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money and consumption obsession

make it look like a published paper

- ◇ again to get an A, it's gotta be a publishable paper
- ◇ make it look like one!
 - everything, amount of lit etc, structure, feel
- ◇ see the journals like johs, sir, ariq
- ◇ yes i may be obsessed with data and stata, but paper does need the and lit

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we have so much stuff and we dont realize it

- ◇ again evryone except bottom decile has better qol than everyone except top decile 100 years ago BOK
- ◇ median or most in 1890 on 1\$ adj for inflation Peterson
- ◇ perhaps the most incomprehensible thing today: materialism/conspicuous consumption
- ◇ arguably in couple decades or couple centuries humans would wonder what are we doing now with suburbs mc mansions and SUVs: all human energy geared towards stuff and never enough never satiated

so much stuff and yet so unhappy

- ◇ true pinker enlightenment now and Peterson we never had so much
- ◇ And yet look at what's happening, spirit level eg and opioid epidemic and loneliness and anxiety and mental health

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many did it

- ◇ maybe most famously Henry David Thoreau; excellent and relevant “Walden”
- ◇ a more modern guy is Tesson
- ◇ I kind of did it too: lived in Cali Colombia in a regular/local housing—rent was less than \$100 a month
- ◇ and was one of the happiest, if not the happiest, time in my life

personal experience probably best to really understand

I surely was reading about it but never fully understood until I lived in Colombia. My friends making less than \$500 a mo, and yet happy. I I surely was happier there too, mostly because of social relationships and nature. I almost stayed there. I surely was happier there than here, just cannot picture myself making say \$1000 a month, which would be plenty to satisfy my needs, so yes I'm greedy.