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## Basic Income - an Acceleration Brake? !

- 1 Basic Income as a means for Degrowth  
by enabling a more authentic economy
- 2 Basic Income as contribution against social acceleration

Basic Income is a basic income.  
It is a safe financial fundament  
for elementary needs,  
which can be added with other  
kind of incomes.



**Added Income**

**financed by taxes**

- income tax
- heritage tax
- eco tax
- finance transaction tax
- ...




**Basic Income**

- guaranteed grant for everybody
- as an individual right
- without any conditions:
  - no proof of neediness
  - no duty to join the labour market

Previous debate:

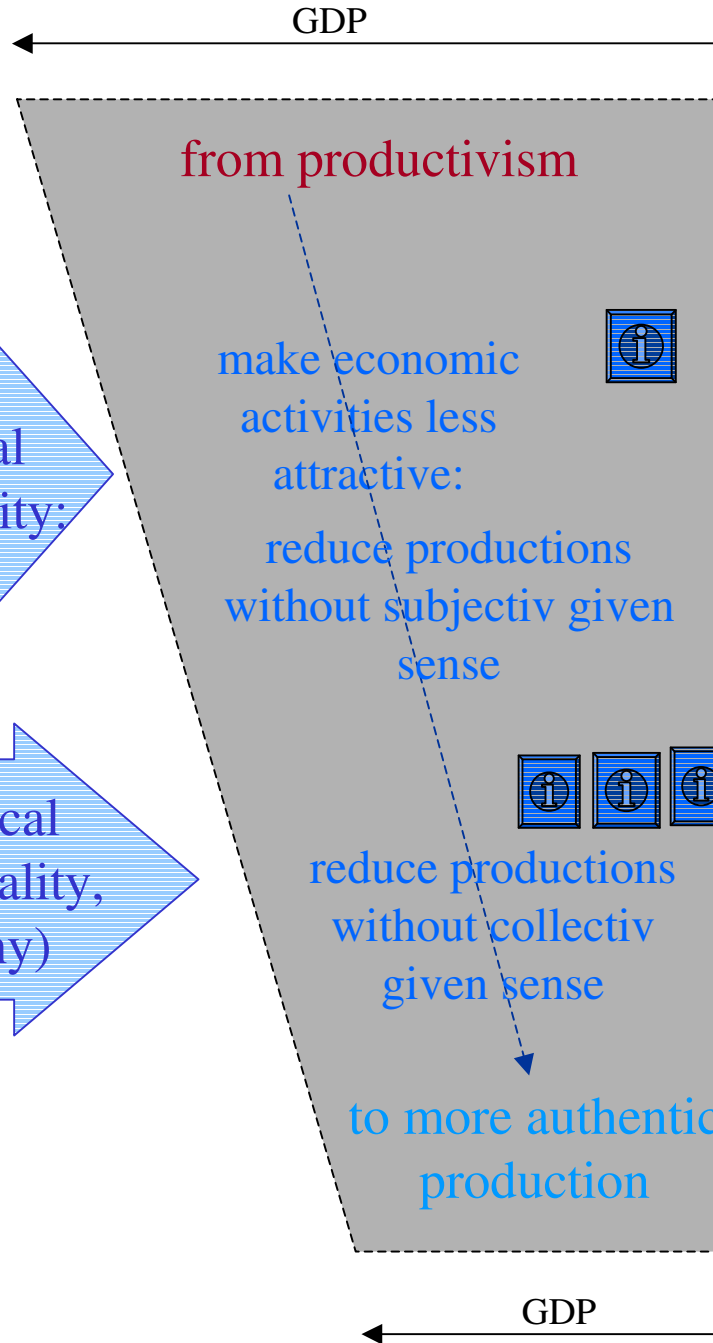
Basic Income as a means to free Labour and a way to growth

