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## Income Inequality

### Introduction

Income inequality is a growing concern in the United States, where the income gap between the rich and poor is wider than in any other developed nation. Income inequality impacts access to essential services like education, healthcare, and other social services, which can have long-term implications for social mobility and economic opportunity.

This annotated bibliography will explore the ways in which income inequality impacts access to education, healthcare, and other essential services in the United States and the implications of this inequality for social mobility and economic opportunity.

### Source:

Kearney, M. S., & Levine, P. B. (2020, July 27). *Income inequality, social mobility, and the decision to drop out of high school*. Brookings. Retrieved April 17, 2023, from <https://www.brookings.edu/bpea-articles/income-inequality-social-mobility-and-the-decision-to-drop-out-of-high-school/>

This article explores the relationship between income inequality, social mobility, and high school dropout rates. The authors analyze data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics to examine how income inequality affects the decision to drop out of high school. They find that higher income inequality is associated with a higher likelihood of dropping out of high school. The authors suggest that income inequality may reduce the perceived value of education and limit opportunities for social mobility. The study's findings are

significant as they highlight the negative impact of income inequality on educational attainment and social mobility. High school graduation is essential in determining future economic opportunities, and income inequality can limit those opportunities by reducing access to education.

Neilson, S. (2019, June 28). *The gap between rich and poor Americans' health is widening*. NPR.

Retrieved April 17, 2023, from

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/06/28/736938334/the-gap-between-rich-and-poor-americans-health-is-widening>

This news discusses the impact of income inequality on access to healthcare. The report highlights how wealth disparities contribute to health disparities, with low-income individuals facing greater health risks and limited access to medical care. The article cites data from the National Center for Health Statistics, which shows that the life expectancy gap between the richest and poorest Americans has widened. The report highlights the need to address income inequality to improve health outcomes for low-income individuals. The article's findings are significant, as they underscore the impact of income inequality on healthcare access and health outcomes. Access to healthcare is critical in maintaining good health, and income inequality can limit access to necessary medical care.

Vox. (2014, May 7). *How wealth inequality is dangerous for America*. YouTube. Retrieved April

17, 2023, from [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Xa9T2OMzmw&ab\\_channel=Vox](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Xa9T2OMzmw&ab_channel=Vox)

The video provides an in-depth analysis of the impact of income inequality on social mobility and economic opportunity. The video highlights how income inequality limits access to education, healthcare, and other essential services, contributing to a growing

wealth gap. The video emphasizes the need to address income inequality to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans. The video is significant as it provides a comprehensive overview of the impact of income inequality on social mobility and economic opportunity. The video highlights the importance of addressing income inequality to promote economic growth and opportunity for all Americans.

*Albertateacher on TikTok.* TikTok. (n.d.). Retrieved April 17, 2023, from

[https://www.tiktok.com/@albertateacher/video/7201279778849049862?is\\_from\\_webapp=1&sender\\_device=pc&web\\_id=7205689200044557867](https://www.tiktok.com/@albertateacher/video/7201279778849049862?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id=7205689200044557867)

The TikTok video by Albertateacher, provides a brief overview of the impact of income inequality on access to essential services like education and healthcare. The video emphasizes the growing wealth gap in the United States and the need to address income inequality to ensure equal access to critical services. The video's brevity limits its ability to provide a comprehensive overview of the impact of income inequality on access to essential services. However, the video is useful for raising awareness of income inequality among a younger audience.

## Conclusion

The annotated bibliography's sources collectively highlight the negative impact of income inequality on access to essential services like education, healthcare, and other social services. Income inequality limits access to these services, contributing to a growing wealth gap and limited social mobility and economic opportunities. The sources also emphasize the need to address income inequality to ensure equal access to essential services and promote economic growth and opportunity for all Americans. Income

inequality is a growing concern in the United States, and addressing this issue is essential to promote equal opportunity and a fairer society.