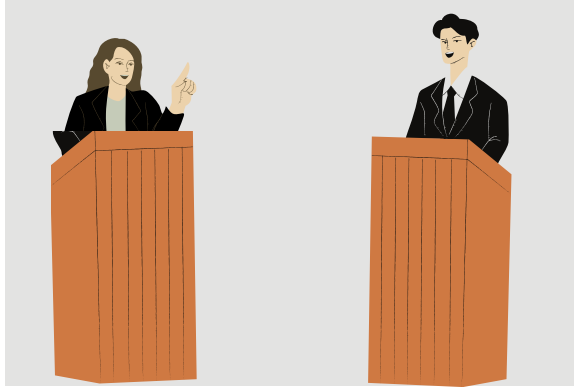


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Debates Club Opening

Debates club will be a place where you will learn how to formulate arguments and debate with other students about reasonable subjects. The club will be held once every week for grades 6-12. If you are interested in joining the club, you can fill in the form, send to your gmail.

The Royal Family- Did Meghan's and Harry's Departure Cause a Scandal too Hot to Handle

As we have seen in the last few years, the British Royal family has been under tremendous buzz, more than they were. Ever since, the American actor, Meghan Markle, entered the scene, the whole family was turned upside-down. Brother against brother, grandparents against grandchildren, broken father-son relations, or so we hear on the news. But did Meghan truly cause all this chaos? Or is it another fabrication that the media has implemented on the public to make everything more 'dramatic'?

In the recent interview between Meghan Markle and Oprah, Meghan opened up about the 'true life' in the palace. She noted a lot of things that made the audience, as well as the interviewer, gasp. She talked about the baby's skin color, the rumor of her making Kate cry, and just her life in the few years as a member of this family.

Meghan didn't shy down to note all the gruesome details, including how her baby's skin color was a very important issue, quote "my child's skin color was discussed", there were "concerns over Archie's skin color". For a new member of this family, it must have been hard for her to truly understand what she was going into, but there are some things that cross the line, which she, herself would never have imagined becoming a topic of discussion.



Apart from Archie and his skin color, Meghan addressed the rumor about her making Kate cry. She said that it was the reverse, that Kate made her cry, and that the Royal family didn't take her under their wing, and didn't try to address/correct these rumors. Apparently, Kate was complaining about the bridesmaid's dresses when she knew that Meghan was already under so much pressure and on top of that the case about her father.

In general, throughout her interview we can see that Meghan is not cut out to be part of the Royal family, this just proves that becoming a princess is not all fun-and-games, it can be a real challenge. Meghan was trying her best to fit in and to lose her voice in order to gain acceptance. Meghan throughout her journey with the Royals tried her best to not lose herself, but she was gradually realizing, her voice, her honor, and her dignity were deteriorating. The only person holding her back from committing a horrible act was her husband Harry.

Of course, throughout the interview, Meghan speaks about unbearable things committed by the Royal family, but she doesn't fail to mention one or two positives. Apart from Meghan being labeled as courageous, she is also getting comments on her apparent similarities with Princess Diana. People are saying that the two would get along most definitely. They are saying she is trying to fulfill the destiny which Princess Diana left behind. One or two articles even showed how Meghan Markle was dressed in Diana-inspired clothing, saying that she is the rebirth of the long-gone Princess.

Yes, Meghan did spill-the-beans, but was it for honorable reasons? Who is telling the truth? Whom should we believe? It is all dependent on our right from wrong. Maybe Meghan is overexaggerating Royal's brutality, maybe she is underexaggerating it. We will never know. But one fact remains constant, Harry and Meghan left the kingdom, and are now enjoying life on their own.

Let's see how long that lasts for....

By: Mariami Jakhua

Arthur Conan Doyle Famous Writer



Arthur Conan Doyle was a British writer and physician, born in Edinburgh, Scotland on May 22, and died on July 7, 1930, in Crowborough, England. Arthur Conan Doyle created the very famous character-Sherlock Holmes, a talented, gifted detective.