- Basic Income as economical redistribution
  - Basic Income as a libertarian reform of welfare state
  - Basic Income as a means to reduce buerocracy
  - Basic Income as a means to foster innovation/creativity
  - Basic Income as a means to free labour
  - Basic Income as a means to induce growth
  - **New debate:** Basic Income as a means to reduce growth?
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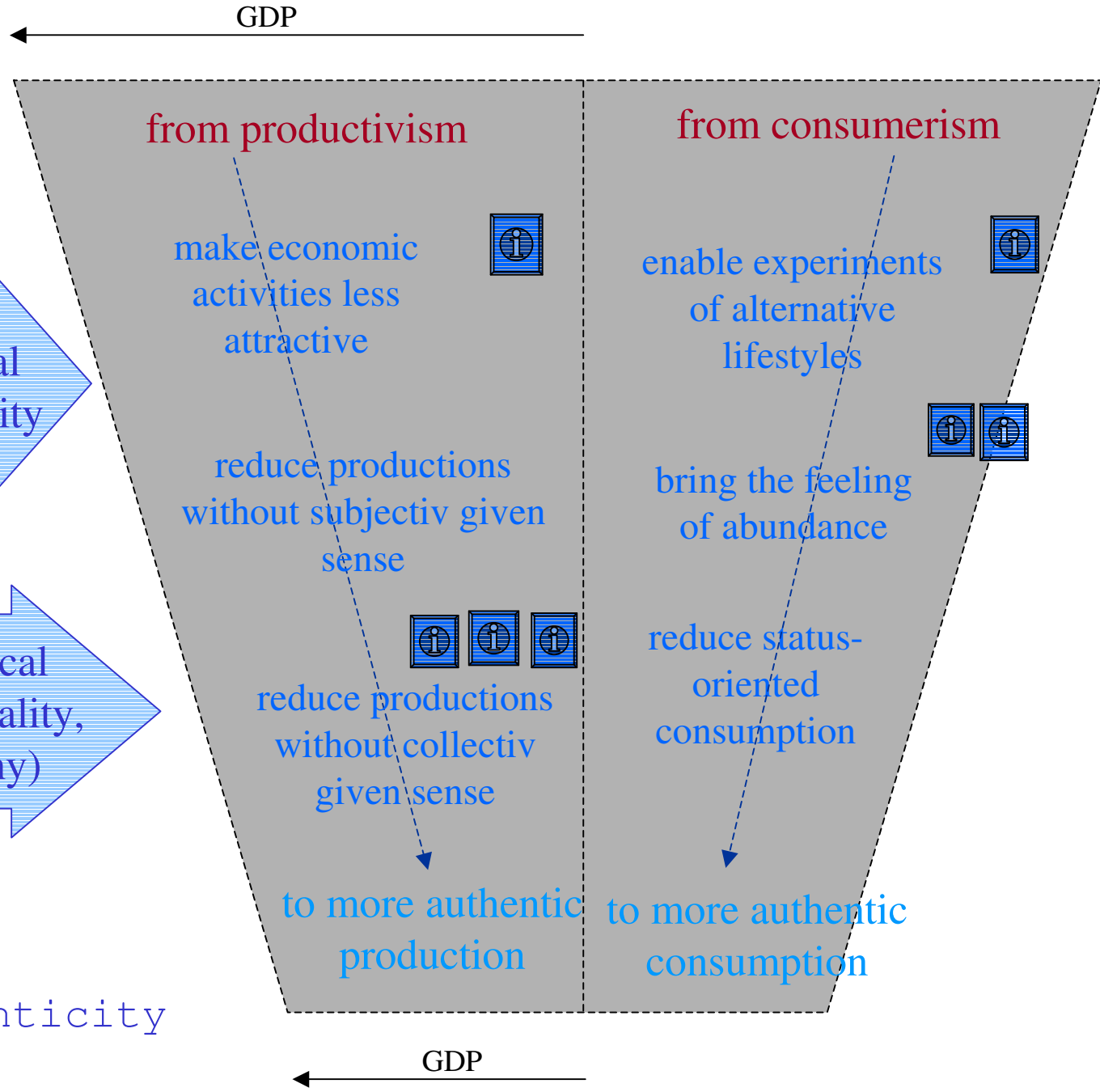


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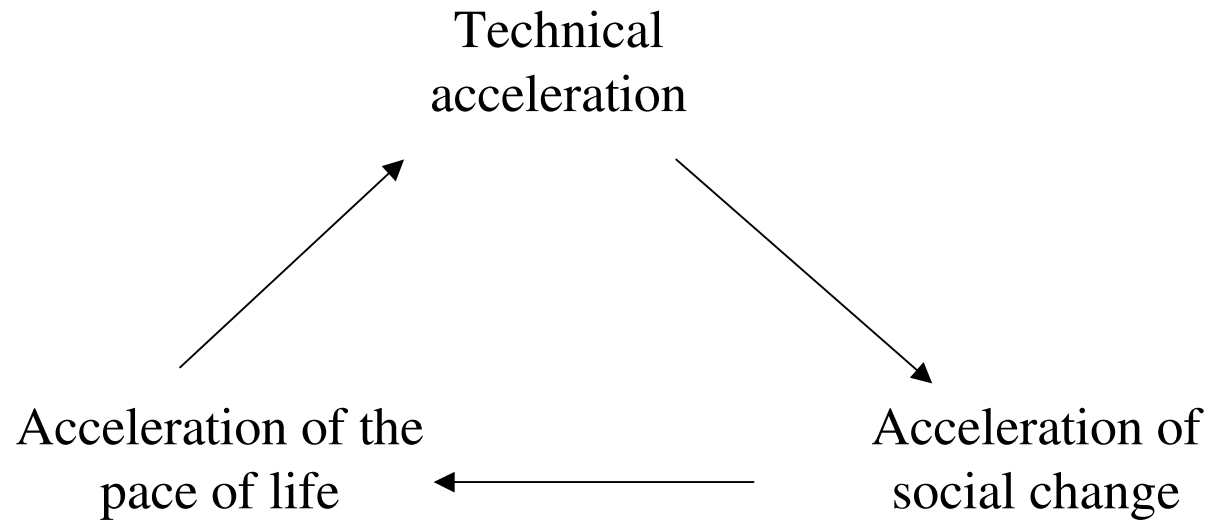
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... an authenticity grant



