

ECON 101

TA Worksheet, Module 10 (Inequality and Poverty)

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1. How has income inequality changed in the US since 1980?
2. What are some reasons for this change?
3. What's the difference between "means tested" social programs and "social insurance" programs?
4. Consider the data below. Is each tax progressive, regressive, or proportional? Why?

Income	Tax A	Tax B	Tax C
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$20,000	\$12,000	\$40,000

5. Consider the data below. If my income is \$80,000, what is my marginal tax rate? What is my average tax rate?

Income band	Tax rate
\$0-\$30,000	10%
\$30,001-\$60,000	15%
\$60,001-\$90,000	20%