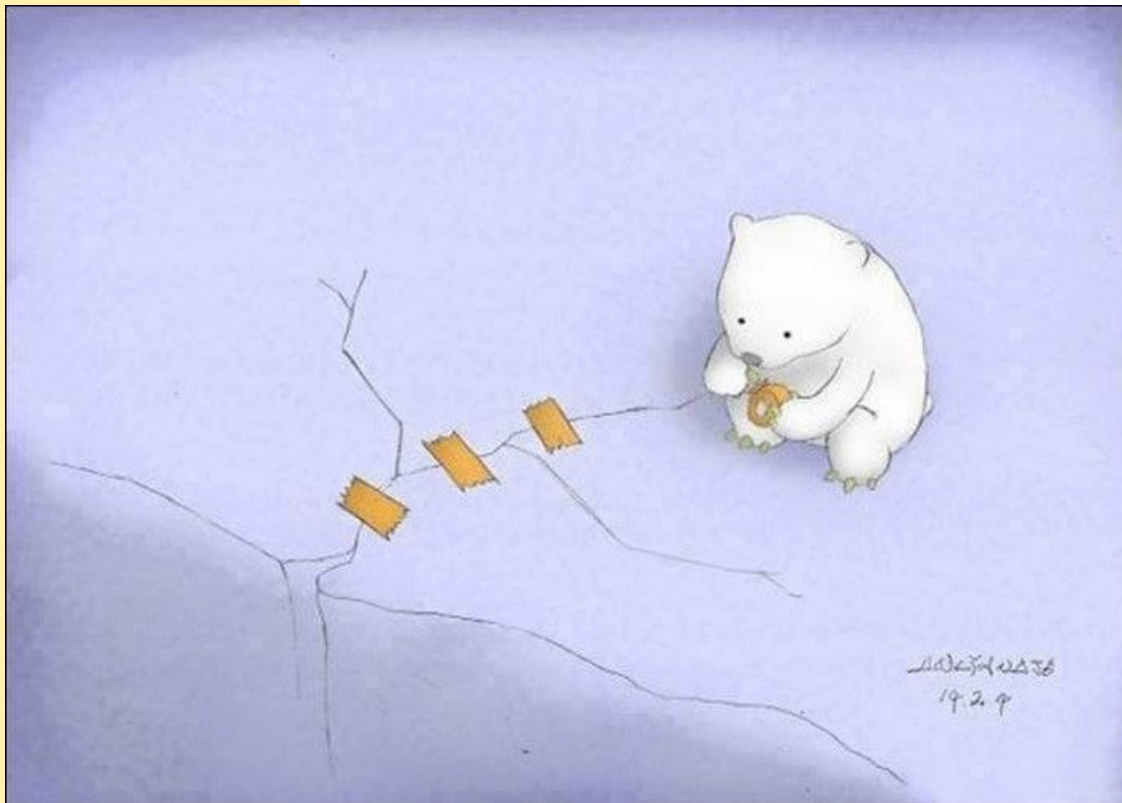
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Ted Ex – R. Wilkinson - Inequality

