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What makes a society civilized?

In a word: limits.

Civilized societies — to protect and enhance the greater good — set limits on how people behave.

We limit, for instance, how fast motorists can drive. We limit how many ducks hunters can shoot. We limit how much noise our neighbors can make late at night.

But we have one aspect of contemporary life where no limits ever seem to apply:

We let our wealthiest keep getting ever wealthier.

And the pace of that enriching is ever quickening.

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