



# Class & Poverty in the U.S.

## A Re-Perception Quiz

1. In which of the following areas is poverty growing quickest in the US?
  - a. Urban areas
  - b. Rural areas
  - c. Suburban areas
2. The median household income in the US has increased 16% since 1980. During the same period, corporate profits after taxes increased 182%, the average income for the wealthiest 1% of families increased 190%, and the average income for the wealthiest 0.01% of families grew 322%. What happened to the average income of the poorest 90% during that time?
  - a. Increased 16%
  - b. Increased 0.03%
  - c. Decreased 12%
  - d. Decreased 37%
3. According to a report from the Center for American Progress, schools with 90% white students receive how much more funding on average than schools with 90% students of color?
  - a. \$733
  - b. \$533
  - c. \$333
  - d. \$3
4. How many children die each day worldwide from poverty-related causes?
  - a. 2,000
  - b. 12,000
  - c. 22,000
  - d. 32,000
5. According to a Kids Count report, 13% of White children in the US live in poverty. What percentage of American Indian children in the US live in poverty?
  - a. 13%
  - b. 31%
  - c. 52%
  - d. 74%

6. According to a study sponsored by the Pew Research Center, the median wealth of White households in the US is how many times larger than that of African American households?
  - a. Three times larger
  - b. Thirteen times larger
  - c. Twenty-three times larger
  - d. Thirty-three times larger
7. Since the global financial “crisis” of the 2000s, which of the following has happened in the US?
  - a. the wealthiest 1% of people have received 95% of the financial growth while the poorest 90% of people have gotten poorer
  - b. the wealthiest 10% of people have received 95% of the financial growth while the poorest 40% of people have gotten poorer
  - c. the wealthiest 20% of people have received 95% of the financial growth while the poorest 20% have gotten poorer
8. According to the wealth analysis group WealthInsight, during President Barack Obama’s first term in office, the number of millionaires in the US:
  - a. decreased by 6,500
  - b. decreased by 154,000
  - c. increased by 49,000
  - d. increased by 1,100,000
9. Identify the source of this quote: “We have deluded ourselves into believing the myth that capitalism grew and prospered out of the Protestant ethic of hard work and sacrifices. Capitalism was built on the exploitation of black slaves and continues to thrive on the exploitation of the poor, both black and white, both here and abroad.”
  - a. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights activist
  - b. Michael Moore, filmmaker
  - c. bell hooks, author and educator
  - d. Eleanor Roosevelt, human rights advocate
10. According to a national study of US parents with children in public schools, 66% of parents from families not experiencing poverty reported they always checked to ensure their children did their homework. What percentage of parents from families experiencing poverty reported they always checked to ensure their children did their homework?
  - a. 32%
  - b. 52%
  - c. 72%
  - d. 92%