

Vocabulary

1.1 Can you think of one synonym for each of the words below?

wealthy
well off
fairness
dreadful

1.2 Match each word with its definition:

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| 1. skewed | a. overwhelming |
| 2. mind-blowing | b. existing in act or fact; real |
| 3. to scrape by | c. distorted |
| 4. to struggle | d. to manage or get by with difficulty |
| 5. actual | e. to contend with an adversary or opposing force |
| 6. barely | f. only just; scarcely; no more than; almost not |

1.3 Do you know this expression or can you guess what it means?

"I can't wrap/get my head around it"

Introduction

2.1 What is inequality?

2.2 Is inequality a problem in your country?

Watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=QPKKQnijnsM
and answer the questions below:

Comprehension

3.1 What did the researchers ask their panel?

3.2 What are the main takeaways of this video?

3.3 Write down a few statements about what you've just watched using the words in 1.2:

i.e. Most of Americans know that the system is skewed and unfair

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Fill in the gaps:

4.1 Listen to the first part and fill in the gaps (you might need to write more than one word):

There is a _____ I saw recently that I can't _____ of my head, a Harvard business professor and economists asked more than five thousand Americans how they thought _____ was distributed in the United States.

This is what they say they _____ it was: dividing the country into five _____ groups of the top bottom and middle three 20 percent groups.

4.2 Listen to the second part and fill in the gaps (you might need to write more than one word):

Now let's _____ according to their wealth, _____ people on the left, _____ on the right. Just a steady _____ based on the net worth. We colour code them like we did before based on which twenty percent quintel they _____.

Discussion

Have you ever heard about the Occupy Movement?

What do they mean by the 99%?

Do you agree?