Macroeconomics & well being: Discussions

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Purpose

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A "warm-up" for the **Spring Newsletter** assignment:

- **Divide** the labor;
- Assign tasks;
- Take accountability;
- Working with **limited** time;
- Presenting a **final product**.

Assignment

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Organize the **02/27 lecture** (yes, the stage will be yours) on **two** of the most widely used measures of **well-being**:

- 1. The Human Development Index (HDI);
- 2. The Better Life Index (BLI).

Of course, these two topics are the **center** of the lecture.

• But feel free to add more context/content to it.

Dynamics

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- → Teach the class you would like to sit in!
- → Does everybody need to *speak*?
 - No.
- → Does everybody need to *participate*?
 - Yes.
 - Speaking is just one part of the process.
 - Give credit where credit is due!
- → Make it interesting. Enjoy the process. This is not just about the content. It's about anticipating "real-world" situations.

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More specifically:

- Will you use *slides*? The *whiteboard*? *Both*?
- Would you like class *participation/debate*?
- Show some real-world data! (Useful links at the end of this presentation.)
- Be critical about what you are presenting.
- How does the subject *relate* to what we have seen so far in class?

Grading

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- → Quick rubic:
 - Time management: 5 points;
 - Clear outline and presentation: **5** points;
 - No reading: 5 points;
 - Creativity: **5** points;
 - Acknowledging where each student contributed to the lecture: **5** points.

Points possible: 25.

• Grade will be added to the *Mini Projects* group.

Useful links

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- The Human Development Index (HDI);
- So The Better Life Index (BLI);
- SCIA's The World Factbook;
- 🔗 Our World in Data.