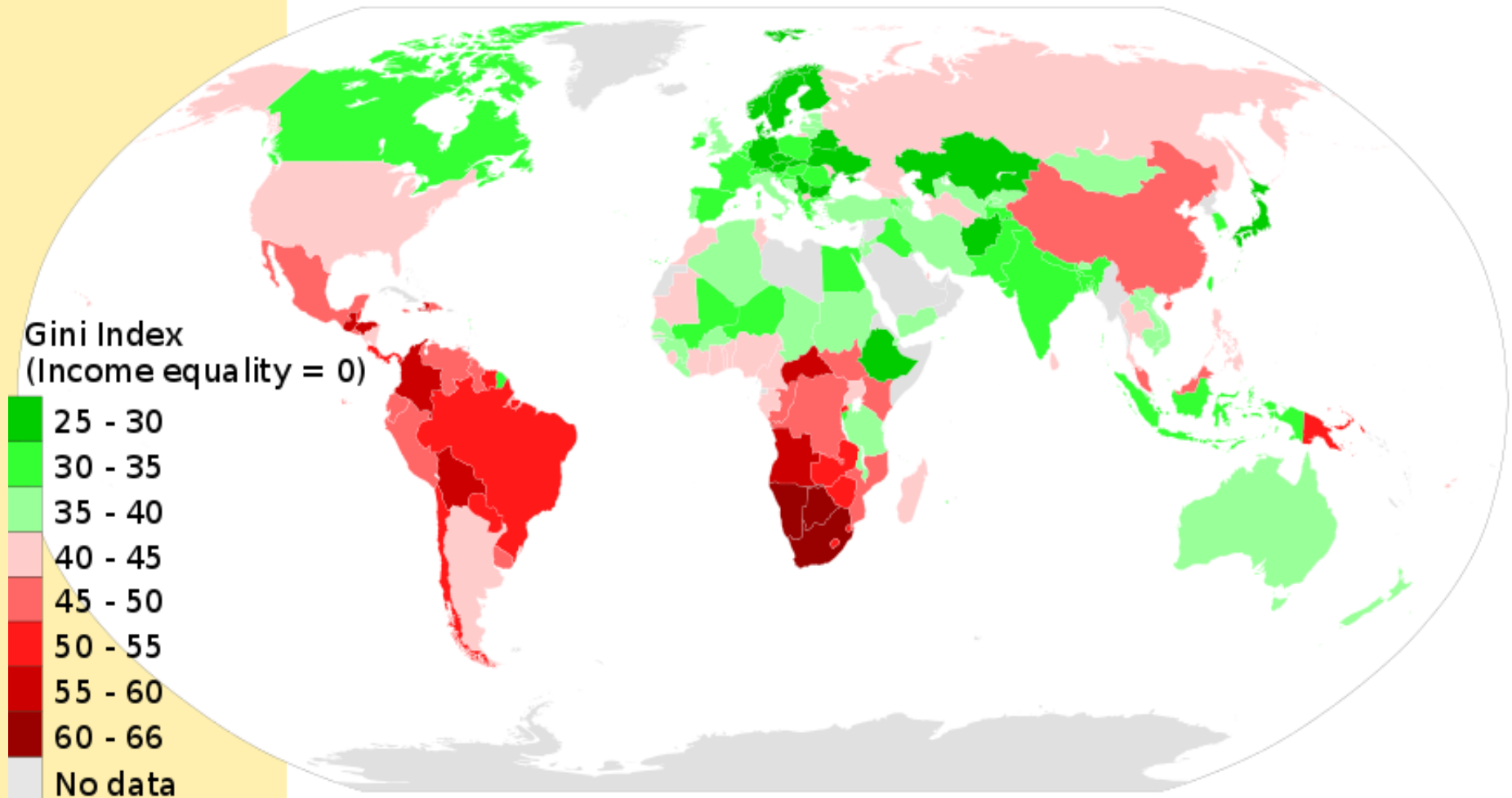
- Gross national income as such has no straightforward correlation with life expectancy
- Being poor or rich, however, is closely connected to life expectancy
 - Look at The Queen, D. Rockefeller, N. Winton, ...
- Income, Social position, Social status = RELATIVE in each society
- What is GNP for, then? (Gross National Product)

