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Fairness for Children: Inequality in child well-being within wealthy nations

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The UNICEF Index of Child Inequality

How unequal are

youth?

How does inequality affect their well-being?

What could narrow the gaps and raise child well-being?

UNICEF Index of Child Well-being

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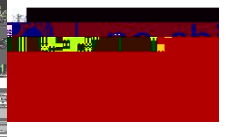
Rank	Country
1	Netherlands
2	Norway
3	Iceland
4	Finland
5	Sweden
19	Spain
21	Poland
23	Slovakia
25	Greece
27	Lithuania
28	Latvia
29	Romania



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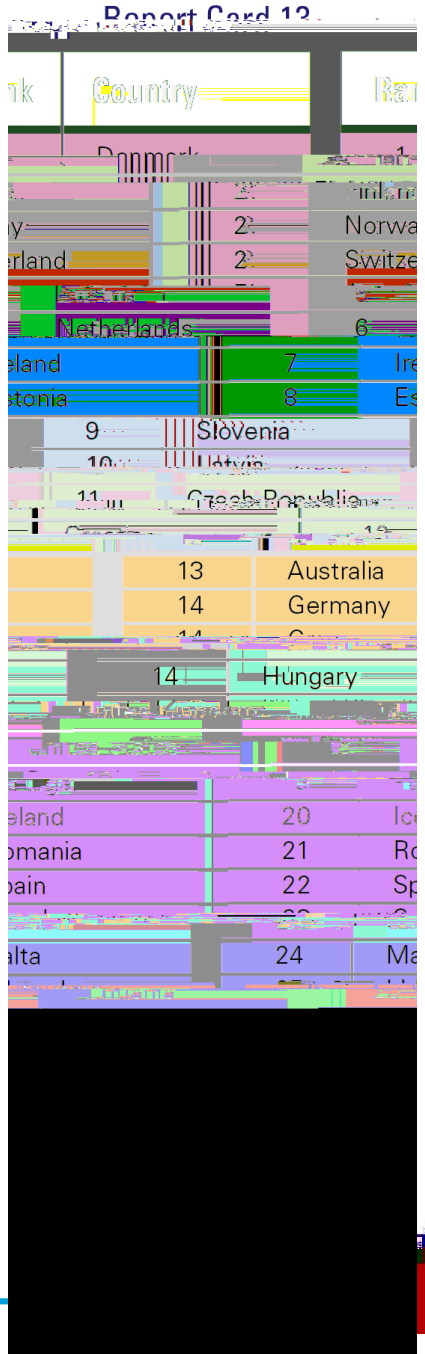

Measuring the gaps

Bottom-

Income inequality

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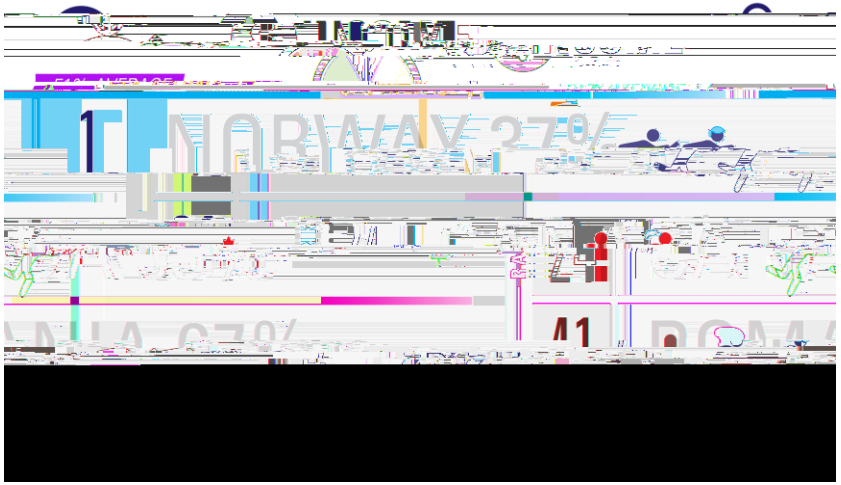

