

*Table 2***Estimates of the Divergence of Per Capita Incomes Since 1870**

	1870	1960	1990
USA (P\$)	2063	9895	18054
Poorest (P\$)	250	257	399
	(assumption)	(Ethiopia)	(Chad)
Ratio of GDP per capita of richest to poorest country	8.7	38.5	45.2
Average of seventeen "advanced capitalist" countries from Maddison (1995)	1757	6689	14845
Average LDCs from PWT5.6 for 1960, 1990 (imputed for 1870)	740	1579	3296
Average "advanced capitalist" to average of all other countries	2.4	4.2	4.5
Standard deviation of natural log of per capita incomes	.51	.88	1.06
Standard deviation of per capita incomes	P\$459	P\$2,112	P\$3,988
Average absolute income deficit from the leader	P\$1286	P\$7650	P\$12,662

Notes: The estimates in the columns for 1870 are based on backcasting GDP per capita for each country using the methods described in the text assuming a minimum of P\$250. If instead of that method, incomes in 1870 are backcast with truncation at P\$250, the 1870 standard deviation is .64 (as reported in Figure 1).