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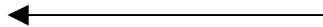
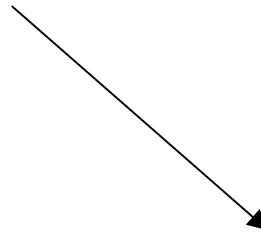
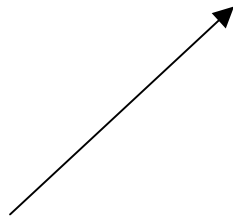
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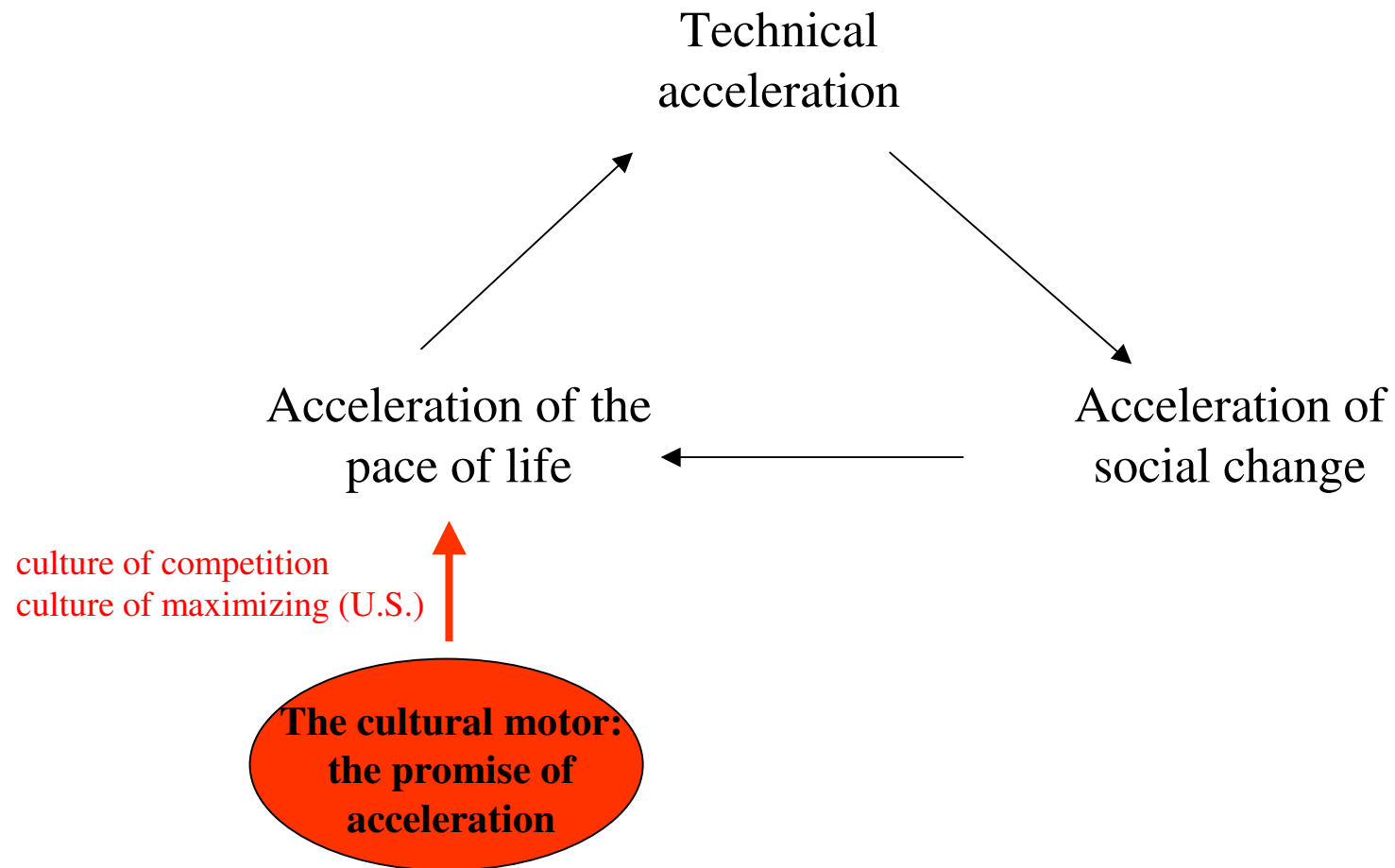
