Poorest Fifth

Japan is the region with the richest poor people in the world. The average income of the poorest fifth of the population in Japan is at least 7 times more than that of the equivalent group in 8 other regions. The regions with the lowest average incomes for the poorest fifth of the population are Central Africa, Southeastern Africa and Northern Africa. The poorest fifth of the population of South America have especially low relative incomes given the average incomes there. Despite being located in South America, French Guiana and the Falklands / Islas Malvinas share data with France and the United Kingdom respectively, so are resized accordingly.

“Normally speaking, it may be said that the forces of a capitalist society, if left unchecked, tend to make the rich richer and the poor poorer and thus increase the gap between them.”

Jawaharlal Nehru, 1960

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