

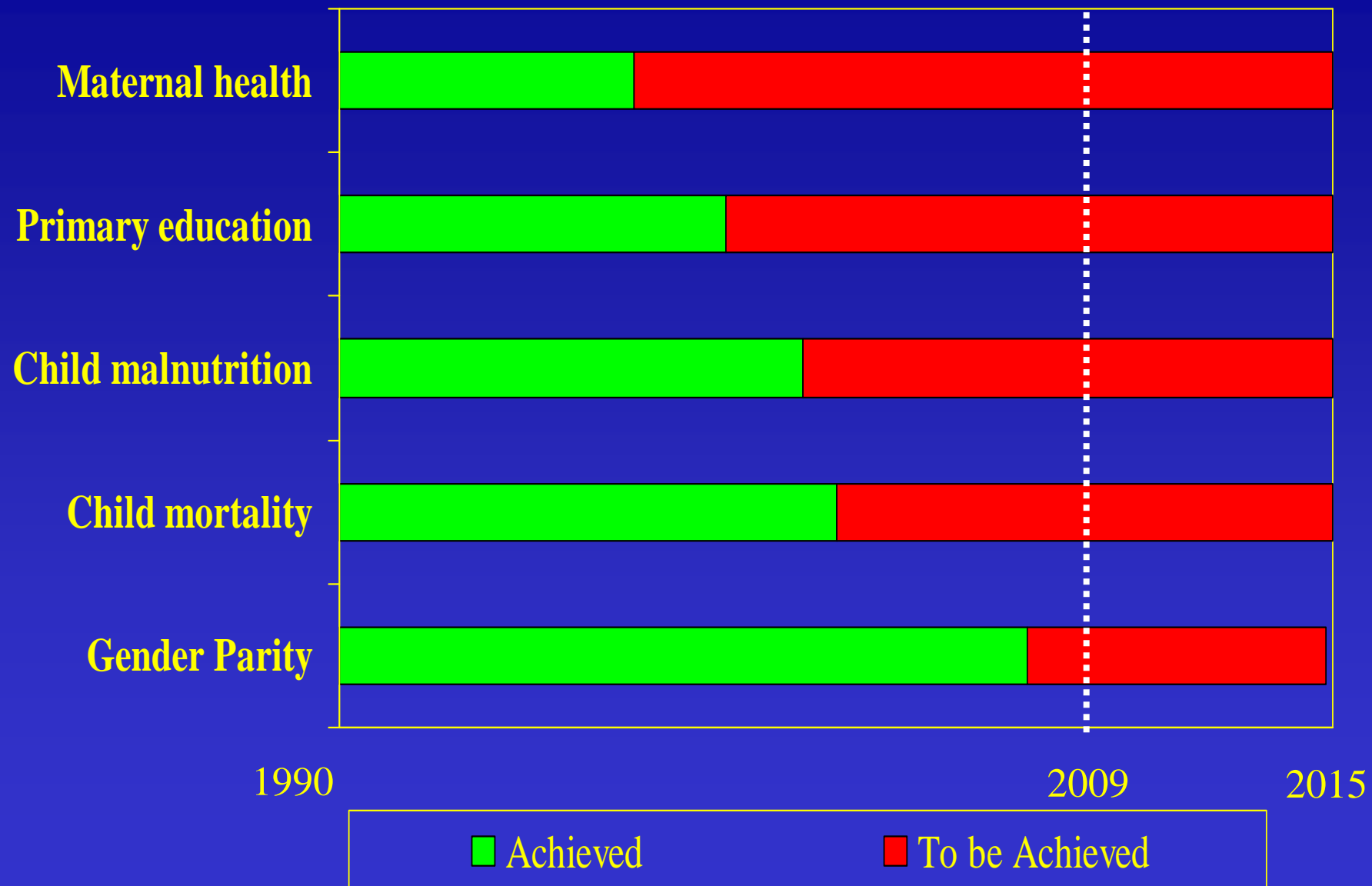
We seek to confirm, not to question, our ideas