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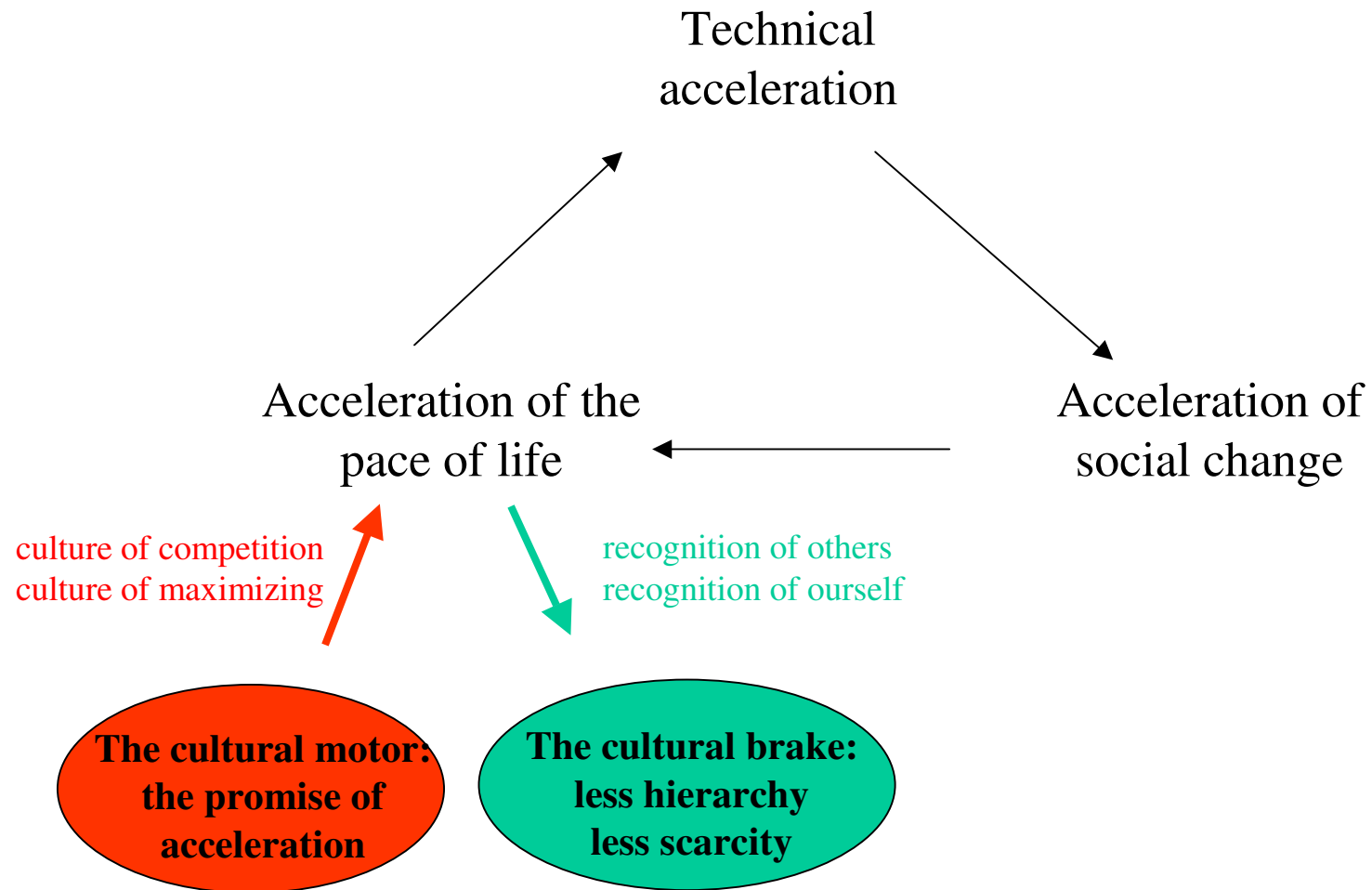
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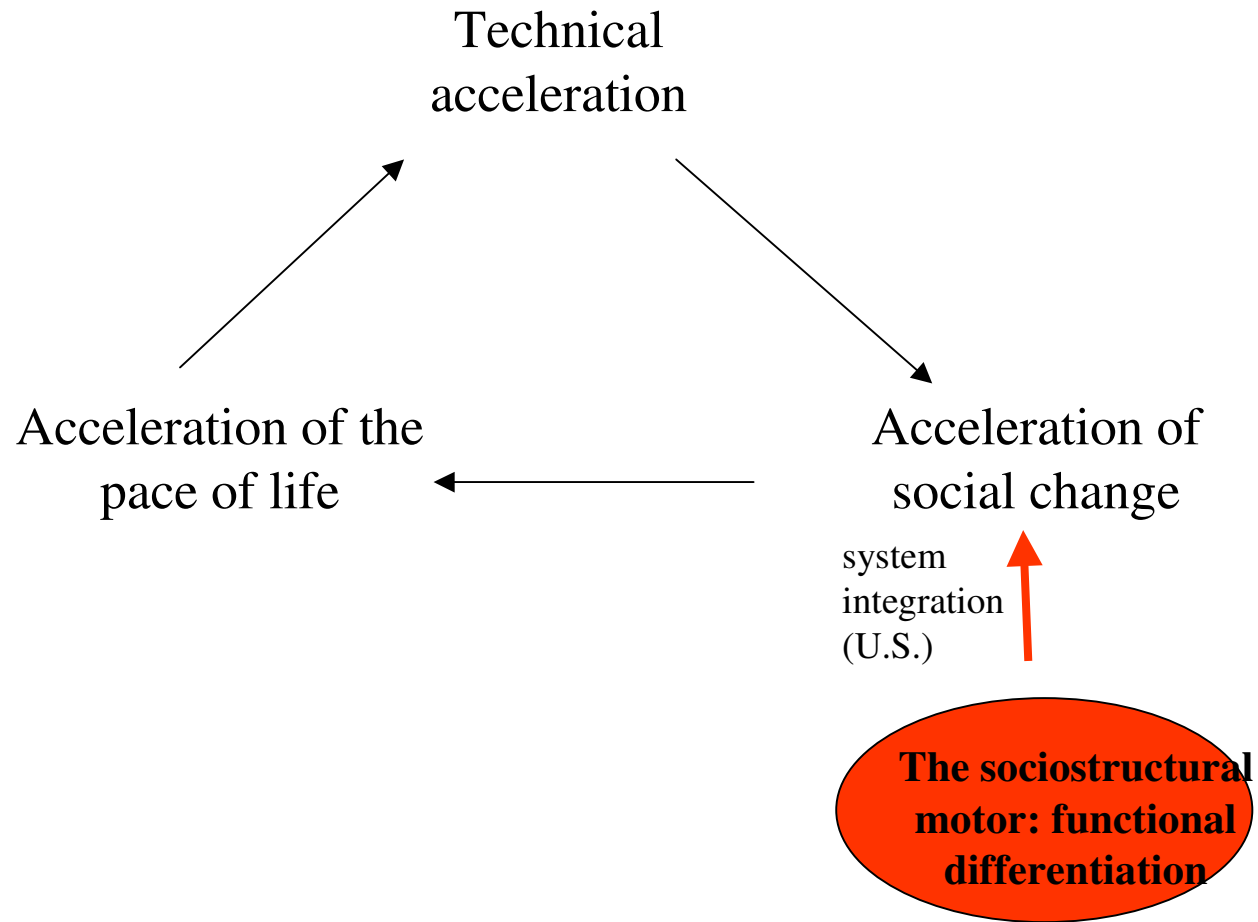
