

Fortnightly links: NGO framing, grit, local elections in Indonesia and more

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A [hard hitting podcast](#) on how the War on Terror has compromised and otherwise challenged humanitarian aid.

An intriguing (but pay-walled) [article](#) on how NGOs frame their advertising.

The psychological trait of '[Grit](#)' is all the rage when it comes to predicting life outcomes. Could this mean anything for development? Lee Crawford [runs some numbers](#) and concludes 'no'. And the World Bank's David McKenzie has a [very helpful review](#) of the book that's central to all this.

The Interpreter has an [interesting blog post](#) on local elections in Indonesia.

The ABC has an [interesting podcast](#) on the long and winding tale of Nauru.

The *New Yorker* [profiles](#) Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani.

[This](#) podcast isn't about development *per se*, but it will appeal if you've ever argued with someone about development and wondered why, even after you've battered them with facts, they still won't change their minds.

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