

Fortnightly links: worms, inequality, paywalls and happiness

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Has inequality started to fall in China? Ravi Kanbur, Yue Wang and Xiaobo Zhang's [analysis](#) suggests it has.

Still on inequality, but now talking globally, Martin Ravallion's [review](#) of new books on global inequality by Francois Bourguignon and Branko Milanovic is fascinating.

Is the world a happy place? Is it becoming more or less happy? What contributes to happiness? The [2017 World Happiness Report](#) is packed with useful learnings.

Surely you haven't tired of the Worm Wars yet? If you've tired of reading of them but not of listening to them being discussed, [here's](#) an interesting podcast interview with David Roodman.

On Monday this week the Trump Administration announced it would [stop funding UNFPA](#) (the UN Population Fund) because the organisation allegedly "supports, or participates in the management of, a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization" in China. Guess what? They [actually don't](#) -- and activists say that because they are one of few organisations [promoting a rights-based approach to family planning in China](#), their defunding could actually result in more coercion.

Finally, if you're not based at a university and are struggling to find journal articles because of paywalls, the LSE Impact blog has some good news and an (entirely legal) [helpful tool](#).