

Fortnightly links: compassion fatigue, modern contraception, gender equality, and more

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Nancy Birdsall [writes](#) for the Center for Global Development on modern contraception and women's empowerment in the developing world.

Rohi Joan Halifax shares some [words of wisdom](#) on the problem of compassion fatigue, or empathetic distress.

Without urgent action, big and open data may widen existing inequalities, [says](#) Sabina Leonelli.

Does gender inequality stem from economic or cultural factors? Seema Jayachandran [covers](#) the statistical evidence in a reader-friendly way.

When will the number of children on our planet stop growing? Max Rosser [looks at](#) the demographic evidence and projections.

Japan's first lady, Akie Abe, [talks about](#) advancing gender equality and Japan's experience.