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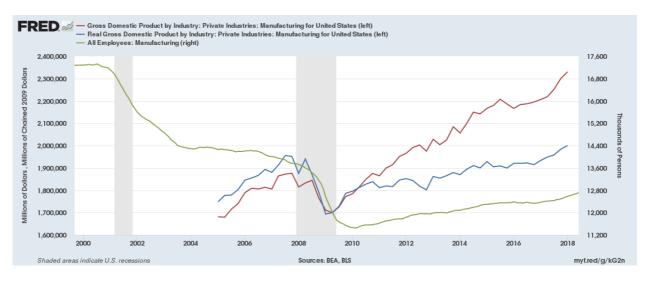
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Influence of Scientific-technical Level on Living Standard

From the early student years, I have been investigating the influence of science and the technical level on the standard of living. I am not talking about the technical level in the British sense 1 like a school leaving qualification to university education. I researched possibilities from use of effective information networks [1-2], the indicators of the age structure of the technical base of macroeconomics, the proportion of progressive machines and equipment, the need to exceed the rate of growth of the standard of living and business productivity, in comparison with the rate of technology per capita.

My researches [3-22] has shown that it is the level of development of science and technology in the country that has the most effect on the standard of living, after influence of the competitive environment.

We should especially emphasize that the world processes were especially influenced by intellectual progress and, accordingly, the growth of the extraordinary building-industrial Manufacturing in the new USA²:



Technically well equipped small intellectual countries are more likely to show a high level and quality of life, and I think, for example, we should especially think about the following conclusions presented below.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technical Level

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manufacturing_in_the_United_States

"The countries with the highest quality of life have been announced by the not-for-profit organisation Social Progress Imperative. Scandinavian nations scored highly in the "Social Progress Index," but more surprising are the very large countries which came lower down the list - suggesting that a strong GDP per capita is not the only gauge for a high standard of living. Despite this, all of the top 19 countries are developed nations - so having a strong economy clear has an impact.

The "Social Progress Index" collates the scores of three main indexes:

- 1) Basic Human Needs, which includes medical care, sanitation, and shelter.
- 2) Foundations of Wellbeing, which covers education, access to technology, and life expectancy.
 - 3) Opportunity, which looks at personal rights, freedom of choice, and general tolerance.

The index then adds the three different factors together, before giving each nation a score out of 100. You can see the countries with the highest quality of life below.

- 19. United States 84.62. The US scraping into the top 20 may surprise some, and the report does call it a "disappointment," saying the country's huge economy does not translate into social progress for many of its citizens.
- 18. France 84.79. For many France is a liberal bastion, but it scored low on "tolerance and inclusion" in the report, while a poor score in "opportunity" keeps it further down the list than it perhaps should be.
- 17. Spain 85.88. One of the most popular holiday destinations in Europe, Spain has a strong welfare system and work life balance, but high youth unemployment has hurt the standard of life for many of its citizens.
- 16. Belgium 86.19. The HQ of the European Union scores highly on social progress and demonstrates that sometimes being a smaller country makes it easier to look after all your inhabitants.

- 15. Germany 86.42. Another country which might be a bit lower down than some people would expect, Germany scores highly for inclusiveness after taking in more than a million refugees over the past few months, but some wonder if the infrastructure can handle it.
- 14. Japan 86.54. The 'Land of the Rising Sun' has made great strides in social progress in the last decade, particularly in women entering the workforce. It still has a very small immigrant population, though, and suicide rates for under-30s remain high.
- 13. Austria 86.60. Vienna is a cultural capital of Europe and Austrian ski slopes attract people from all over the world. Having the 14th biggest economy in the world, according to the IMF, does not hurt standard of living either.
- 12. Ireland 87.94. Brits scrambling for Irish passports in the wake of the vote for a Brexit may be pleased to discover it scores very high on meeting "basic human needs," and the potential investment of companies moving from the UK will only make things better.
- T-10. New Zealand 88.45. New Zealand's tourist board calls it "the youngest country in the world," and it is certainly one of the most beautiful. "Opportunity" is where it scores really high, as a low population means jobs are in abundance.
- T-10. Iceland 88.45. Speaking of beautiful countries, Iceland scores very well in social progress, particularly in the "basic human needs" index and GDP per capita. Its football team has proven itself a force to be reckoned with too.
- 9. United Kingdom 88.58. The NHS is big part of the UK's high placing, with "basic medical care" scoring almost 100% on the report. Education scores almost as highly, with free access to quality schools.
- 8. Netherlands 88.65. The Netherlands is famously one of the most tolerant countries in the world, so its position in the top ten should be no surprise. It is one of the highest-scoring countries on "personal freedom and choice."
- 7. Norway 88.70. Get used to seeing Scandinavian nations in the top ten. Norway is big on "nutrition and basic medical care," and its "access to basic knowledge" is strong too. Many have said the Norway model is one to follow for a non-EU UK.

- 6. Sweden 88.80. "Water and sanitation" may be taken for granted in developed economies, but it is not enjoyed everywhere. Luckily it is an area Sweden nails, scoring 99.77. The country also picks up high scores in "nutrition" and "personal rights."
- 5. Switzerland 88.87. Switzerland may have some of the most expensive cities in the world to live in, but its citizens get value for money. According to the Social Progress Report, "medical", "nutritional" and "access to basic knowledge" is where the country shines.
- 4. Australia 89.13. There is a good reason so many people want to start a new life "down under." Austrailia has fantastic education, job opportunities and a strong sense of personal freedom. Its "tolerance and inclusion" score could be higher though.
- 3. Denmark 89.39. Denmark has one of the best social mobility and income equality rates in the world, so no surprise it makes it into the top three on this list. "Basic human needs" is where the country scores particularly highly, though its "health and wellness" stats such as life expectancy could be higher.
- 2. Canada 89.49. For such a huge nation, Canada only has 35 million citizens, and they are some of the best looked after in the world. Canada's healthcare is what stands it above the rest. Education and opportunity in the country are also impressively strong.
- 1. Finland 90.09. Everyone says Nordic nations have the highest standard of living, and now Finland has made it official. It scores highly on almost every index on the report, from basic needs, foundations of wellbeing and personal freedoms. If you move there just make sure to bring warm coat temperatures can reach minus 50 celsius in the winter!"³

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³ https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/the-19-countries-with-the-highest-standard-of-life-a7376846.html

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