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Are democracies better than autocracies at promoting economic development?

Why is redistribution higher in Europe when compared to the USA?

Is foreign aid the solution to the economic development gap in Africa?

Why do poor people often vote for Right-wing parties that support less taxes and less redistribution?

Does economic growth generate or reduce violent conflict?