

Worthy Reads for June 28

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Worthy Reads on Equitable Growth:

1. A very nice paper concluding, among other things, that geographic mobility is the friend and not the foe of increases in the minimum wage as an equitable growth policy—it is the individuals who are able to move across state lines to opportunity who appear to benefit the most: **Kevin Rinz and John Voorheis**: [*The distributional effects of minimum wages: Evidence from linked survey and administrative data*](#): "States and localities are increasingly experimenting with higher minimum wage..."
2. **Brad DeLong**: [The lack of Federal Reserve maneuvering room is very worrisome](#)

3. [Karen Dynan joins Equitable Growth Steering Committee](#)
4. It is worth stressing that motherhood penalties—work-gap penalties more generally—appear present throughout and beyond the Global North. Our labor market institutions and expectations are still as if designed for a male-dominated paid workforce in which women exit the paid labor force upon marriage or pregnancy and do not return: **Eunjung Jee, Joya Misra, and Marta Murray-Close:** [*Motherhood penalties in the U.S., 1986–2014*](#): "Mothers earn less than childless women..."
5. I have long thought it unwise that feminist economics is not a much larger and more prominent subfield. The past century and a half, after all, has seen the typical woman go from eating for two for twenty years to eating for two for only four. That is a huge change, with mammoth and fascinating implications and consequences within and far beyond economics—yet remarkably few (male) economists seem to care: **Kate Bahn:** [*Reporting from the International Association for Feminist Economics Conference*](#): "Great presentation on 'Bridging Theory and Action: Digital Platforms as an Opportunity for Feminist Economics' by @leezagavronsky and @Bilguis92.... We need to move beyond the online/offline binary, since it often leads activism out in the world. Economists don't need to dumb things down, but present things in a more inclusive manner, with less jargon that obfuscates what we are actually trying to say..."

Worthy Reads Elsewhere:

1. **Stan Collender:** [*@thebudgetguy*](#)
2. **Lee McIntyre:** “[*Cognitive scientists recommend using a ‘truth sandwich’ to report lies*](#): Say the truth, then show the liar telling the lie, then fact check it. Otherwise the well known ‘repetition effect’ allows the news media to be used to amplify lies...”
3. **Eliana Johnson and Annie Karni:** [*Nielsen becomes face of Trump’s border separations*](#): “Kelly’s status in the White House has changed in recent months, and he and the president are now seen as barely tolerating one another. According to four people close to Kelly, the former Marine general has largely yielded his role as the enforcer in the West Wing as his relationship with Trump has soured. While Kelly himself once believed he stood between Trump and chaos, he has told at least one person close to him that he may as well let the president do what he wants, even if it leads to impeachment—at least this chapter of American history would come to a close...”
4. **Kevin Drum:** [*We Need to Figure Out How to Fight Weaponized Disinformation – Mother Jones*](#): “I’ve been blogging for 15 years, and there’s never been a day when I wanted to stop...”
5. **Maxine Berg (1980):** [*The Machinery Question and the Making of Political Economy 1815–1848*](#)

6. **Alexandra Petri:** [THE ZUCKERBERG HEARINGS, CONDENSED](#): "Senator 1: Mr. Zuckerberg, we hear that you started Facebook in your dorm room..."
7. **Austin Frakt:** [Reagan, Deregulation and America's Exceptional Rise in Health Care Costs](#): "Why did American health care costs start skyrocketing compared with those of other advanced nations starting in the early 1980s?..."
8. **Jamie Powell:** [Who cares if Elon is incinerating capital?](#): "The great American railways provide a helpful illustration..."
9. **Will Wilkinson:** [Liberaltarianism: Back the Future](#): "Misean economics,... filtered through Ayn Rand and Murray Rothbard's peculiar views of rights and coercion..."
10. **Peter Jensen, Markus Lampe, Paul Sharp, and Christian Skovsgaard:** [The role of elites for development in Denmark](#): "How did Denmark get to Denmark?... Hundreds of butter factories could spring up in a few years in the 1880s... dominance in agricultural exports could be so rapidly consolidated... why this happened in Denmark and not elsewhere..."