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Here are three pieces that I think you will like and learn from .

- 1) A smart piece from a blog called "Architecture for Development" called. "It's the Elites, Stupid." It begins with a discussion of the role of aid relative to the rest of a country's GDP – aid accounts for some 3% and should not be held responsible for "ending poverty" but rather improving people's lives; ending poverty depends on what happens with the other 97% of GDP, which is controlled by a country's elites. Then the question – which is the same question you ask – is whether those elites are actually doing something to develop their country or not. He distinguishes between "elite bashing" and holding elites accountable.
<http://www.architecturefordevelopment.com/2011/08/the-elites-stupid/>
- 2) A piece by a 28 year old Briton on the riots. I sent it to David Miliband with the following description: "it brings together the moral arguments of the right and the sociological arguments of the left in a way that argues above all for reconnecting the worlds of rich and poor – not *redistributing but reconnecting*, so that we inhabit the same physical and moral universe. It absolutely insists that the looters be held responsible, but it insists on the haves being held responsible as well." I think there is a very important point here that I am going to try to develop and I would be happy to help you develop in a speech: growing interdependence has not meant growing inter-connection – actually quite the opposite – income inequality means we increasingly inhabit separate worlds and are no longer part of the same moral universe. <http://grimeandreason.blogspot.com/>
- 3) A thoughtful piece by a wonderful woman named Myra McDonald, a Reuters journalist based in Pakistan, on the New Yorker article about the capture of bin Ladin and what it reveals about a much broader mindset – her overall point is that the entire account of the capture as given by the SEALs treats the Pakistani people as little more than extras in a Hollywood movie. If we are really going to make diplomacy about government to society, we have to really factor in society very differently in how we think about the world – the point of my new column. <http://blogs.reuters.com/pakistan/2011/08/08/when-there-are-no-people-in-pakistan/>

None of these is very long!

Best,
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