Some other correlations of inequality

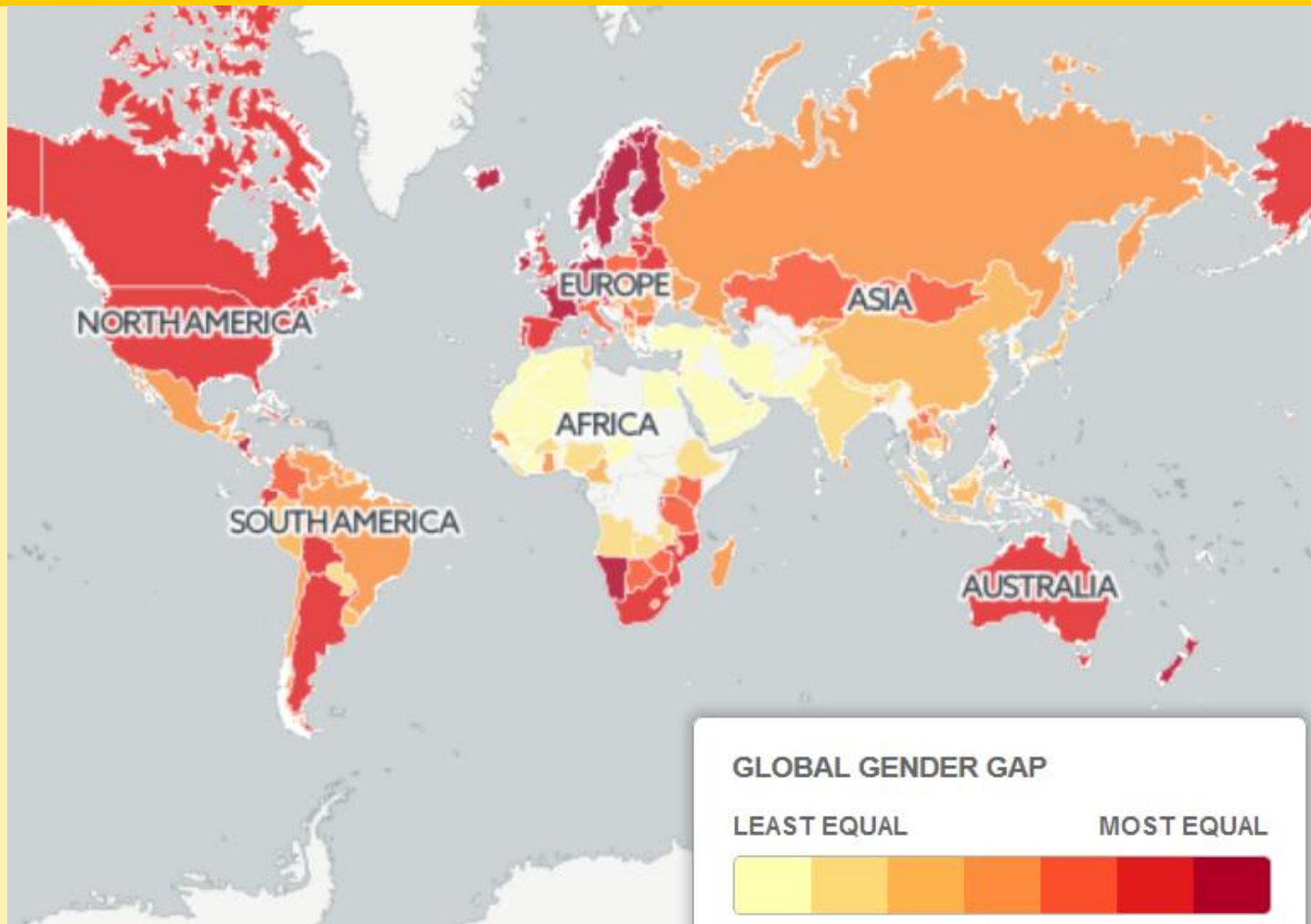
- Our wellbeing is not any longer dependent on National Income and economic growth
- More unequal societies are more likely
 - To retain the death penalty
 - To have higher rate of dropout from schools
 - To have lower social mobility



Income Inequality 2014



Gender Inequality



Take a look again

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_income_equality
- <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/maps-and-graphics/mapped-the-best-and-worst-countries-for-gender-equality/>
- Video: 3:03 – Life expectancy – Math & Literacy – Infant mortality – Homicides - ...
 - The more unequal country the bigger problems
 - The more unequal country the worse are kids doing
- Video: 5:30 – Trust – Social Capital / Involvement – Mental Illness –
- Video: 7:15 – Violence – Numbers of prisoners
- Video: 10:00 – Sweden vs. Japan (both doing well)

(in)equality

- Superiority vs. Inferiority
 - Status competition and consumerism
 - Status insecurity
- Valued vs. Devalued
 - How we are seen and judged
 - Self esteem
- We need to deal with pre & post tax measures

What can we do?

