

created for them to follow. Many people deny the extent of the classes that America holds, but there have been too many years of the working class owning far less than the upper class to just turn aside and pretend America is a classless society. In *Class in America* by Gregory Mantsios and *Power in America* by G. William Domhoff, the authors represent in their own words how classism has affected society through statistical evidence and their own personal experiences in society.

These two writings are hitting on the huge issue that around 90% of working-class American citizens are having to share 20% of America's overall wealth, which represents how unfair classism can be. The many myths that the economy of America have fooled people into believing the harder they work, the longer they can stay in the middle or above others in America; however, America is not as "middle class" as so many citizens think. Myths occur due to the lack of education of the "Power Elite" idea created by Domhoff. The "Power Elite" dynamic has formed a small, elite group of people who are looked at as the leaders of success within society. Despite this, this group usually does not work nearly as hard or for as long as the lower working class which makes up the 90% of society. This idea portrays why classism has caused a vicious cycle within society that seems so impossible to reverse.

In conclusion, the circular process of the poor working-class families and rich elite families has continually hindered people and caused social classes to be embedded into society. The tiny 1% of people who are ridiculously richer than everyone else puts up an impossible standard for everyone else in society to work towards, but it should not have to be that way. Expectations of society would need to change in order to modify where the wealth goes and who owns it; for society to become more classless, the habits much change and wealth must be balanced.