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# ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Watch the following 2 videos.

## Wealth Inequality in America

**WATCH:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPKKQnijnsM>  
(6:23) 2012

Since 2012, we saw tax cuts that provided significant tax relief for the wealthiest. It will take some time to know the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy as a whole. We do have early data that shows that the poor and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities are being affected the most severely so far.

## Richard Wilkerson: How Economic Inequality Harms Society

**WATCH:** [https://www.ted.com/talks/richard\\_wilkinson\\_how\\_economic\\_inequality\\_harms\\_societies](https://www.ted.com/talks/richard_wilkinson_how_economic_inequality_harms_societies)  
(16:39)

Transcript and subtitles are available at the above video link.

### From the Ted talk -

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You all know the truth of what I'm going to say. I think the intuition that inequality is divisive and socially corrosive has been around since before the French Revolution. What's changed is we now can look at the evidence, we can compare societies, more and less equal societies, and see what inequality does. I'm going to take you through that data and then explain why the links I'm going to be showing you exist.



**IF YOU'RE  
INTERESTED IN  
A 2019 UPDATE**

**Kate Pickett &  
Richard Wilkinson**

Talk by Kate Pickett & Richard Wilkinson, authors of "The Inner Level: How More Equal Societies Reduce Stress, Restore Sanity and Improve Everyone's Well-Being."

**February 1, 2019 at University Book Store, Seattle, WA.(57:02)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCzyuXk6ZMk>

**20:15-23:30**

Audience question about whether inequality motivates people and the idea that people are poor because they are lazy.

Part of Kate Pickett's reply: "It's really hard work to be poor."



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