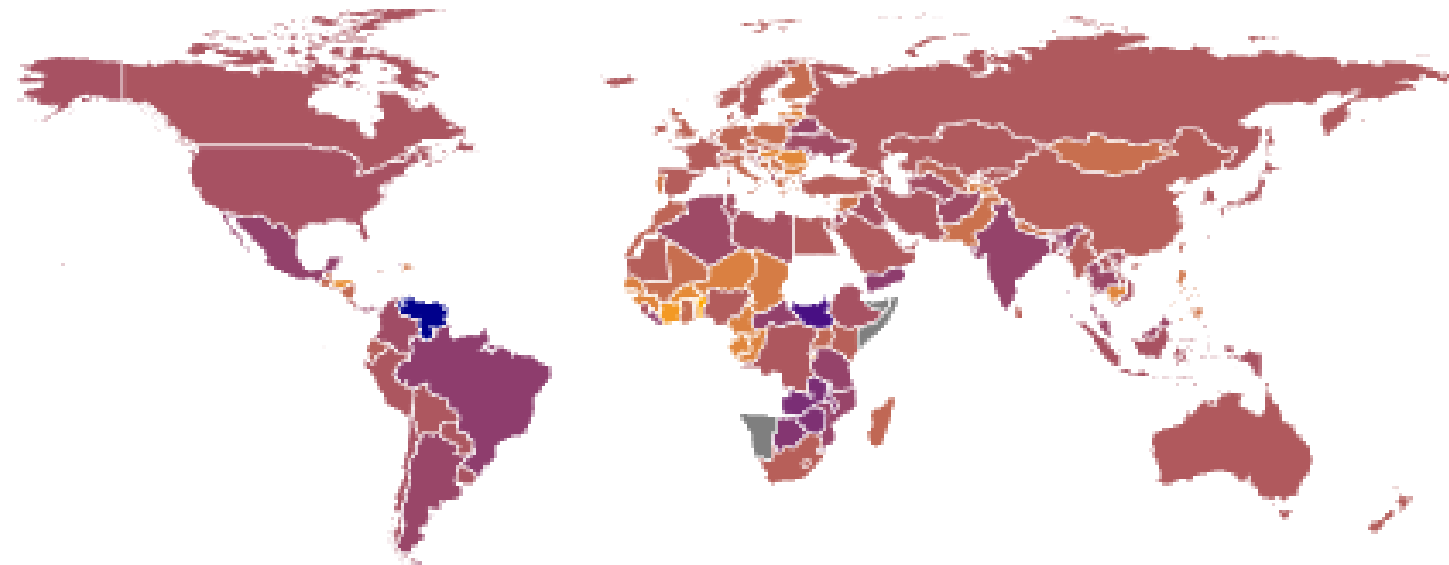


The World Happiness Report: Changes 2015 –2019

Change in Happiness Score 2015-2019



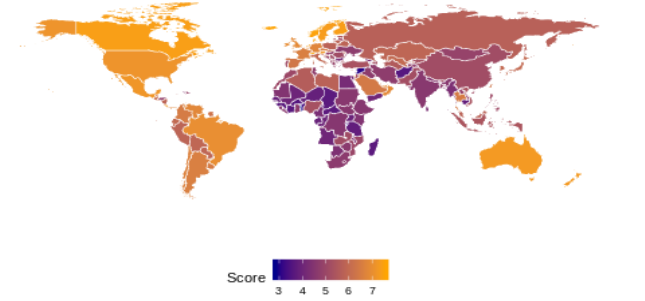
The World Happiness Report gathers data from around the world each year and gives each country a happiness score based on six primary categories: economic prosperity, health/longevity, generosity, social support, freedom to make life choices, and trust in government.

While scores tend to be relatively stable from year to year, looking at changes over longer durations can show interesting trends both globally and within countries.

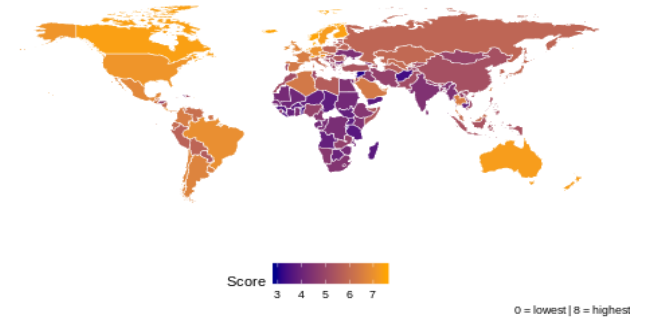
Globally, happiness scores have shown an overall decrease from 2015 to 2019, reflecting what has widely been considered a tumultuous period of history.

Looking at the largest positive and negative changes over this period, it is clear to see that the biggest changes are happening in Africa and South America. Perhaps most obvious is to see the social and economic difficulties that have plagued Venezuela in the last few years.

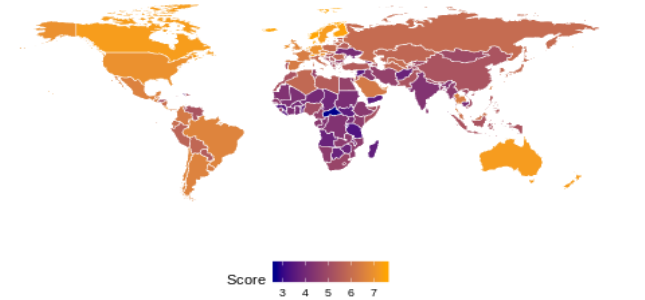
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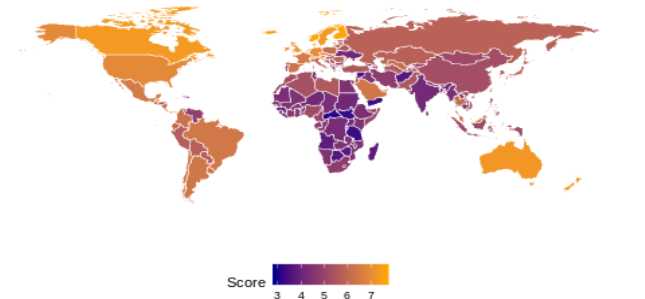
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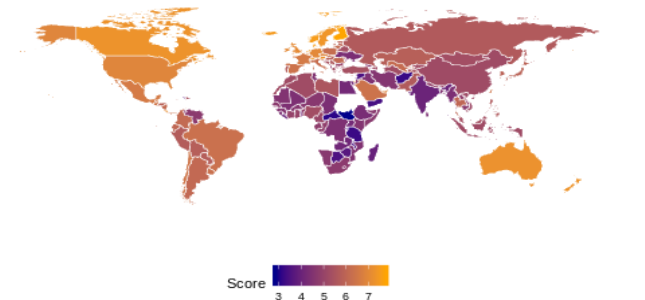
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Happiness Scores 2019



What Changed?



The top row shows changes in the countries with the largest positive change in score, while the bottom row shows changes in countries with the largest negative changes in score.

It's clear to see that many of the overall trends were the same across groups. The factors that appear to offer the greatest insights may be generosity and social environment. In generosity, you can see that all of the countries with increased happiness scores ended with upward generosity trends, while three of the four countries with decreased happiness scores have an overall decreasing generosity trend. For social engagement, three of the four increase countries have a similar increasing trend, while the overall trends in decrease countries are all stable or decreasing.