

Steve Lurie's letter to the Globe and Mail, December 10, 2011 in response to "The poor are doing better than you think"

Having DVDs and cable TV is not really what we should be focusing on when addressing income inequality. The Pew Research Centre published a study last summer showing while whites in the US had a median net worth of \$113,149, the net worth of blacks and Hispanics was \$5,677 and \$6,325 respectively. A study done for the Mental Health Commission of Canada in 2009 shows a decline in immigrant income compared to non immigrants. Immigrants with university degrees can expect to earn 50% less than Canadian born citizens. We should be discussing the growing racialization of poverty, its effects on health and mental health and what can be done about it

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