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In-class activity #1

Contemp SE Challenges






What percentage of *income* do you think is received by the richest 20% of the U.S. population? Note that a person's "income" is defined as the wages, salaries, interest, dividends, or other monetary flows they receive.

				
99%	87%	61%	35%	20%

What percentage of *wealth* do you think is owned by the wealthiest 20% of the U.S. population? Note that a person's "wealth" is defined as the total value of everything they own minus any debt they owe.

				
99%	87%	61%	35%	20%



U.S. *Income* Distribution

Top 20% receives	Next 20% receives	Middle 20% receives	Fourth 20% receives	Bottom 20% receives
				
61%	18%	11%	7%	3%

Top 1% receives \approx 20% of nation's income

So bottom 60% receives about as much as top 1%

U.S. *Wealth* Distribution

Top 20% owns	Next 20% owns	Middle 20% owns	Fourth 20% owns	Bottom 20% owns
				
87%	10%	3%	1%	<i>Negative 1%</i>

Top 1% owns \approx 35% of nation's wealth

So bottom 40% own \approx 0% of nation's wealth

