John Oliver on Scientific Research
April 1, 2016.  WITH school-exam season just around the corner, parents will be increasingly preoccupied with how to make their children sit down, keep quiet and study. Some will purchase hefty revision guides while others will turn to tutors for help. However number-crunching from The Economist might offer a rather sweeter solution. Ice cream consumption, it seems, has a strong relationship with reading ability, based on the OECD's PISA educational performance scores.
Top Test Scores From Shanghai Stun Educators
By SAM DILLON
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With China’s debut in international standardized testing, students in Shanghai have surprised experts by outscoring their counterparts in dozens of other countries, in reading as well as in math and science, according to the results of a respected exam.
Compare those PISA graphics with Tuesday’s articles on changing incomes in the US

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The income and poverty report released on Tuesday by the Census Bureau was such a blockbuster that you’d think the bureau had just issued Beyoncé’s next secret album the night before.