Health inequality

Inequality in life satisfaction:

-being

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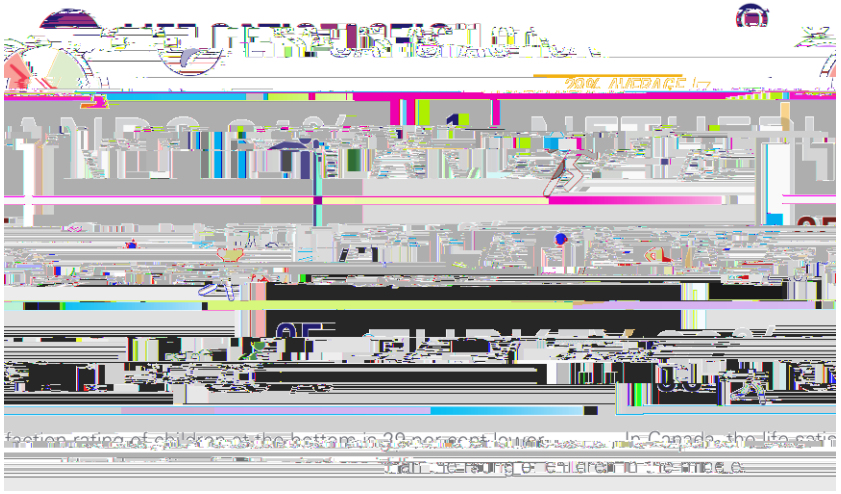

League Table 4 Inequality in life satisfaction

Rank	Country	Relative life satisfaction inequality	Life satisfaction at top-bottom gap of 10 points
4.4	1	Netherlands	24.03
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How much of an influence does poverty have?

Life satisfaction gradient

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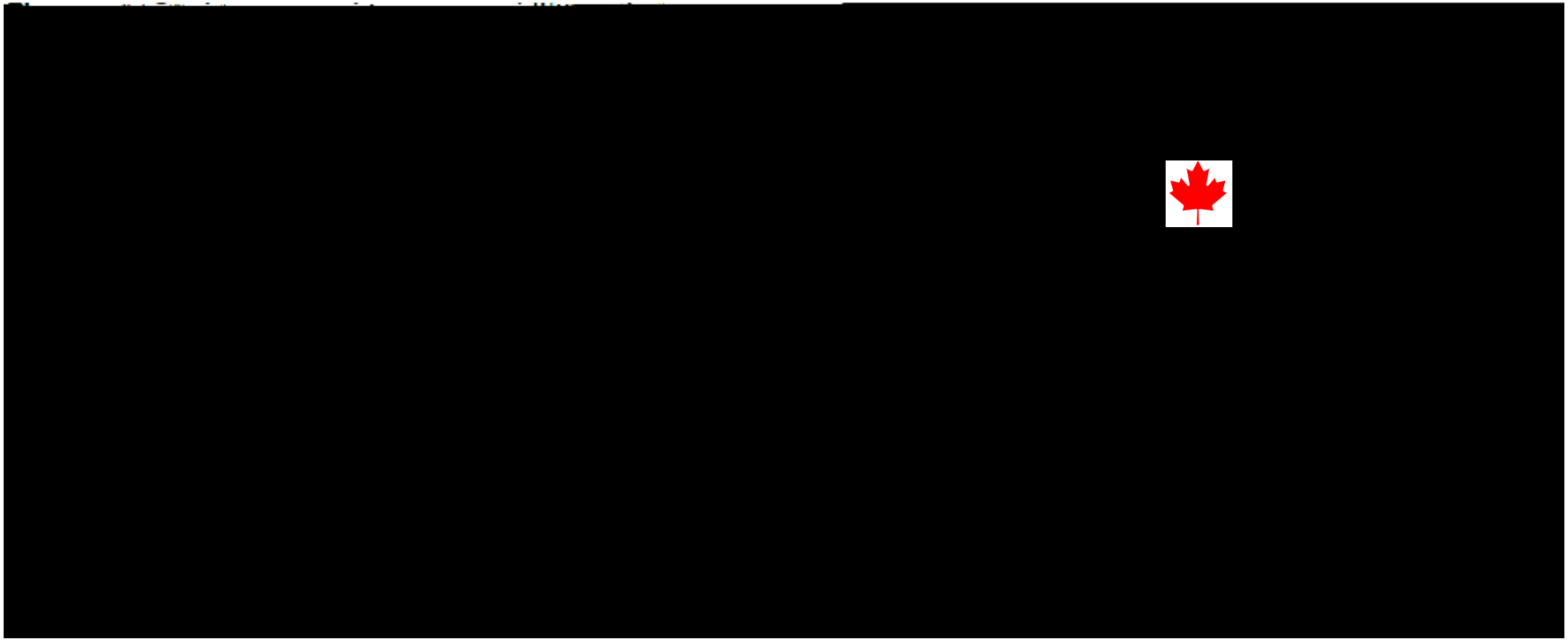

