

Illustration of Michael Moore's Stat About Inequality

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More conversation about the wealth gap in this country.

From the referenced article, "Michael Moore joined the demonstrators in Madison, Wisconsin on March 6, and mentioned that the 400 richest Americans have more money than all of their 155,000,000 fellow citizens at the bottom of the pyramid combined." As much as I dislike Michael Moore personally, I have to agree with his positions on many things.

Here is another way to think about this number. The current USA population is 311,000,000 more or less. Half of that is pretty close to 155,000,000. So 400 people have as much wealth as 1/2 of the total US population. Mind boggling.

$400 = 155,000,000$. I started to quip, "in what universe". I then realized it is in our universe.

This is one of most dramatic demonstrations of that concept I have seen. You have to strain hard to see the white dot that represents the rich among the sea of "commoners". Call me a socialist, but nobody needs or should be that rich. I'm back on the one pie analogy. In order to have an over sized piece of pie you have to take some from someone else's piece of pie. Or in this case a bunch of someones.

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What really slays me is that our politicians seem to be on a tear to make these folks richer. Call me old school, but I firmly believe that to whom that more is given, more is expected.