



Fortnightly links: inequality, democracy, Haiti, Neymar, and more

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Oxfam Great Britain has produced a [commitment to reducing inequality index](#) based on the inequality-reducing policies countries adopt. Many Pacific countries, including Australia and New Zealand, are covered.

Oxfam GB also have some [interesting blogs](#) on the art of influencing.

If PNG's recent [electoral woes](#) have had you pondering the merits of democracy in ethnically fragmented states, you can cease your pondering. Recent cross-country [research](#) (pay-walled, but the abstract tells you what you need to know) provides clear evidence that, on average, elections reduce the risk of major instability in ethnically fragmented countries. To put it another way, a counter-factual PNG which didn't hold elections would be unlikely to be more stable than PNG as a democratic state.

You probably don't want to know about Haiti's sewage problems. But in the event that you do, [this piece](#) by Rebecca Hersher provides some excellent (and disturbing) insights.

Lastly, a couple of links for the sports fans out there: IRIN [compared](#) the size of funded UN OCHA appeals to football star Neymar's buyout clause, while on *FP2P* Kartik Akileswaran [reflects](#) on NBA superteams and doing private sector development differently.

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