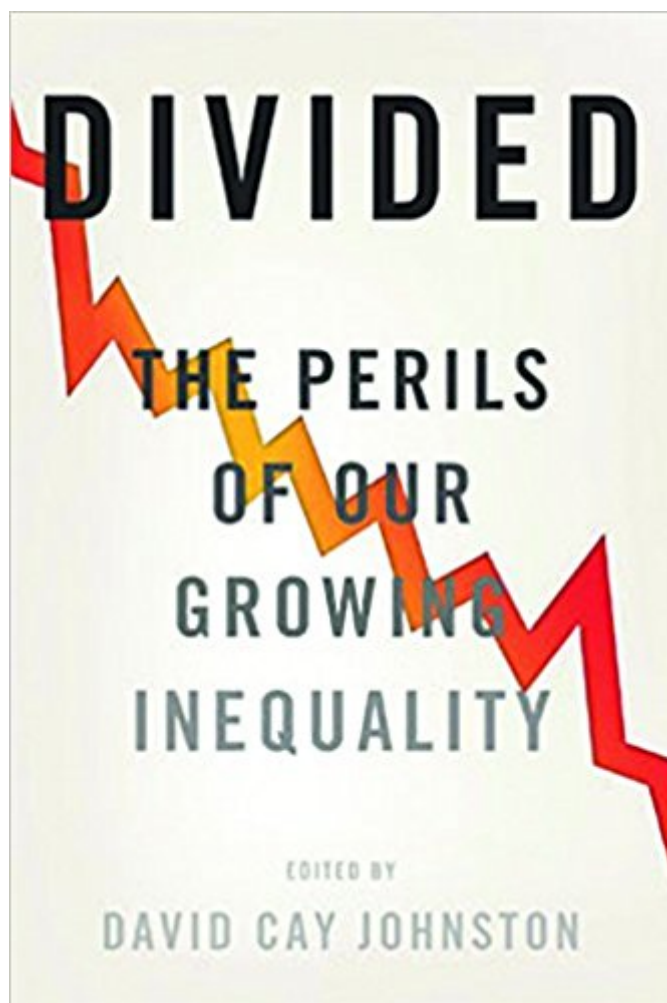


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# Divided: The Perils Of Our Growing Inequality



## Synopsis

Praised as a "page-turner" just the kind of spotlight that is needed (Counterpunch) and "a potent chronicle of America's extreme inequality" (Kirkus Reviews), *Divided* collects the writings of leading scholars, activists, and journalists including Elizabeth Warren, President Barack Obama, Joseph E. Stiglitz, Paul Krugman, and Barbara Ehrenreich to provide an illuminating, multifaceted look at one of the most pressing issues facing America today. According to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Cay Johnston, most Americans, in inflation-adjusted terms, are now back to the average income of 1966. Shockingly, from 2009 to 2011 a third of all the increased income in a land of 300 million people went to just 30,000 of them, while the bottom 90 percent saw their income fall. Yet in this most unequal of developed nations, every aspect of inequality remains hotly contested and poorly understood. Exploring areas as diverse as education, justice, health care, social mobility, and political representation, here is an essential resource "an indispensable guide to the causes and effects of the growing wealth gap" (World Wide Work) "for anyone who cares about the future of America and compelling evidence that inequality can be ignored no longer.

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"Divided reminds us how inequality is one of those rare problems that truly matters to all of us, no matter what our interests or chosen field." —Salon

David Cay Johnston is an investigative journalist and the winner of a 2001 Pulitzer Prize. He is the former president of the Investigative Reporters & Editors and the author of the bestselling *Perfectly Legal*, *Free Lunch*, and *The Fine Print*. He teaches at Syracuse University College of Law and lives in Rochester, New York.

As another reviewer pointed out, this isn't a book written entirely by David Cay Johnston, he wrote a few chapters but he edited most of the material from other authors. His choice of authors was very good! Among those that I appreciated most were Joseph Stiglitz, Paul Krugman, Mary O'Brien, Studs Terkel, and Leo W. Gerard. This book covers multiple facets of inequality, I doubt that he missed any angles. Some of the subjects I liked the best were corporate welfare, the estate tax, universal health care, unequal quality of care, and "Inequality is Holding Back the Recovery." This book is worthy of a read. I confess that I do prefer his written works a bit better, but this is a good book on the subject of Inequality and what ails our economy.

I have read all of DCJ's books, thoroughly. More than once because every thing he writes is dead-on accurate. And important. I love his writing style, gets right down to the white-meat without a lot of blah, blah, blah. He makes salient points from the get go and then backs them up with a boat load of facts and examples. Buy his books, they're great! And you can take that all the way to the bank....

Having read Johnston's other books, I just had to look at this one too. Far too many of us Americans are silently complicit to this ever-growing and highly inequitable distribution of income and assets. With contributions from many prominent leaders from the ranks of politics, academia and policy makers, inequality, as it affects Education, Upward Mobility, and other key criteria are examined and expounded upon here. Needless to say, income inequality has become a key issue these days but very few amongst our leaders are willing to take the necessary steps to remediate this national and, by extension, global affliction. Inequality, as has been reiterated in this text and many others, is such a pervasive and crippling condition that it impacts ALL—from those below the poverty line to the privileged few in the .1 or .001% income and wealth classes. Clearly, though, some, the majority, far more than others.

The Perils of our Inequality are documented in clear and understandable starkness. If we are apathetic and ignore this condition of America today we will likely see the destruction of the quality

of life and the values that have made our country great. We need to read this work and act to again transform our country to its heritage.

Pretty good review of why we have inequality, how bad it is and what may be possible to combat it. Would have liked to see more on the economic theory ... ie profit is a deadweight loss to the economy and therefore an "efficient" economy minimises profit etc.

Great clarity in one collection.

USA have to unite together make nations unite together.

reference book for what is evolving around us - should be required reading for everyone

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