Don't Believe Everything You Think

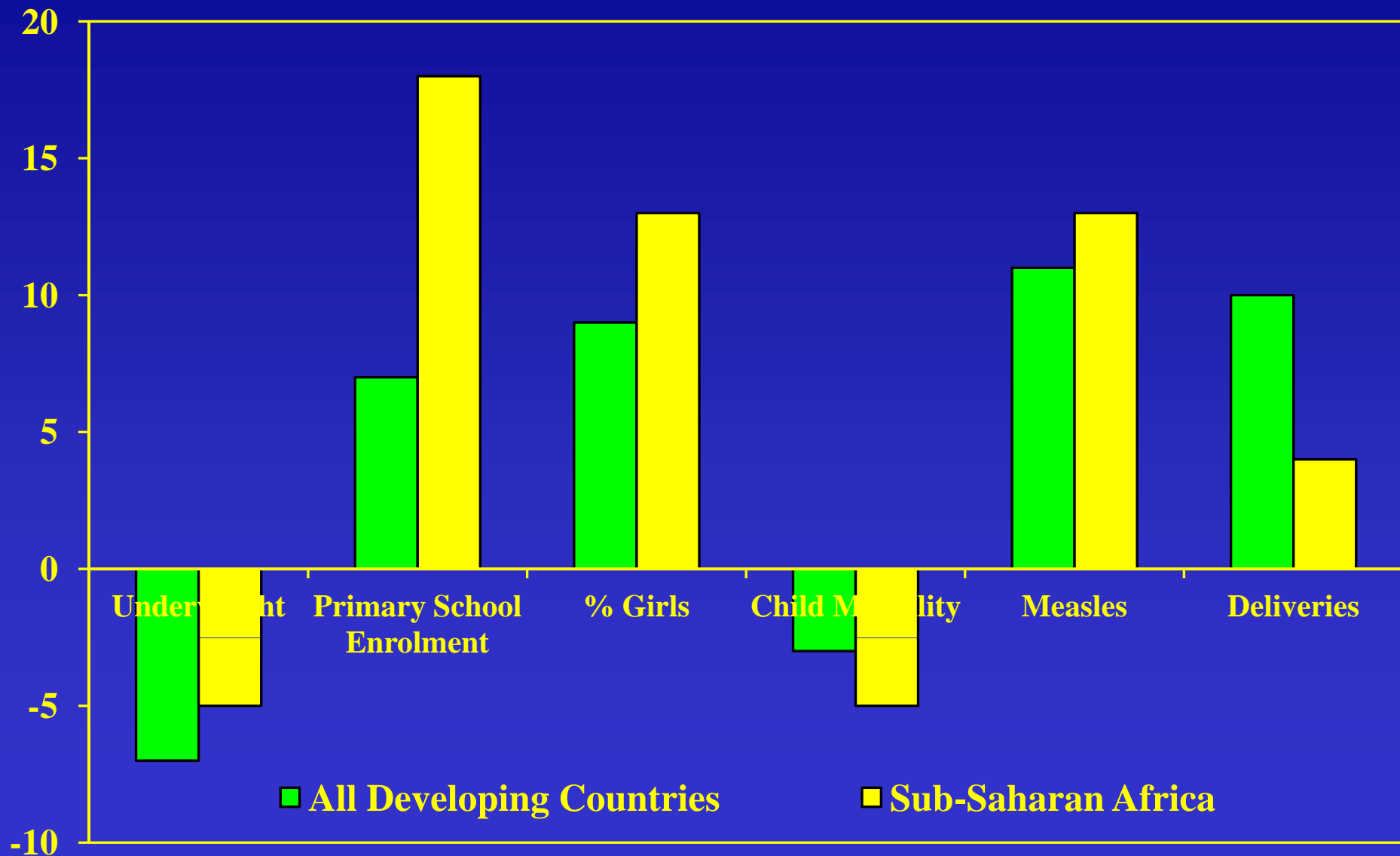
The 6 Basic Mistakes We Make in Thinking

Thomas Kida, 2007

Global MDG scorecard (as of 2009)



Change in selected indicators (1990 – 2009; in percentage points)



“African poverty and stagnation is the greatest tragedy of our time.”

