

# CS2704 - Final Project Proposal: Income Inequality vs. Trust in Government

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## Chosen Datasets:

1. Inequality in Income Across the Globe
  - Source: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/iamsouravbanerjee/inequality-in-income-across-the-globe>
  - Years covered: 2010 - 2021
  - Countries included: All 195 countries
2. Trust in Government
  - Source: <https://www.oecd.org/en/data/indicators/trust-in-government.html>
  - Years covered: 2000 - 2023
  - Countries included: 38 countries

## GitHub Repository:

<https://github.com/nrichar1/Income-Inequality-vs-Trust>

## Hypothesis:

A greater income inequality within a country leads to a decreased trust among citizens in that country's government.

## My Plan to Test this Hypothesis:

1. Data Preparation:
  - Collect and align datasets by country and year
  - Standardize entries, clean missing data, and merge
2. Descriptive Analytics:
  - Visualize trends in both trust and inequality over time
  - Create scatterplots and correlation heatmaps
3. Predictive Analytics:
  - Use linear regression to model trust based on inequality
  - Check how accurate the predictions are and if the results are meaningful
  - Explore possible lag effects
4. Enhancements:
  - Analyze any outliers
  - Compare regional patterns
  - Check for non-linear relationships