

Rx for happiness: Tax the rich?

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Discussions about taxes tend to cause otherwise reasonable people to go from zero to apoplexy in 3.5 seconds. So I groaned inwardly when my editor suggested I write about a study of 54 countries showing that the more progressive a nation's tax system, the happier its citizens are.

Oh, great. I thought. I could see the headline: Soak the rich and you'll feel better.

Then I read the study, which also concluded happiness was not enhanced by higher government spending. In fact, bigger government outlays were associated with less happiness.

Which made me feel better about this assignment. At least the study was an equal opportunity offender.

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