Blair Commission for Africa, 2005

*Africa is not missing the targets,
you are missing the point!*

Dangers facing post-MDG agenda

- 1. Perfectibility**
- 2. Overload**
- 3. Donorship**
- 4. Prescriptions**

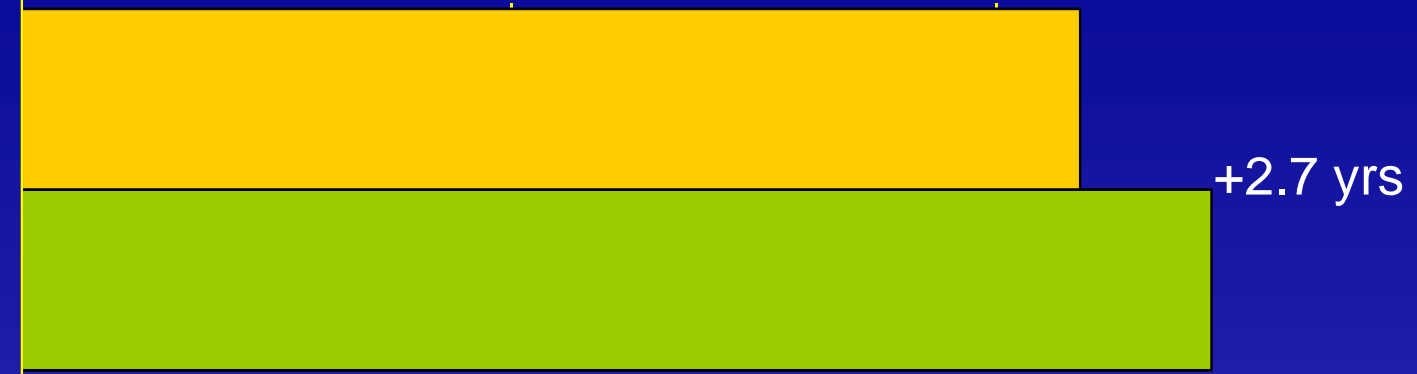
UN legitimacy

1. Convener of national debates
2. Aggregator of ideas & proposals
3. Gatekeeper for new targets
 - Is it an end?
 - Is concept clear?
 - Is indicator solid?
 - Are data robust?
4. Global custodian

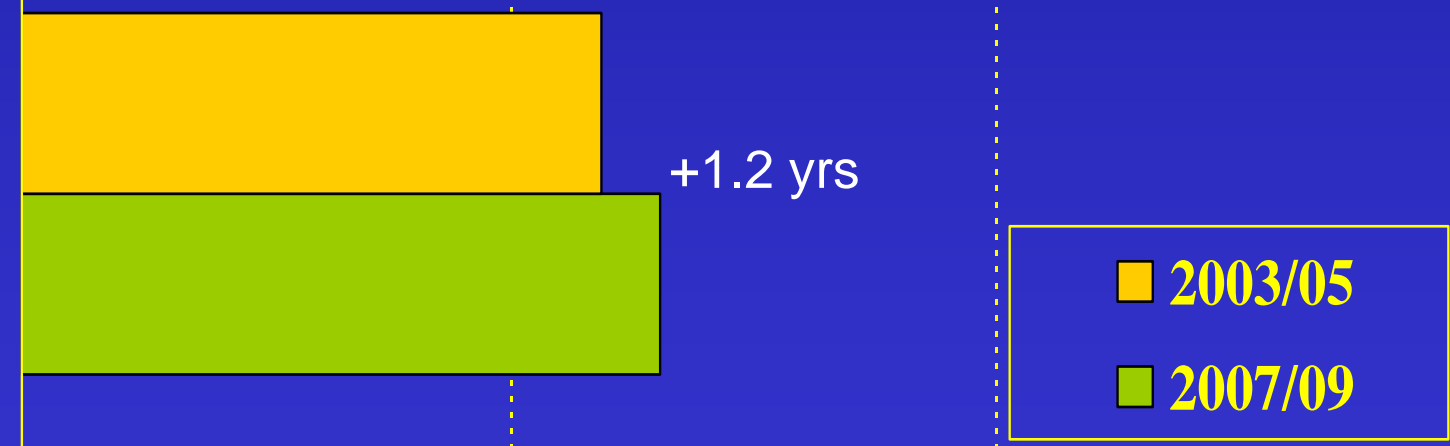
*We will not change the
MDG-course if we do not
change the discourse*