Conan Doyle's first Sherlock Holmes story, "A Study in Scarlet" was published in Beeton's Christmas Annual, in the year 1887. Starting in 1891, the series of Sherlock Holmes appeared in the Strand Magazine and Conan Doyle was able to assign himself to write. Once published, Conan Doyle's books instantly became extremely famous over the world, since it was and still is, one of the world's greatest detectives. After Arthur Conan Doyle's death, his wife Jean Elizabeth inherited his wealth. After her death, Conan Doyle's oldest son, Denis Conan Doyle gladly gave his beloved wife, Nino Mdivani, who was a Georgian woman the exclusive right to publishing his father's works. Nino thankfully accepted the offer and excitedly got to publishing Arthur's books and stories.

For people who are interested in movies, there are now lots of movies based on Conan Doyle's books which are also interesting. There were and are lots of writers who published detectives, but for most people, Arthur Conan Doyle is still the most extraordinary one.

By: Ketevan Targamadze

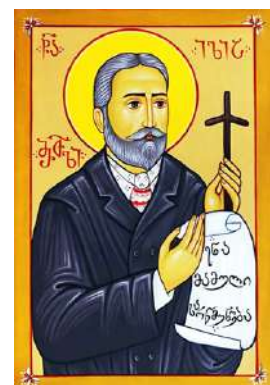
Righteous Ilia the great Poet

Today I am going to discuss a very famous Georgian writer and poet. Now, many of you thought that I was going to talk about Vazha-Pshavela. Because I think that everyone who lives in Georgia has heard of Vazha-Pshavela regardless if you are Georgian or not. But I am going to be talking about Prince Ilia Chavchavadze. He was a Georgian public figure, journalist, publisher, writer, and poet. He was highly involved in Georgian politics and had a huge influence on the people. He fought for his people, language, culture, and religion. He fought very hard to protect his people from Russification. He was ultimately killed for it.



He advocated for capital punishment to end. He most famously advocated for the Georgian population to become literate. He did this in many ways, he was the founder of two modern newspapers: Sakartvelos Moambe and Iveria. He also participated in founding the first NGO-type organization in Georgian schools. "Society for the Spreading of Literacy among Georgians" as the name of this organization. What made this organization so special was that they provided education in Georgian instead of Russian. He put into place very important measures that were key to halting the Russification policy of the Russian Empire in Georgia. He also introduced The Georgian populous to liberal Western ideas. He also advocated for the rights of women. and his personal opinions on the judicial system, social issues, human rights, women rights, economics, education, and civic activism helped to create a modern sense of self for the Georgian people. He is considered the main contributor to Georgian cultural and civic nationalism. Chavchavadze was killed in Tsitsamuri, outside Mtskheta, by assassins. The exact reason and details for his murder have been up for Debate and still debatable. He was canonized as Saint Ilia the Righteous (წმინდა ილია მართალი, tsmindia ilia martali) In the Georgian Orthodox church in 1987.

The reason why I'm telling you about his story is that his literature has impacted me in a great way. Although I am not a Georgian and I do not fully understand what this country has been through, his literature and life have opened my mind to a small portion of what has happened here. I would read at least one of his poems. Some of his most famous works include The Hermit, The Ghost, Otaraant Widow, Kako The Robber, Happy Nation, Letters of a Traveler and Is a man a human?!



By: Joah Steenberg

Rethinking if GDP really measures society's well-being and standards of living

GDP per capita is considered to be the main indicator of the average person's standard of living. However, Economists (and I) have debated how good measure it is for living standards.

Yes, GDP calculates the income of the people, and the value of all final goods & services produced within a country, But what about our health, education, or happiness?

GDP doesn't measure levels of education, health, life expectancy, freedom, sense of security, peacefulness, working hours, and leisure time balance, stress, happiness, crime rate, and other factors that determine society's well-being and standards of living.