Boys and girls are differently unequal

Boys have greater educational disadvantage

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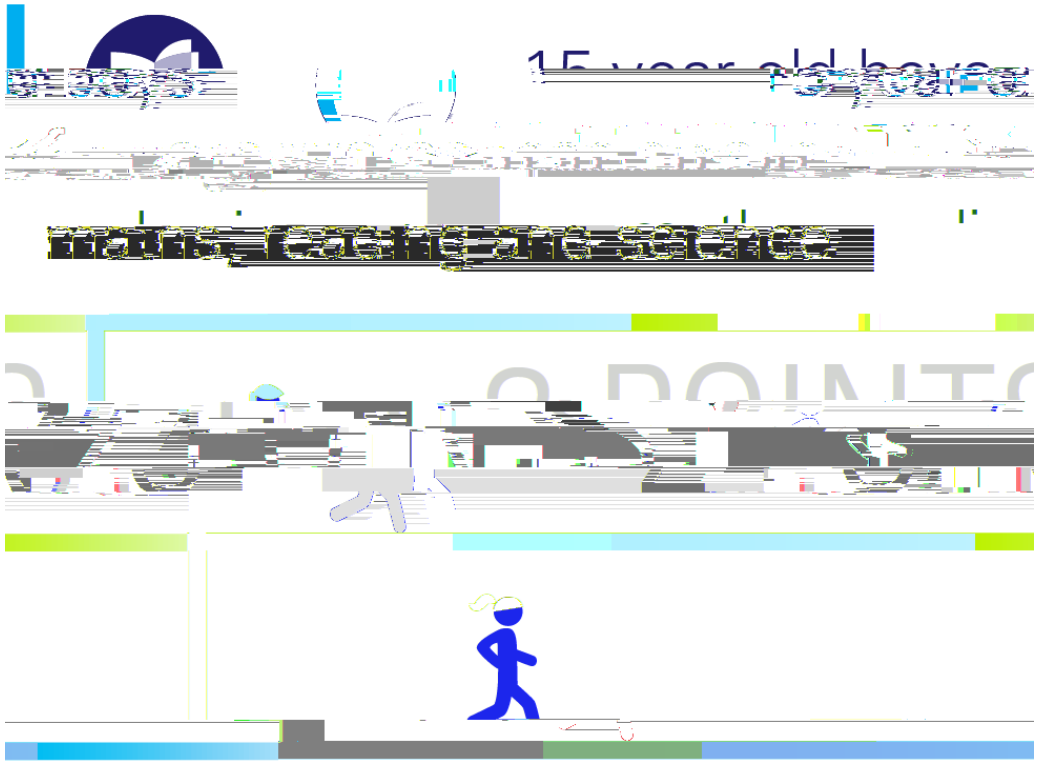