Three elephants in the room

Kensington



Glasgow



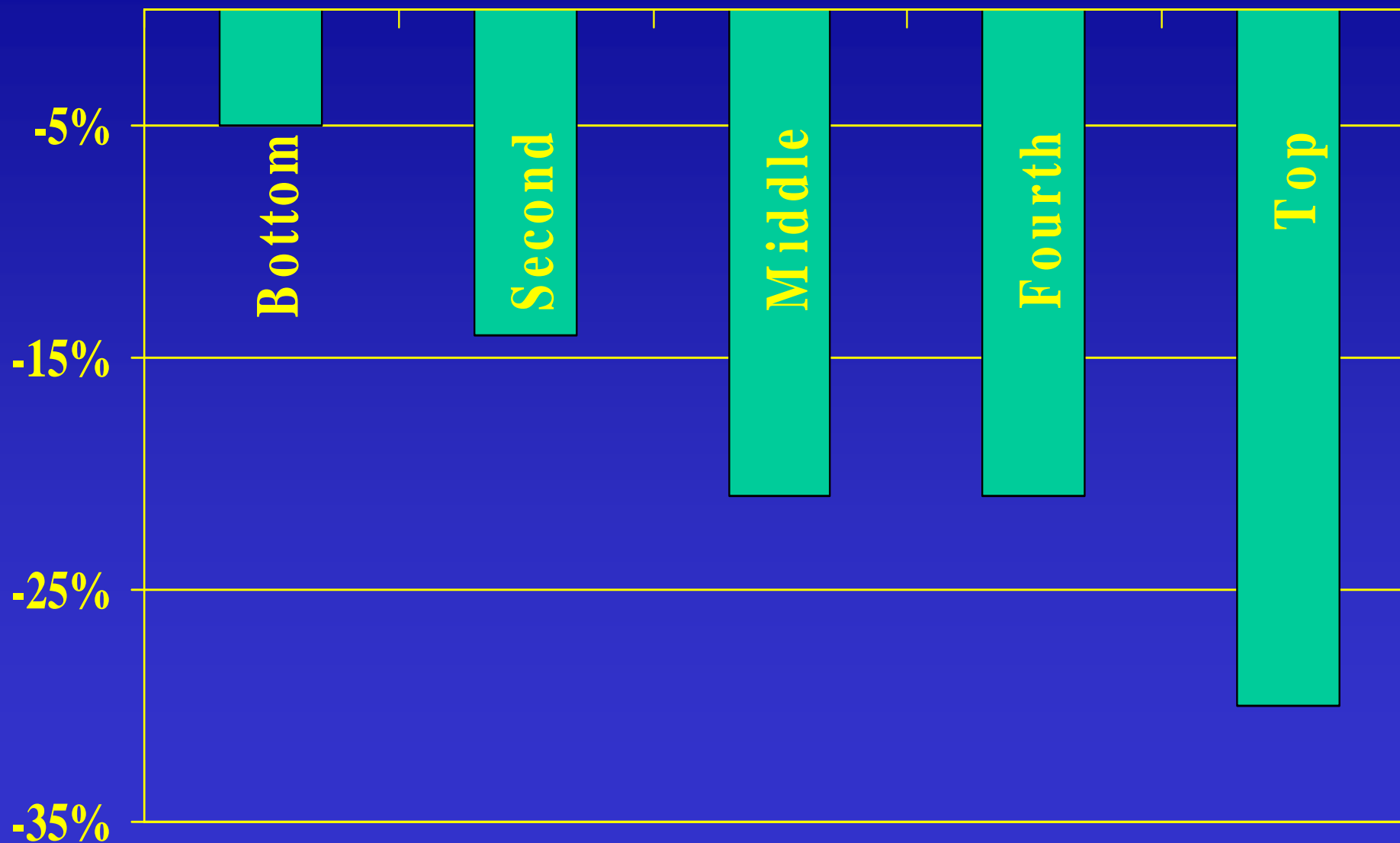
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Trends in malnutrition – South Asia (1995-2009, by quintile)



