



THE DIVIDE

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COMPILED BY OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

News Articles

[The Rich Can't Get Richer Forever, Can They?](#) (New Yorker, 2019)

Outlines historical developments of inequality in the US and how predictions have been wrong in the past.

[Why So Few American Economists Are Studying Inequality.](#) (The Atlantic, 2016)

Outlines that far more economic research specifically on the issue of economic inequality in the last decades has come from European scholars than from the US, where academics have focussed on different topics, and relates this to the lacking cultural priority of economic equality in the US.

[Why Do People Tolerate Income Inequality?](#) (Harvard Business Review, 2019)

Explains that individuals in unequal societies firstly show stronger beliefs in meritocracy and are secondly more exposed to psychological incentives for success than in more egalitarian societies, thus leading to reduced worries about and action against inequalities.

[How Would A Wealth Tax Work?](#) (NPR, 2019)

Answers some questions around the possibilities and practicalities involved in implementing a wealth tax in the US, as has been proposed as a possibility to reduce economic inequalities.

[Climate change threatens lives...and livelihoods](#) (LSHTM, 2018)

Outlines how the detrimental effects of climate change will exacerbate existing economic inequalities.

[How The COVID-19 Pandemic Is Deepening Economic Inequality In The U.S](#) (NPR, 2020)

Interview outlining how the systemic effects of inequality made the US especially vulnerable to devastating effects of COVID-19, and potential solutions that could protect vulnerable individuals.

[Universal basic income is the answer to the inequalities exposed by COVID-19](#)

(World Economic Forum, 2020)

Outlines how COVID-19 threatens to entrench inequalities further in our societies, and proposes Universal Basic Income as a viable solution.



Scientific Publications

Pickett, K. E., & Wilkinson, R. G. (2015). [Income inequality and health: A causal review](#). *Social Science and Medicine*, 128, 316–326.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2014.12.031>

Reviews and summarizes existing evidence on the correlation of ill health and high income inequality on a population level.

Brown-Iannuzzi, J. L., Lundberg, K. B., & McKee, S. (2017). [The politics of socioeconomic status: how socioeconomic status may influence political attitudes and engagement](#). *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 18, 11–14.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsyc.2017.06.018>

Describes the observed negative association of socio-economic status and support for redistributive economic policies as well as the positive association between socio-economic status and political activity and suggests different reasons for both.

Razavi, S. (2016). [Rising economic and gender inequality: intersecting spheres of injustice](#). *World Social Science Report*, 78-81.

Adds an overview of gender inequality in the labor market to the general analysis of economic inequality to broaden the scope of discussion.

Reports

[How does income inequality affect our lives?](#) (OECD, 2015)

Explores the link between income inequality and economic growth by comparing the arguments of different economists and applying different mediating factors.

[World Social Report: Inequality in a Rapidly Changing World](#) (United Nations, 2020)



Books

The Spirit Level by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett

The book shows how there is a very clear correlation between worst health outcomes and unequal societies. The bigger the gap of income between rich and poor, the stronger the negative effect on the health of individuals, even for those in the rich group.

Oneness vs the 1%: Shattering Illusions, Seeding Freedom by Vandana Shiva

Dr Shiva criticizes the "Billionaires Club" and its "philanthrocapitalism", by pointing out that the 1% club's wealth and power influences democracy and shapes society by having control over resources, healthcare, information and more.

Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World by Anand Giridharadas

The journalist Anand Giridharadas provides great criticism of philanthropy and its role in society. He explains how billionaires maintain the status quo for their own gain while claiming their contributions are changing the world for the best.

The Shareholder Value Myth by Lynn Stout

Lynn Stout challenges the system that puts shareholders as top priority while leaving behind workers and the wellbeing of society as a whole.

The Divide: A Brief Guide to Global Inequality and Its Solutions by Jason Hickel

This book challenges the assumption that poverty is inevitable and a normal phenomenon that can be fixed with aid. Jason Hickel digs down talking about the roots of the divide between "Global North" and "Global South", challenging the way we think of the system we have created.

Poverty Safari: Understanding the Anger of Britain's Underclass by Darren McGarvey

Prize-winning book by Darren McGarvey, one of the characters featured in "The Divide"

Data Sets

[Income Inequality](#). (Our World in Data, 2016)

Various statistics on the measurement of inequality that provide comparisons between different countries and different times.



Other

[Social Mobility and Inequality: A Dance With The Devil?](#) (Tedx Talk by Wanda Wyporska, 2018)

[10 facts on health inequities and their causes](#) (WHO, 2017)

[Why Billionaires Won't Save Us](#) (Patriot Act with Hasan Minhaj, 2019)

["Winners Take All" and the Paradox of Elite Philanthropy](#). (Anand Giridharadas on The Daily Show, 2019)

[State of the Union Address](#) (Obama White House, 2012)

Also cited in the opening sequence of "The Divide"- provides an interesting comparison of how the political interpretation and the proposed solutions to the economic situation in the USA overlaps or differs from the individual perspectives seen in "The Divide".

[United Voices](#) (Hazel Falck in The Guardian, 2020)

Take Action

Join [Wellbeing Economy Alliance](#)

This is an international alliance that aims to connect organizations and individuals to challenge and change the current economic system redirecting our society toward people's wellbeing as our primary goal.

Get involved with [The Equality Trust](#)

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