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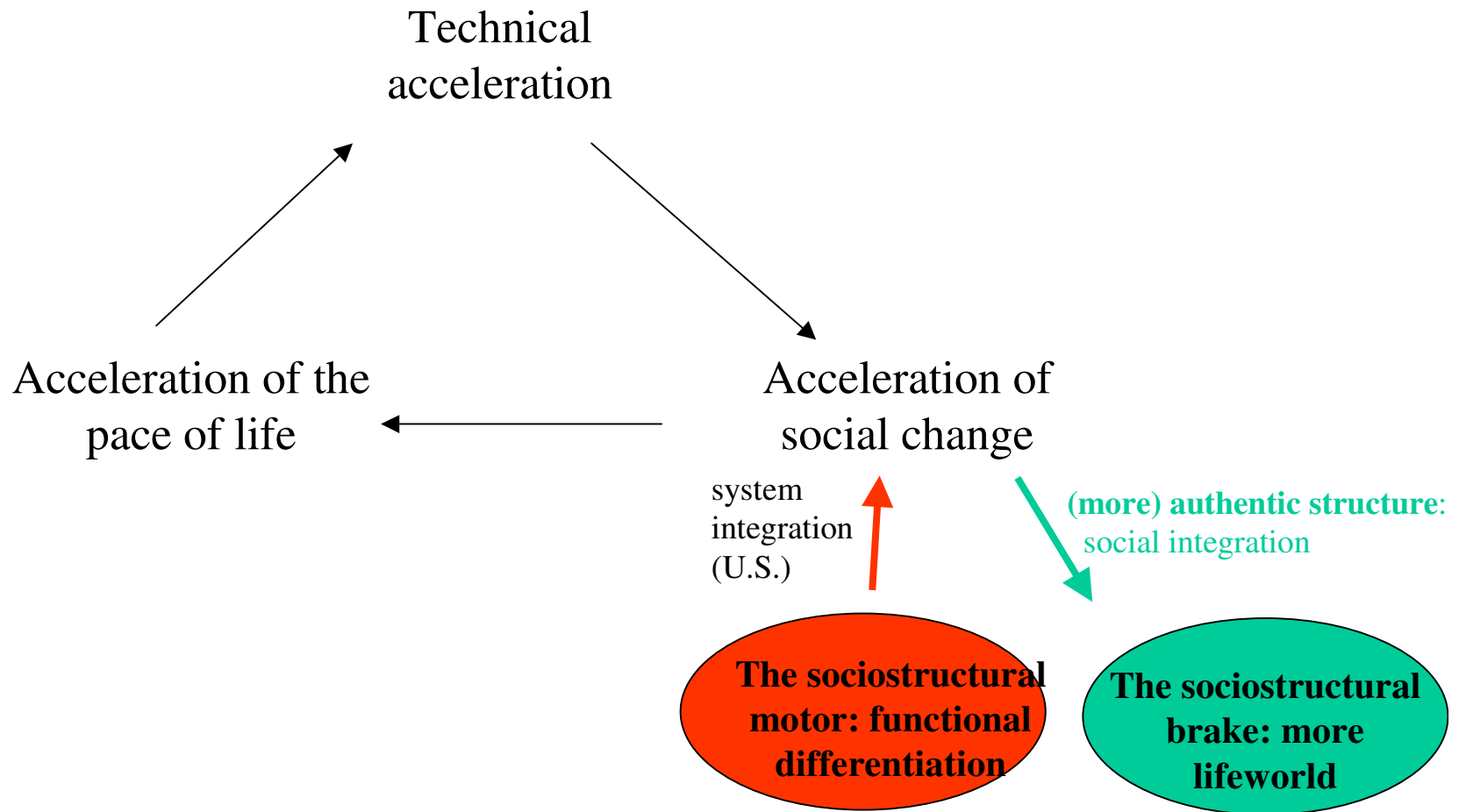
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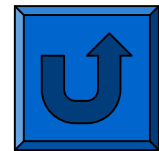
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# Psychology of Abundance