- Top 10%: appropriated 91% of income gains between 1989-2006
- Top 1%: captured nearly 60% of income-growth between 1976-2007
- Top 0.1%: income share up from 4% to 12% between 1979-2006
- “[...] *the US economy did well, except for the people in it.*”



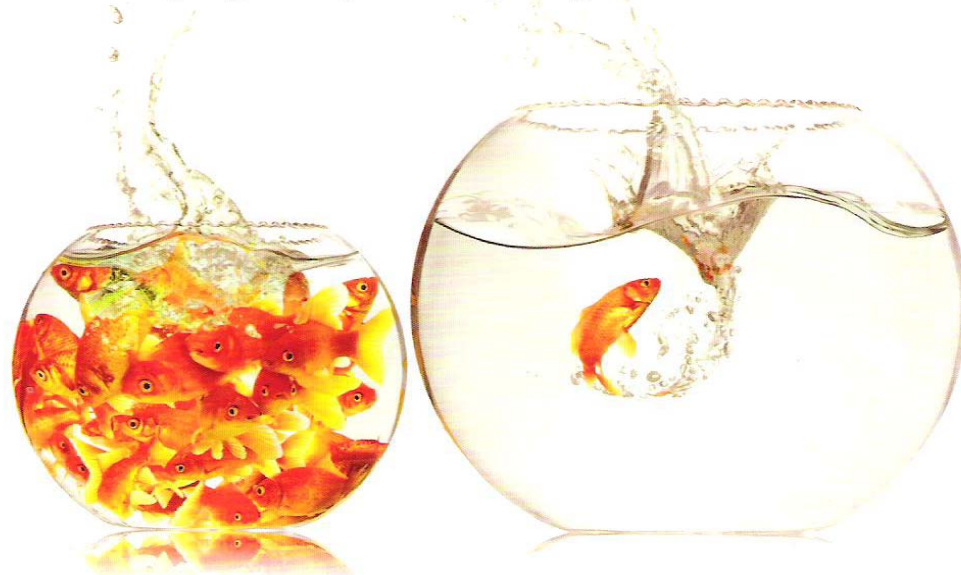
The Spirit Level

Why Equality is Better for Everyone

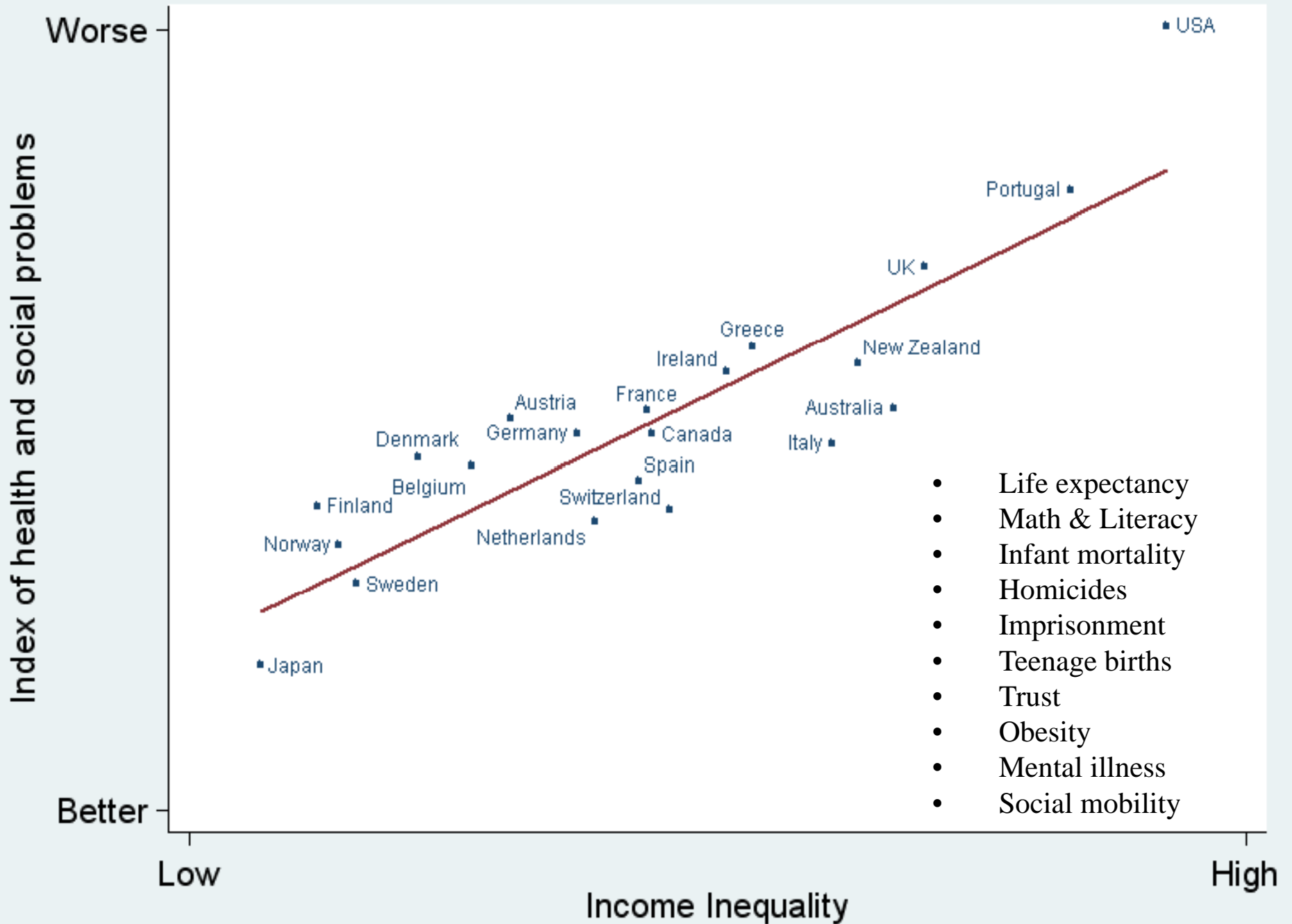
Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett

'A big idea, big enough to change political thinking'
Sunday Times

'A sweeping theory of everything' *Guardian*







“There is no one policy for reducing inequality [...] and another for raising national performance. Reducing inequality is the best way of doing both”

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Why inequality throws us off balance



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**“In fact, a more equal
society has a greater
likelihood of sustaining
longer-term growth”**

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Issues to consider

- ✓ Time horizon
- ✓ Structure
- ✓ Initial conditions
- ✓ Ambition vs. realism
- ✓ Global relevance vs. country specificity
- ✓ Challenge the narrative – inequality, jobs, disarmament

Post-2015 framework: 5 steps

1. Mid-2012: establish 'Panel of Eminent Persons'
2. 2012-14: wide consultations & national debates; 6-point agenda
3. Early 2015: Panel submits informed options and suggestions
4. Late 2015: UN General Assembly adopts new & improved set of global targets
5. Late 2015: Establish 'Global Custodian'

**The best leaders are not more
visionary or more creative;
they are more disciplined and
more empirical”**

*Great by Choice: Uncertainty, Chaos & Luck
– why some thrive despite them all*

Collins & Hansen, 2011