Happiness (Data exploration)

1. First questions:

What brings us happiness

Why are countries with higher taxes happier?

Is it all down to money?

1. Comparisons to be made:

Two animated graphs for Human development Index and Human Freedom Index

Three tables to be merged, taxes, happiness and Gdp per capita (two versions as a percent and as number )

1. What determines the happiness Index

The World Happiness 2017, which ranks 155 countries by their happiness levels, was released at the United Nations at an event celebrating International Day of Happiness on March 20th.

Results of a poll

The columns following the happiness score estimate the extent to which each of six factors – economic production, social support, life expectancy, freedom, absence of corruption, and generosity – contribute to making life evaluations higher in each country than they are in Dystopia, a hypothetical country that has values equal to the world’s lowest national averages for each of the six factors. They have no impact on the total score reported for each country, but they do explain why some countries rank higher than others.

Dystopia is an imaginary country that has the world’s least-happy people. The purpose in establishing Dystopia is to have a benchmark against which all countries can be favorably compared (no country performs more poorly than Dystopia) in terms of each of the six key variables, thus allowing each sub-bar to be of positive width. The lowest scores observed for the six key variables, therefore, characterize Dystopia. Since life would be very unpleasant in a country with the world’s lowest incomes, lowest life expectancy, lowest generosity, most corruption, least freedom and least social support, it is referred to as “Dystopia,” in contrast to Utopia.

1. What brings happiness

2008 APS David Myers Lecture on the Science and Craft of Teaching Psychology, delivered at the APS 20th Annual Convention, Diener shared some of the basic findings of research into well-being and how those findings can be brought to the classroom.

Diener identifies five factors that contribute to happiness: social relationships, temperament/adaptation, money, society and culture, and positive thinking styles.

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1. Identifying the factors that makes us happy and expanding

FIRST money, easy comparisons, gdp per capita and taxes

Why does paying taxes makes us happy

SECOND society, hard to measure (Social support/ generosity/ Fredom to make decisions perceptions of corruption)

THIRD social relationships (social support )

FOURTH temperament/adaptation, down to individual character usually can’t be measured at a national level

FIFTH positive thinking styles, down to individual character usually can’t be measured at a national level

1. Does size matter?

Need to find population density dataset and add it to the main, total population

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1. Actual comparisons now that we have laid down structure