



The MDGs and social protection

- Social protection is a policy framework for addressing poverty and vulnerability
 - including social insurance, social assistance, and labour market regulation
- ... in developing countries there is
 - growing consensus around effectiveness; and the
 - emergence of new forms of social assistance
- A greater focus on poverty in international development reinforces the need to strengthen social protection in developing countries
 - The MDGs as a driver for social protection



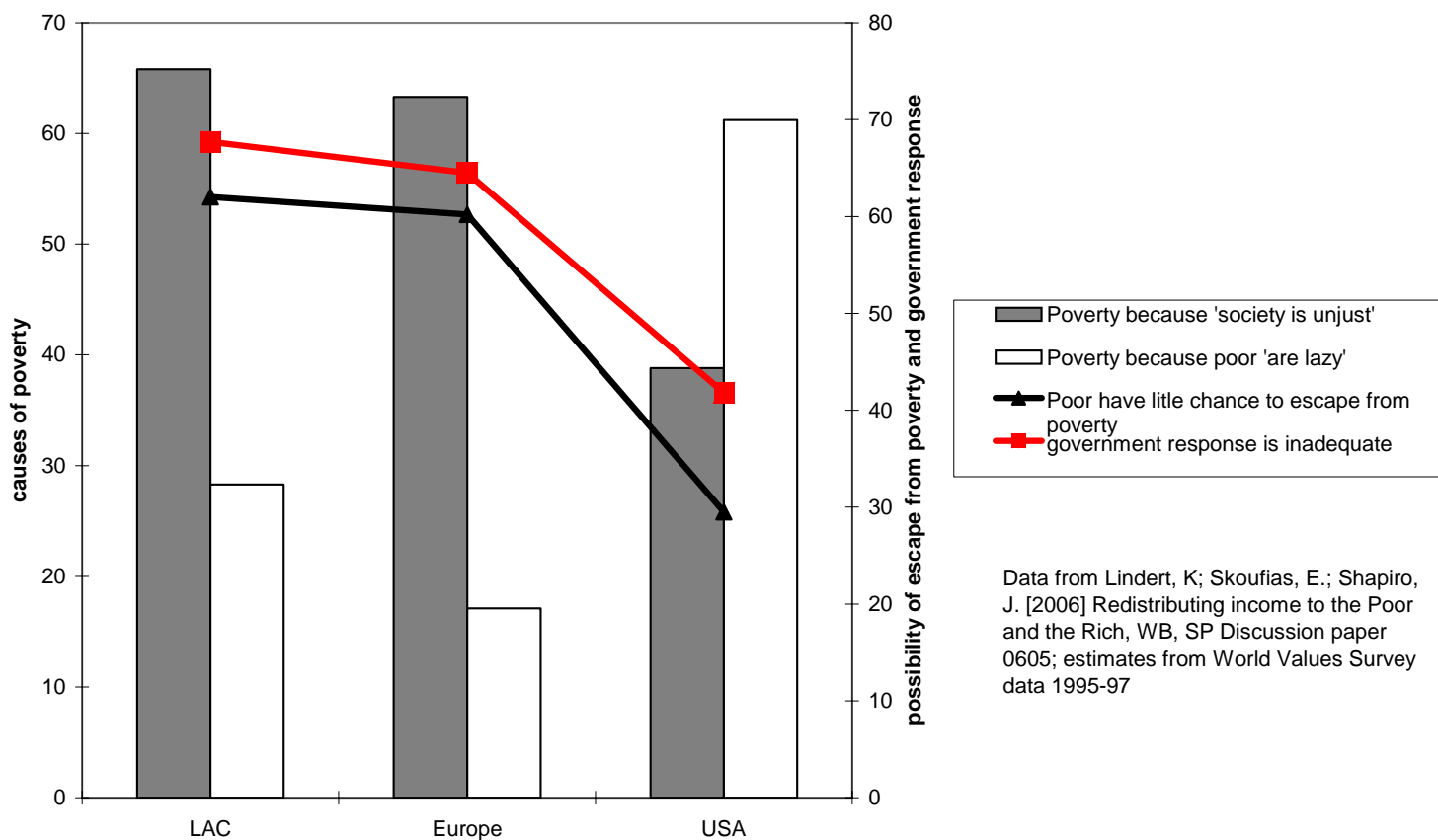
Social protection and the MDGs

- Extending social protection in developing countries contributes to achieving some of the MDGs
 - e.g. extreme poverty reduction effects of transfer programmes
- The World Bank and the ILO have produced detailed mappings of social protection programmes to the MDGs
- Two concerns:
 - promising too much?
 - the time frame for MDGs is shorter than that of social protection



Public perceptions of poverty: Europe and the Americas

Are Latin Americans more like Europeans than North Americans?
Public perceptions on poverty, LAC Europe USA, 1995-7



Data from Lindert, K; Skoufias, E.; Shapiro, J. [2006] Redistributing income to the Poor and the Rich, WB, SP Discussion paper 0605; estimates from World Values Survey data 1995-97



Main points

- MDGs are a driver for social protection
- Extending social protection will help achieve some of the MDGs
- There are several explanations for regional differences in the development of social protection, but public perceptions are important