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# Can randomized trials eliminate global poverty?

Nature's news section discusses the advances in understanding poverty brought by randomized controlled trials. They chart the rise of RCTs over the years in development economics, and get perspective from IPA founder Dean Karlan, among others. In an accompanying story they also discuss the controversy over the Millennium Villages Project, and Karlan weighs in on the challenges of measuring its effectiveness without a rigorous evaluation plan.

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