

**Resources on Economic Inequality and its Impact on Democracy and  
Resources on the Living Wage/Minimum Wage**

**Short videos**

**Robert Reich, *Inequality for All* [film, 2013] If you look at nothing else, watch this.**

**inequalityforall.com:** See Trailer, other video clips[under resources & partners] and more info

**Thomas Piketty, “Capital in the Twenty-first Century,”** in this short video, Prof. Piketty describes the main points of his much-praised new book; alert, French accented English

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TLtXfZth5w>

**NPR Morning Edition interview** with Elizabeth Warren about her new book, *A Fighting Chance*,

<http://www.npr.org/player/v2/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=304176260&m=304329752>

**Sen. Warren Asks Why Employers Aren't Paying \$22 in Minimum Wage Costs:** Elisabeth Warren **Published on Mar 18, 2013** with response by economist Arindrajit Dube at a Senate hearing, video at

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

**Articles**

*Examining Redistribution of Wealth*, Jeff Kolnick and Doug Anderson, The LWVUS National Voter, February, 2009.

*Some Evidence on Whether Money buys Political Influence*, David Broockman and Josh Kalla, April 4, 2014, <http://freakonomics.com/2014/04/04/some-evidence-on-whether-money-buys-political-influence/>

*Raising Taxes on Corporations that Pay their CEO's Royally and Treat their Workers like Serfs*, robertreich.org April 21, 2014. He plans to testify before the California legislature for Bill SB1372 which sets corporate taxes according to the *ratio* of CEO pay to the pay of the company's typical worker. Corporations with low pay ratios get a tax break. Those with high ratios get a tax increase.

**The New York Times** is a treasure trove of articles on economic inequality, minimum and living wage and their impact on people and democracy.

**Here's good short survey of whether widening income gap is bad or not:**  
Eduardo Porter, “Income Equality: A Search for Consequences” March 25, 2014

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/26/business/economy/making-sense-of-income-inequality.html>

**Here's a survey of the "ongoing debate over the nature and implications of rising inequality—and why "Capital in the Twenty-First Century" is having such a big impact"**

Paul Krugman The Conscience of a Liberal on The Opinion Pages, "Piketty Day Notes" April 16, 2014

<http://krugman.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/04/16/piketty-day-notes/?module=BlogPost-Title&version=Blog%20Main&contentCollection=Opinion&action=Click&pgtype=Blogs&region=Body>

**"The Wealth Gap in America is Growing, Too" by Annie Lowrey, April 2, 2014**

[http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/04/02/the-wealth-gap-is-growing-too/?\\_php=true&\\_type=blogs&\\_r=0](http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/04/02/the-wealth-gap-is-growing-too/?_php=true&_type=blogs&_r=0)

**Eduardo Porter, "In New Tack, I.M.F. Aims at Income Inequality," NYT April 8, 2014**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/09/business/economy/in-new-tack-imf-aims-at-income-inequality.html>

**Annie Lowrey, "For Two Economists, the Buffett Rule is Just a Start" NYT April 16, 2012**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/17/business/for-economists-saez-and-piketty-the-buffett-rule-is-just-a-start.html?\\_r=0&adxnnl=1&pagewanted=all&adxnnlx=1397866163-uV5d04msQ2D3uX5BP5vgqw](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/17/business/for-economists-saez-and-piketty-the-buffett-rule-is-just-a-start.html?_r=0&adxnnl=1&pagewanted=all&adxnnlx=1397866163-uV5d04msQ2D3uX5BP5vgqw)

**Three Reviews: 2 of Piketty's *Capital in the Twenty-first Century* & 1 of Elizabeth Warren's *A Fighting Chance***

1. in The Economist Magazine, Jan 9 2014

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/freeexchange/2014/01/inequality>

2. in the New Yorker, March 31, 2014 by John Cassidy

3. Review of Elizabeth Warren's new book *A Fighting Chance* in the New Yorker, April 21, 2014 by Jill Lepore

## **Books**

**Robert Reich, *Aftershock, the Next Economy and America's Future*, 2010**

**Robert Reich, *Beyond Outrage: Expanded Edition: What has gone wrong with our economy and our democracy and how to fix it*, 2012**

**Thomas Piketty. *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*, Harvard U. Press, 2014**

**Elizabeth Warren, A Fighting Chance**, publication April 22, 2014

**Joseph Stiglitz, The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers our Future**, New York, W.W. Norton & Co., 2013, 2012

**Additional Work about the Living Wage**

Robert Reich: A video dated Aug 29, 2013 entitled *What Low Wage Workers Need*.  
<http://robertreich.org>

He advocates a living wage , along with governmental subsidies for low wages, access to quality education, health care and the right to unionize.

*What the Research Says In the Minimum Wage Debate*, David Scharfenberg,, April 28, 2014 <http://www.wbur.org/2014/04/28/minimum-wage-policy-shop>

*Hawaii set to become third state to hike minimum wage to \$10.10*, Ned Resnikoff, April 28, 2014, <http://www.msnbc.com/hawaii-raising-minimum-wage-1010>

*How to kill the minimum wage movement*, Timothy Egan, April 27  
<http://bismarktribune.com/news/columnists/how-to-kill-the-minimum-wage-movement>

*The Minimum We Can Do*, Arindrajit Dube, November 30, 2013  
<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/11/30/the/minimum/we/can/do> Dube, a University of Massachusetts-Amherst economist, along with a number of collaborators has produced a series of papers suggesting that increasing the minimum wage probably leads to tiny job losses at most, if at all.

*The Left's Favorite Wage Expert Weighs In On Seattle's \$15 Plan*, Jordan Weissmann, May 8, 2014,  
[http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2014/05/08/seattle\\_raising\\_its\\_minimum\\_wage\\_to\\_15\\_arindrajit\\_dube\\_weighs\\_in.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2014/05/08/seattle_raising_its_minimum_wage_to_15_arindrajit_dube_weighs_in.html)

*Nutter Raises Minimum Wage For Most City Contract Workers*, Mike Dunn, May, 6, 2014, <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2014/05/06/nutter-raises-minimum-wage-for-certain-city-contract-workers/>

*Does \$10.10 minimum wage get you out of poverty?*, Charles Schumer, May 5, 2014,  
<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2014/may/08/charles-schumer/does-1010-minimum-wage-get-you-out-poverty/>