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**AGREE:**
that poverty reduction/eradication is the basis/impetus for development; that economic development is key to poverty reduction (although disagree about why and how- see below)

**DISAGREE:**
on the causes of poverty/how to define it (relative or absolute); how to measure poverty; whether economic development comes before, or as a consequence of improvements in healthcare.

**LEADS TO:**
several versions of the root problem (poverty) and subsequent underdevelopment, and several potential solutions (routes to development/economics)—this even appears to occur within institutions. Especially whether development/health are top down or bottom up.

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**DFID**

**Development:** 3W poverty puts UK at risk—threat to national security as poverty breeds conflict—which subsequently makes development impossible. Addressing conflict will end poverty. This binds development to defence and diplomacy as a strategy of national security to protect citizens at home. Much aid now being spent in conflict zones. Also need to focus on economic growth to reduce poverty.

**Health:** focus on MDGs—work to reach the goals set out. Esp MCH, Malaria. Not much to say about Health systems.

**USAID**

**Development:** poverty is a problem of defence and diplomacy. Development is about making America stronger/more powerful in the world whilst improving lives of those less fortunate—it is critical to economic prospects of US and national security, and a moral imperative. Development focused on sustained economic growth and results. Aid should be a coherent strategy not charity.

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**WORLD BANK**

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**UNDP**

**Development:** poverty is a relative concept, must be considered in the wider social context of underdevelopment. Poverty alleviation requires a holistic strategy of development. Development is a human right.

**Health:** Health MDGs. MCH outsourced to UNICEF—so UNDP tends to focus on HIV/AIDs as primary health issue.

Focus on MDGs & targets rather than systemic level.