Personal memo from
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Catching up with poverty
— social indicators

Dear Bill —

Is it possible that somewhere there is a reasoned discussion of "economic progress"? and its stratification.

1) on a reasonable time base, say 20 years

2) including factors like
   a. transfer payments and taxes
   b. immigration
   c. differential natural increase
   d. prolongation of life span

3) What dollar level of further transfer would be needed to even the score?

I am not suggesting that the factors are exculpatory, and I do not doubt the super-rich have had a romp but I'd hunger for some analysis, besides polemics.

Best wishes

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