

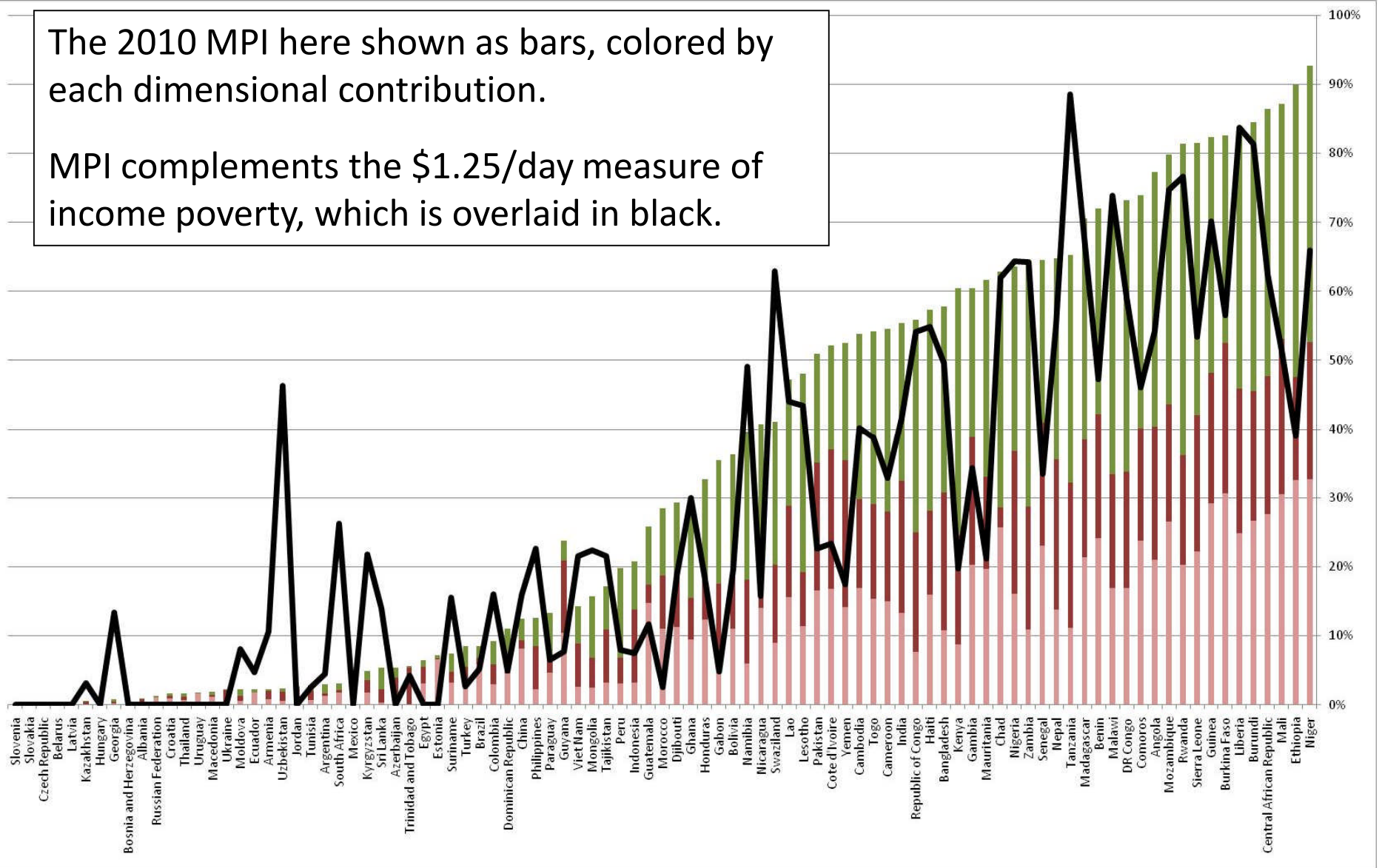
Quo vadis, MPI?

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The 2010 MPI here shown as bars, colored by each dimensional contribution.

MPI complements the \$1.25/day measure of income poverty, which is overlaid in black.



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  1. Please, no beauty contests
  2. Targeting? Better than other indicators? But whose measurement error dominates?
  3. Policy evaluation? On what works? But then need to unpack. **And decomposition is misleading.**
  4. Headline in the speeches of the president?
  5. Policy evaluation overall? At best 'error correction mechanism'. And need to have measures that are not sensitive to policy with different lags.

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=Metric to describe overall achievement, without claiming (or hoping to claim) explaining why.

# Two Questions: question 2

2. Separability and all that: careful work dealing with this is needed.

2 (related) issues:

- Possibility of compensation (compensation for poor health by giving schooling or money)
- Normative decision
  - As distinct from hedonistic (but could be related)
  - As distinct from functional (e.g. arguments related to the production of wellbeing)

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