

## Public meetings

# Social inequality and capitalism

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The past five years have witnessed a growth of social inequality unprecedented in American history. The country's billionaires have seen their wealth more than double, while a typical household's yearly income has fallen by nearly \$5,000.

Every action taken by the Democratic and Republican Parties—from the Wall Street bailout to sweeping budget cuts and attacks on social programs—have been calculated to increase the wealth of the super-rich at the expense of the population.

Forced to acknowledge the vast social chasm, Obama recently called inequality the “defining challenge of our time,” yet his policies have contributed more to the enrichment of the top one percent than any other administration in US history.

What no section of the political establishment can acknowledge is that the growth of social inequality is the inevitable outcome of the capitalist system. No social problem—from war, to poverty, to attacks on democratic rights—can be addressed without breaking the grip of the corporate and financial plutocracy over society.

Join the Socialist Equality Party and the International Youth and Students for Social Equality for a discussion of the roots of social inequality and the socialist program for reorganizing society on a rational and egalitarian basis.

Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Thursday, February 27, 6:30 pm  
University of Michigan  
Michigan League, Henderson Room (3rd Floor)  
911 N. University Avenue  
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San Diego, California  
Thursday, February 27, 7:00 pm  
San Diego State University  
Aztec Student Union, Pride Suite

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Berkeley, California  
Thursday, February 27, 7:00 pm  
University of California, Berkeley  
102 Wurster Hall

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Los Angeles, California  
Saturday, March 1, 3:00 pm  
California State University Los Angeles  
University Student Union, Boardroom South

Map  
Portland, Oregon  
Sunday, March 3, 6:00 pm  
Central Library, US Bank Room  
801 SW 10th Avenue

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Bozeman, MT 59717  
Thursday, March 6, 6:00 pm  
Montana State University  
Strand Union Building, Room 230  
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