

Longevity

If you're among the most fortunate in America, you will live about as long as the most fortunate anywhere in the world.

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But sifting through the [death] certificates, it will become clear that the fates of the disadvantaged are much more country-dependent.

Even the most disadvantaged in Japan and Switzerland typically make it to 60.

In France, Germany and Britain, they die at about 55. In the US, it's just 41.

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For men at the bottom of the US economic ladder, it's even worse. My calculations suggest the average age of death in that group is just 36 years old, compared with 55 in the Netherlands and 57 in Sweden.

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