

INCOME INEQUALITY

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What is income inequality?

- o It is the uneven manner that income is distributed among societies and populations. Income inequality is often shown as a percentage of the population.



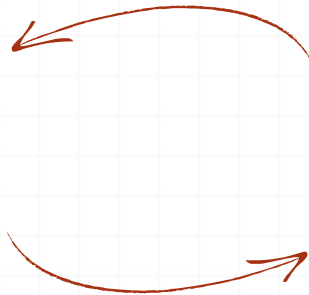
Causes of inequality

Social

- Not enough education
- Discrimination
- Poor justice system
- Poor housing

Economic

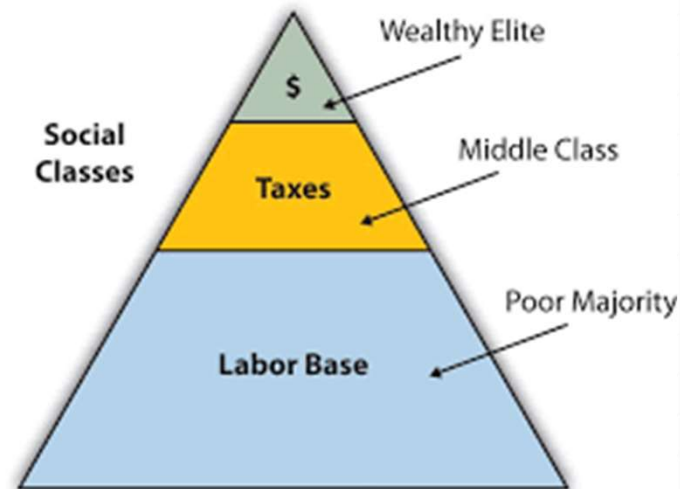
- High unemployment
- Low income and poverty
- Market power
- Unequal distribution



Social Hierarchy

o Our society due to inequality is divided up into three different categories based upon a persons financial income

1. Upper class
2. Middle class
3. Lower class



Upper Class

- o The individuals whom fall in the category of upper class tend to be that small percentage of society that are considered to be doing very good economically speaking.



Middle Class

- o The people who fall under this category are between the upper and working class individuals. These people work and live a decent life making a decent living to live off. Unlike the upper class they still are restricted to being able to live a certain way although the money may be there.



Lower Class

- o This group of individuals are deemed to be the ones who have no part in society. Although they work and try to make ends meet it is not enough for them to survive so they must consistently live day by day to get by. They struggle to provide for their families even having to pay much of the taxes in this country.



How can income inequality change?

1. Increase minimum wage
2. Provide equal education
3. Create assets for families to live of
4. End racial discrimination and gender discrimination



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