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A very [interesting point](#) ^[3] . Just because the UK and the US both have the internet and are democracies, it doesn't mean that the internet will (or even should be) used in the same manner in the furtherance of said democracy in the respective countries.

A [disturbing look](#) ^[4] at the quality of the science behind many of the decisions in our own democracy.

On the subject of research in the social sciences, Netsmith would be happy to report back [on this](#) ^[5]:

"You can't pull with a Ferrari in Copenhagen". This is a claim which should be tested.

We all know the arguments about copyright: but, empirically, what is the optimal length? 15 years sound [about right](#) ^[6]?

As if you don't get enough Tim Worstall blogging, [here he is](#) ^[7] at the Globalisation Institute on the subject of Cornish coffee.

A [conundrum](#) ^[8] : outsourcing saves 15-20% on average. American women earn, on average, 77 cents for each dollar made by men. That is, the gap is higher than that which prompts outsourcing. So why isn't that work being outsourced to American women?

[And finally](#) ^[9] , a definitive answer to one of Thoreau's questions.

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