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# Psychology of Time Wealth

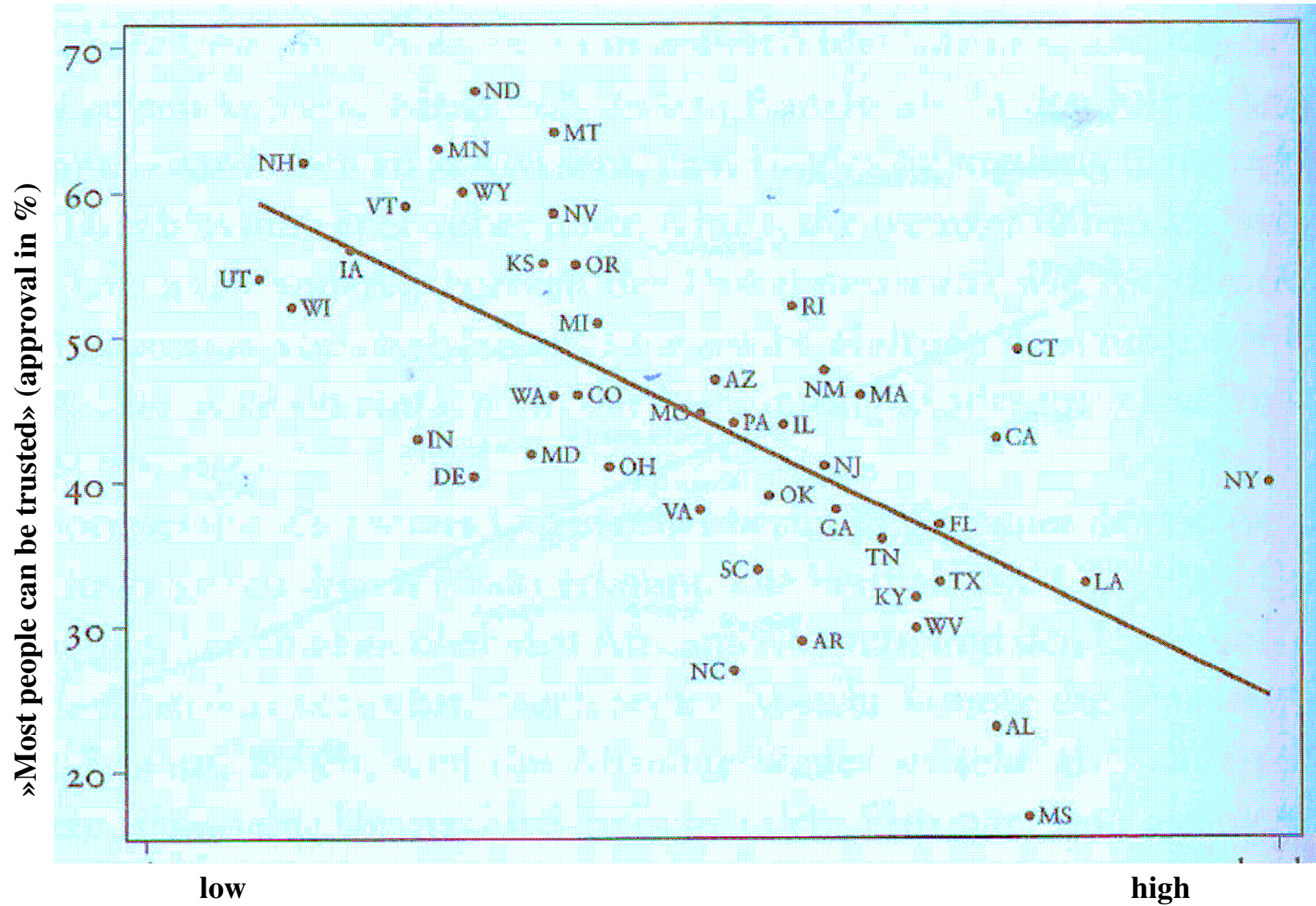
„Until now man has been too occupied with work (or has been too tired after work) to be seriously concerned with such problems as ‘What is the meaning of life?’, ‘What do I believe in?’, ‘What are my values?’, ‘Who am I?’ etc. If he ceases to be mainly occupied by work, he will either be free to confront these problems seriously, or he will become half mad from direct or compensated boredom.“

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# Inequality and confidence: states of America

