1. Class in America
2. What is a class and do we have a ruling class?
3. Marx
4. Definition: relation to the means of production
5. Capitalism class (bourgeoisie) and workers (proletariat)
6. Relationship: conflict

i.exploitation

ii.alieantion

1. Power over other institutions
2. U.S.
3. Upper class

i.increasing concentration of wealth and income

ii. ownership and control of means of production

iii. control over other institutions

1. “we the people”

i.declining share of wealth and income

ii. decline in vital needs

B. Wealth

1. Net worth: what you own minus what you owe

2. Financial wealth: income producing wealth

(stocks, bonds, trusts, business equity, financial securities, commercial property)

B. Net Worth by household

1. Top .01% =22%

2. Top 1% = 34%

3. Top 10% = 71%

4. Top 20% = 80%

5. Bottom 80% of population=20% of wealth

C. Financial wealth

1. Top 1% = 40%

2. Top 10% = 80%-90%

(Stocks, bonds, trusts, business equity, financial securities)

D. Net worth: trend (top 1%)

1. Since 1970: +2x

2. 2001 to 2008 ($186 billion to $816 billion)

E. Comparison

1. Industrial countries

2. Historically

F. Middle class household

1. Middle 20%: net worth $82,000

2. Wealth

a. principal residence

b. stocks: 80% less than $10,000

c. life insurance, pensions/401 Ks, savings

3. Trend

1. declining

b. + debt

c. mortgages: Americans 55-64 (median +3x to $85,000 since 1989)

G. Poor and working class

1. bottom 50% 2.5% of wealth

2. bottom 20%: -$11,400

3. Trend

H. Median Net Worth Household: Race/Gender

1. White $113,000 (between 2005-09 -16%)

2. African American $5,700 (between 2005-09 -53%)

1. Hispanic $6,300 (between 2005-09 -66%)
2. Single white women $41,000, single black women $100, single Hispanic women $120.
3. increasing disparity: white 10x to 20x

6. 18-35 $4000 (-68% since 1984)

II. Inequality by Income

A. Income

1. Investment income

2. Income from work

3. Real income

a. income adjusted for inflation

b. example: media income for men 1968 $32,844, 2010 $32,127

B. Income

1. median household: $50,000

2. Concentration

a. top 0.1% (15,000 households, 6%, + bottom 120 million)

b. top 1%=17%

c. top 10% =48.5%

3. Source of income

a. work

b. top 10% receive 80% of investment income

c. bonuses: financial industry (38 companies= $146 billion)

4. Trend

a.Gini index .466 ^

b. top 1% last 30 years 2x share of income (CBO)

c. During “economic recovery” 2009-2010 top 1% 93% of all income growth

d. CEOs:

i. 1980 40x/present 300x

ii. . Top 400: 2001 to 2008 (2x to $263 million- 63% capital gains, tax rate 16.6%, no social security)

e. bottom 90% avg: 1973 $33,000 2005 $29,000

4. Comparison

a. industrial countries

b. historically

C. Median Household Income: Race

1. White $50,784

2. Black $30, 858

3. Hispanic $35,967

4. Trend

a. Same

b. New trend: class within race

D. Inequality by gender: income

1. $41, 386 m : $31,858 w

1. w -1.8%