# AMERICA, WE CAN DO BETTER!

# **INCOME INEQUALITY**

#### A shocking reversal in U.S.



In **1980**, the **top 1%** captured **11%** of all income. The **bottom 50%** captured **21%**.

In **2016**, the **top 1%** captured **20%** of all income.

The bottom 50% captured 13%.

### Europe stays the course



In **1980**, the **top 1%** captured **10%** of all income.

The bottom 50% captured 24%.

In 2016, the top 1% captured 12% of all income.

The bottom **50%** captured **22%**.

## How does the U.S. Compare Globally?

Out of 157 countries, the U.S. is the 118th most unequal on the GINI Index, placing it in the bottom quartile.

84. Venezuela

100. Russia

104. Democratic Republic of the Congo

114. Iran

118. United States

126. Malawi

157. Lesotho

### **Income Inequality**

The U.S. ranks behind countries such as Iran, The Democratic Republic of The Congo and Russia, and trails every single European nation.

#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**



The U.S. ranks 55th in infant mortality, even behind countries such as Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia. At 5.8 deaths per thousand, American-born infants have an 80% higher risk of dying before the age of one than infants born in France.



The U.S. ranks 47th in maternal mortality, even behind countries such as Libya and Kazakstan.

At 14 deaths per 100,000 births, U.S. mothers have a 100% higher risk of dying in birth than mothers in Canada.



The U.S. ranks **43rd in life expectancy**.

At roughly 81 years of age, those born in the U.S. live on average 2 years less than those born in Iceland.



The U.S. ranks 18th in happiness.

However...



The U.S. ranks **1st in** antidepressant use.

## **DEMOCRACY**

VOTER TURNOUT: The U.S. ranks 26th out of 32 industrialized nations, with only a 56% voter turnout for the 2016 presidential election. Belgium, Sweden and Denmark achieved voter turnouts of 87%, 83% and 80%, respectively.

**ELECTORAL INTEGRITY:** The U.S. ranks **55th** tied with the likes of Oman, Bhutan and Panama.

**VOTER REGISTRATION:** Only **64%** of the U.S. voting-age population was registered during the 2016 presidential election. Canada and the U.K. have achieved 91% voter registration in recent years, and Sweden has achieved 96%.

FREEDOM: The U.S. ranks last, with a score of 86/100, when compared to the countries of Western Europe. Norway, Sweden and Finland all received scores of 100/100.

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