Girls are more likely to fall behind in health

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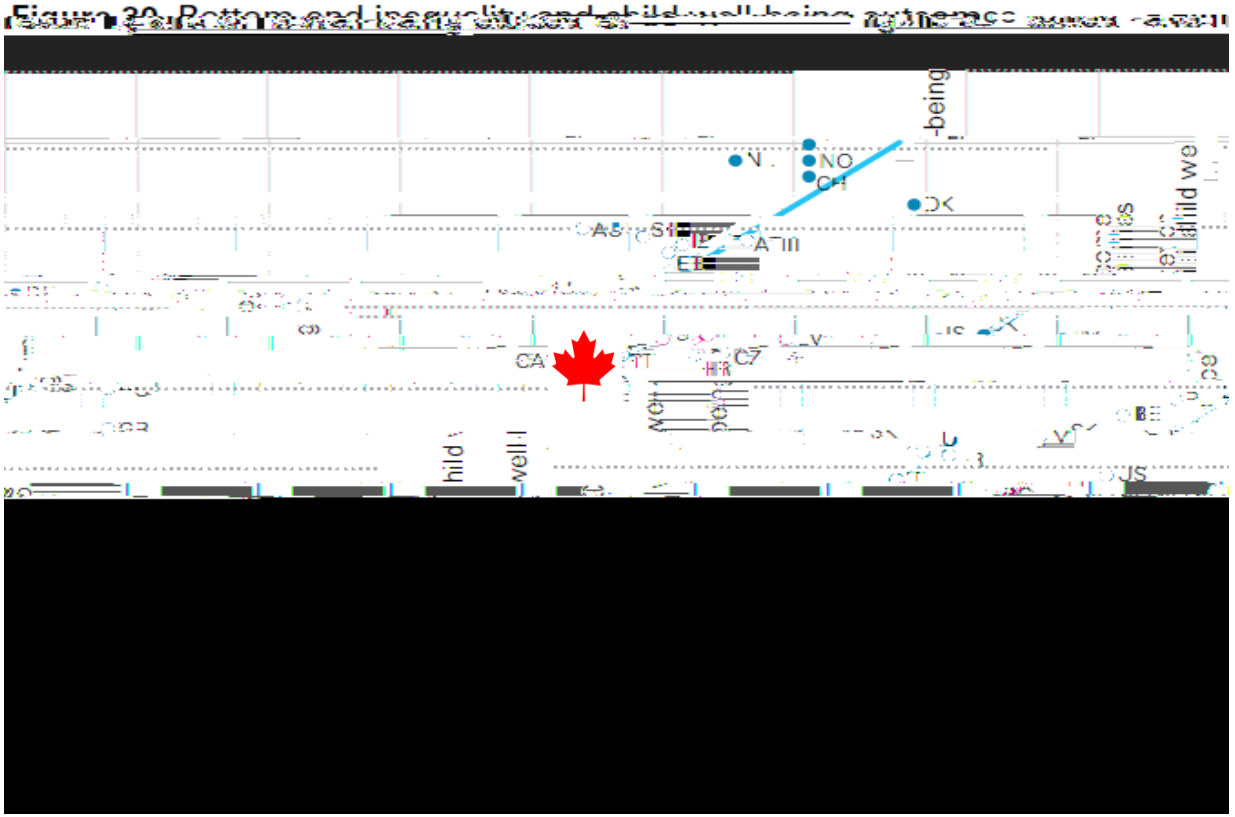
Wider gaps/lower overall child well-being



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-being also tend to have lower levels of *overall* child well-being.

