

The gap between the rich and the poor can be reduced not by funding researches but by strong policies

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Michael J. Feuer wrote an article entitled Evidence for opportunity (1). He emphasized that congress should increase funding for behavioral and social sciences, and governments at all levels should consider new approaches to accessing evidence. However, Associate press clearly stated that policies have helped the rich get richer and the poor poorer (2). Adopting policies to benefit middle- and low-income earners could help counter the trend toward extreme inequality (2). In the near future, artificial intelligence will widen the gap between rich and poor (3). Advancing AI technology accelerates AI robots replacing human jobs (4). Report shows 'devastating impact' of deprivation on child health with poorest teens 70% more likely to visit hospital accident & emergency departments than their wealthier counterparts (5). Three ways to reduce economic inequality were proposed: investing in women, investing in agriculture, and reforming workplace laws (minimum wages and universal basic income) (6).

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