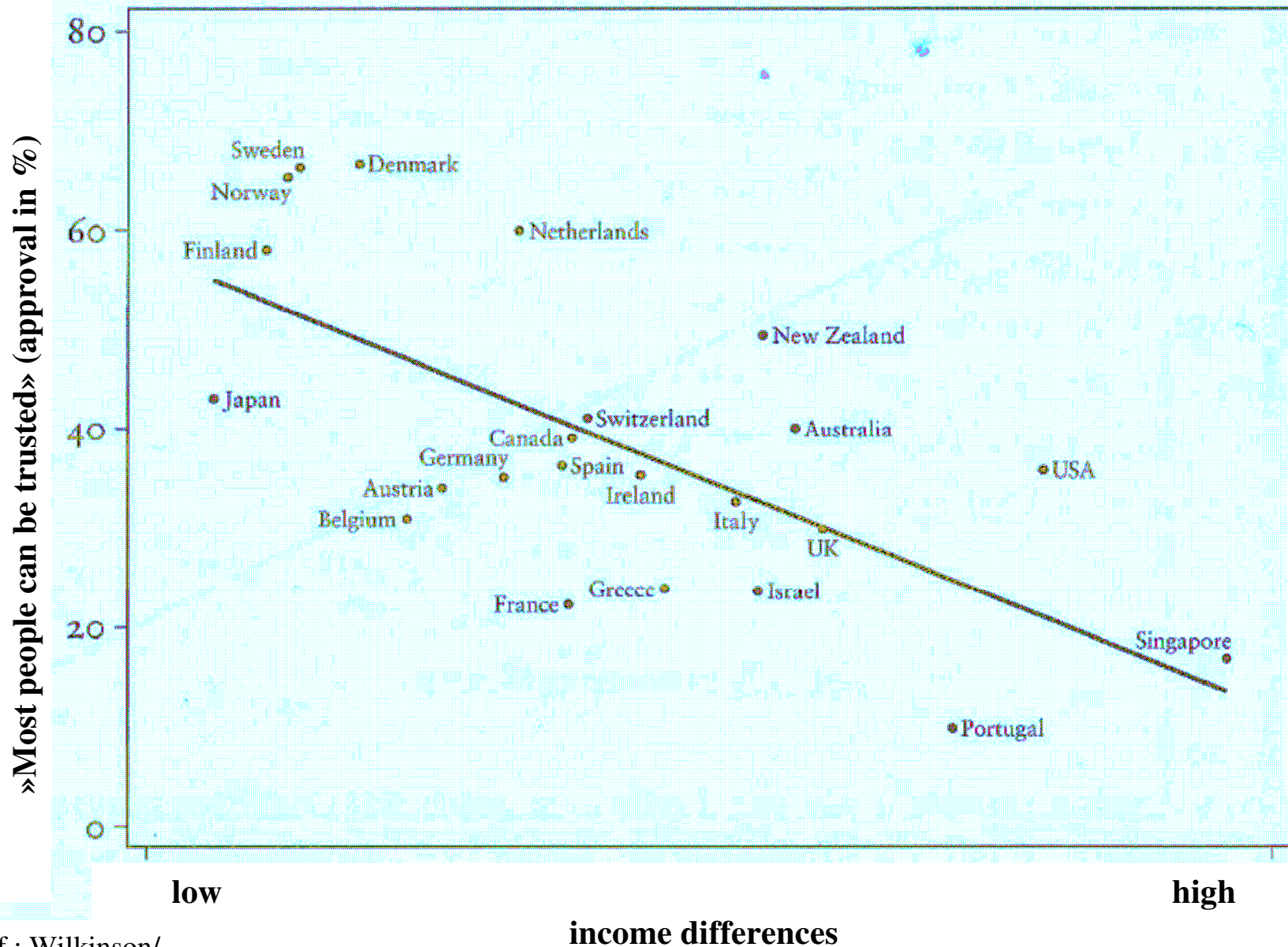


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income differences



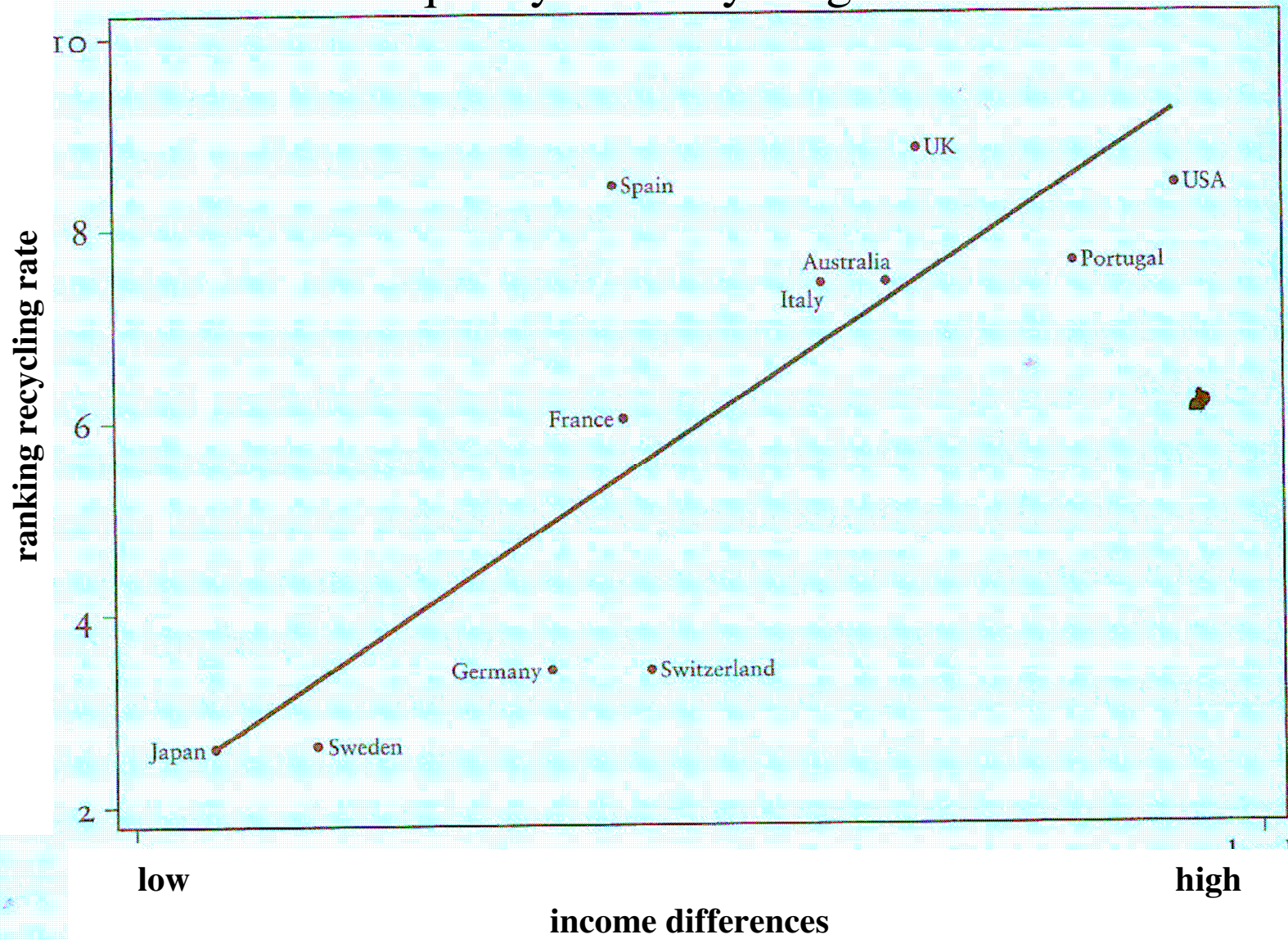
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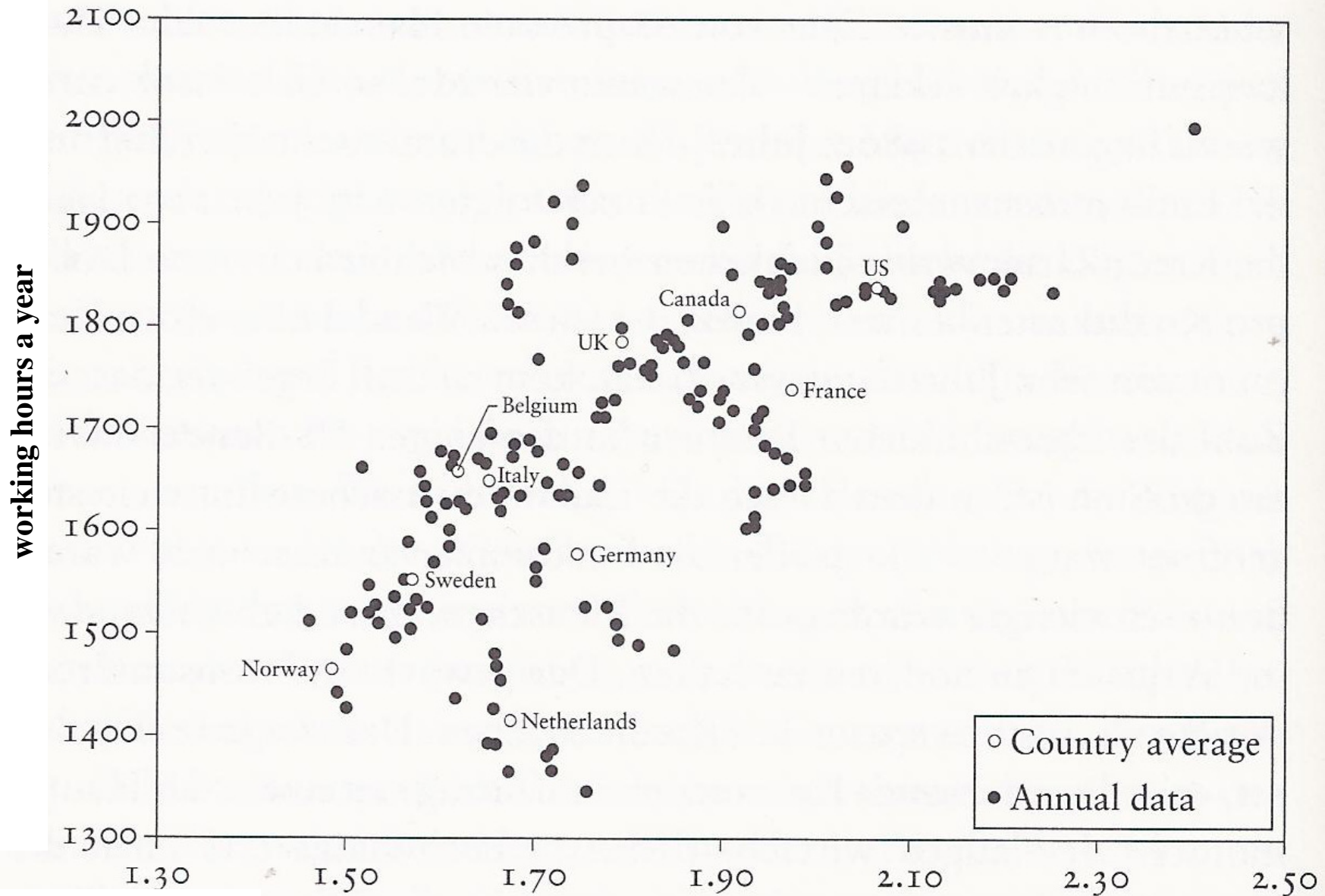
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# Inequality and recycling rate



# Inequality and working hours



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income differences: relation rich to middle class (90:50 percentiles)



# Manitoba Experiment