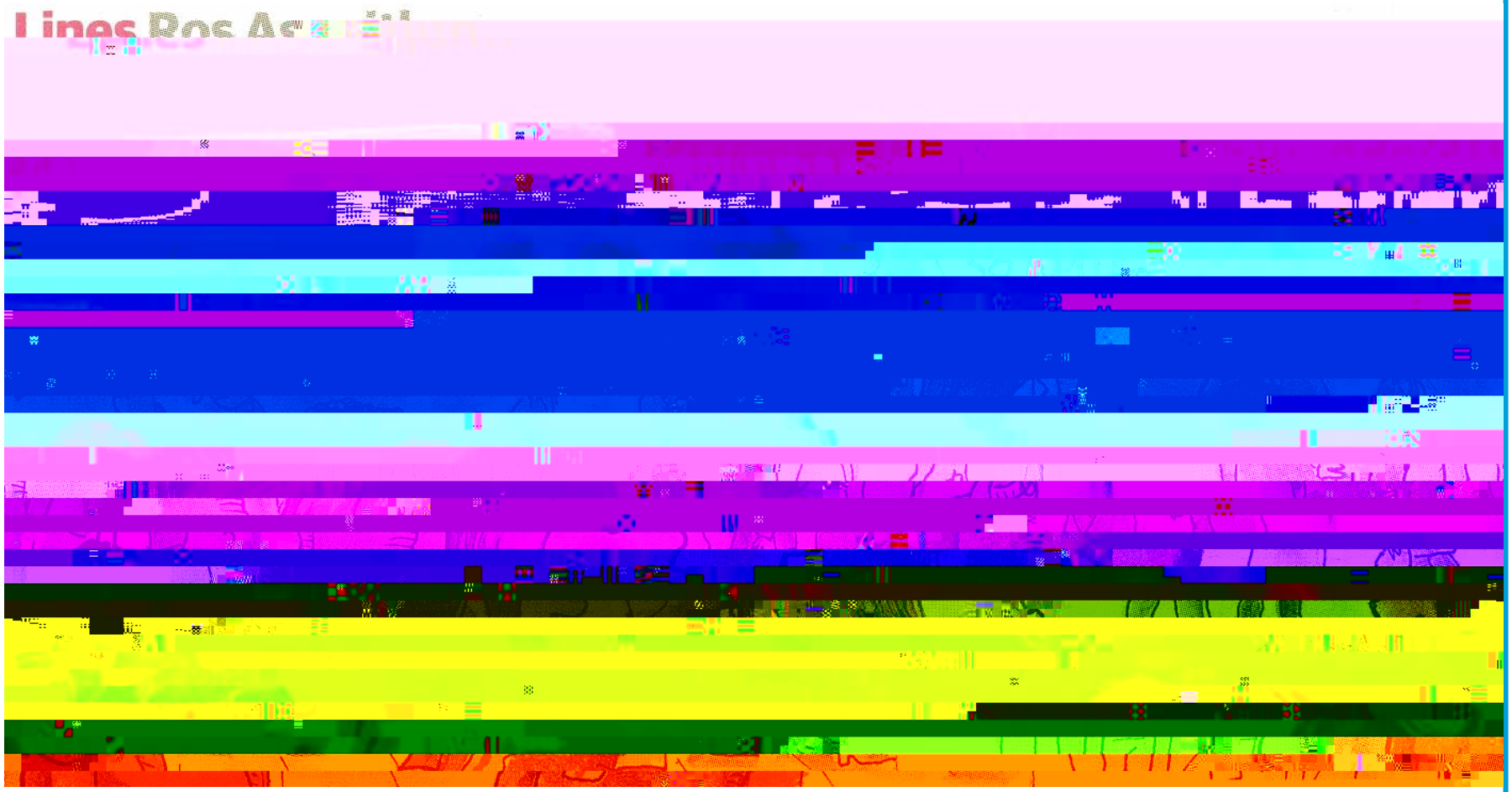
Wider income inequality/lower child well-being

Countries with greater overall income equality tend to have smaller gaps in child well-being

and rank higher in *overall* child well-being.

Competitive childhoods

Narrowing the gaps



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