

"Welfare of a nation can scarcely be inferred from a measure of national income" (Simon Kuznets, Nobel Prize Winner in Economics, 1971)

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