GDP doesn't track the value of negative externalities, such as pollution, and toxic wastes, neither depletion of natural resources.

These factors definitely result in reducing society's well-being.

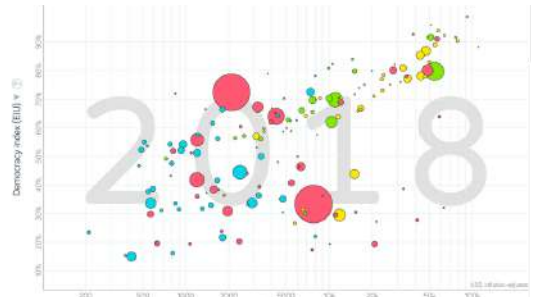
Most importantly, GDP per capita can't provide information about the distribution. For instance, Nigeria has a higher average GDP than Honduras, yet in Nigeria, around 80% of the population lives on less than \$2 a day, while in Honduras the same applies to 35%!

In favor of GDP, economists will legitimately argue that the GDP is positively and linearly correlated with some factors we care about. According to statistics, the higher GDP per capita, the higher is the life expectancy, the education level, and the satisfaction level.

Obviously, GDP is very useful, but it is not the perfect indicator for a country's well-being!

And if you want to see the battle of Gross National Happiness and Human Development Index, fighting to become the world's best measure of well-being, wait for the next article in ES Monthly.

By: Ana Maria Iakobidze

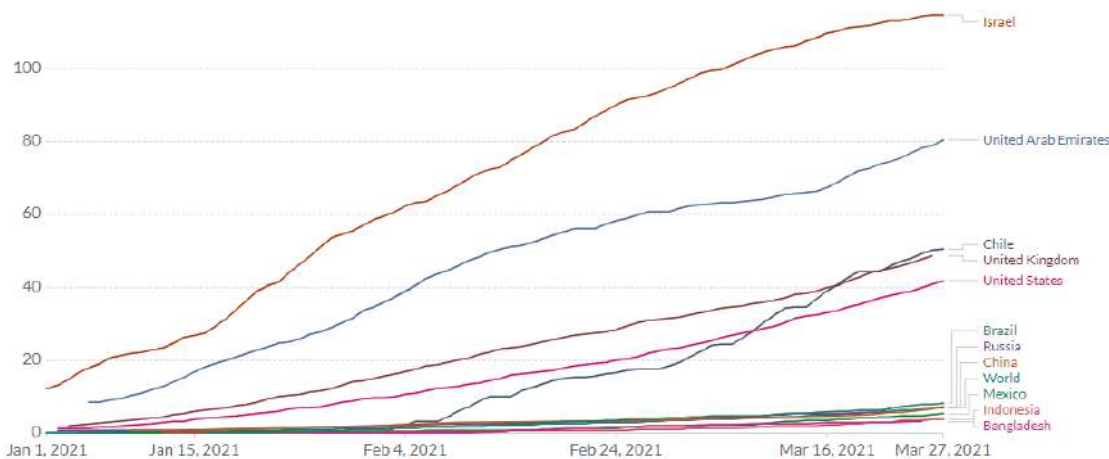


World News

How is the vaccination going in different countries?

It is already a year that we are living in the pandemic, but we have hope That hope is vaccination. There are a lot of different vaccines, but we are not going to touch on this topic in this article.

In this article we will cover the statistics for vaccination, and how are the countries doing.



We can see the countries with the biggest amount of vaccines per 100 people are:

1. Israel
2. The United Arab Emirates
3. Chile
4. United Kingdom
5. United States

We can see, that the countries with the biggest amount of people vaccinate are some of the most developed countries on the planet. It is possible to see the direct correlation between the development of the country and the number of people vaccinated. It is not surprising, because these countries can afford to buy vaccines and vaccinate the people living there.

The data provided here is the data for the end of March. We have a lot of time to view and analyze how will the vaccination continue in the future.

By: Alexandra Konovalova

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