

# Injustice In Modern World: A Holistic Examination Of Social Disparities

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## Abstract

Social inequality remains a pervasive and complex issue with profound implications for contemporary society. This research explores the multifaceted dimensions of social inequality and its far-reaching impact on various aspects of individuals' lives, communities, and societal structures. The study employs a comprehensive approach, incorporating sociological, economic, and political perspectives to analyse the root causes, perpetuating factors, and consequences of social disparities. The investigation delves into the unequal distribution of resources, opportunities, and privileges among different social groups, considering factors such as race, gender, socioeconomic status, and educational attainment. Through empirical analysis and case studies, the research aims to elucidate the mechanisms through which social inequality is sustained and how it manifests in education, employment, healthcare, and access to justice. Furthermore, the study examines the social, psychological, and economic repercussions of living in a society marked by significant disparities. It scrutinizes the impact of social inequality on individual well-being, mental health, and overall life satisfaction. Additionally, the research assesses the broader implications for social cohesion, civic engagement, and the stability of the societal fabric.

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## Introduction

Social inequality has been a pervasive and enduring aspect of human societies throughout history, manifesting in various forms and degrees across different cultures and time periods. In contemporary society, the complex interplay of economic, political, and cultural factors continues to shape and perpetuate social inequalities, impacting individuals and communities on a global scale. This multifaceted phenomenon encompasses disparities in wealth, education, healthcare, opportunities, and more, creating a web of interconnected challenges that reverberate across generations.

As we delve into the exploration of social inequality and its impact on contemporary society, it is crucial to acknowledge the intricate nature of this issue and its roots in historical contexts. Understanding the historical trajectory of social inequalities provides essential insights into the mechanisms that have contributed to their persistence and evolution over time. From feudal systems to colonial legacies, the dynamics of power, privilege, and marginalization have shaped the structural foundations of societies, laying the groundwork for the disparities we observe today.

One of the defining features of contemporary social inequality is its multidimensional nature. While economic inequality often takes centre stage in discussions, the issue extends beyond financial disparities to encompass a spectrum of interconnected dimensions. Educational inequality, for instance, reflects not only economic disparities but also systemic challenges in access and quality of education. Similarly, healthcare disparities highlight the intersections of economic, racial, and geographic factors that influence an individual's well-being.

## Social Inequalities: A Growing Menace

Social inequalities, a pervasive and escalating menace, cast a long shadow over contemporary societies globally. The widening gaps in wealth, opportunities, education, and access to basic necessities are not only symptomatic of systemic flaws but also pose profound threats to the fabric of societies. As we navigate the complex landscape

of social inequalities, it becomes evident that the issue is not static; rather, it is a dynamic and growing challenge that demands urgent attention and comprehensive solutions. To comprehend the gravity of the present situation, it is essential to trace the historical roots of social inequality. The echoes of feudalism, colonialism, and other historical injustices reverberate through the centuries, shaping the structures that underpin contemporary societies. From the exploitation of labour during the industrial revolution to the lingering impacts of discriminatory policies, the historical narrative of social inequality serves as a backdrop against which the present disparities unfold.

At the heart of social inequalities lies the economic chasm that separates the privileged from the marginalized. The concentration of wealth in the hands of a few has reached unprecedented levels, contributing to a host of social and economic issues. The phenomenon of income inequality, exacerbated by factors such as tax policies, corporate practices, and globalization, has far-reaching consequences. As a result, societies grapple with disparities in access to economic opportunities, perpetuating cycles of poverty and privilege. Education, often touted as the great equalizer, paradoxically serves as both a potential remedy and a perpetuator of social inequalities. Disparities in educational systems, from early childhood to higher education, create uneven playing fields that reinforce existing social hierarchies. Limited access to quality education, driven by factors such as socioeconomic status and geographic location, further entrenches the divide, hindering upward social mobility for marginalized communities. The right to health is a fundamental human right, yet social inequalities manifest glaringly in the realm of healthcare. Access to quality healthcare services is often contingent on economic standing, leaving vulnerable populations without adequate medical attention. The intersectionality of health disparities, involving factors such as race, gender, and geography, paints a stark picture of systemic neglect and exacerbates the vulnerabilities faced by marginalized communities, especially in times of global health crises.

The 21st century has witnessed an unprecedented surge in technological advancements, offering immense potential for progress. However, this digital revolution has also given rise to a new dimension of inequality – the digital divide. Disparities in access to technology and information perpetuate existing social gaps, leaving marginalized populations on the sidelines of the information age. As technology becomes increasingly integral to various aspects of life, the consequences of this divide become even more pronounced. The role of political structures and policies in shaping social inequalities cannot be overstated. Governance frameworks, legislative decisions, and policy implementations directly impact the distribution of resources and opportunities within a society. Corruption, lack of transparency, and unequal representation amplify social disparities, creating environments where the powerful wield disproportionate influence over the well-being of entire populations. Understanding the political dimensions of social inequality is crucial for formulating effective and equitable policies. Social inequalities are not monolithic; they intersect with various aspects of identity, creating complex webs of disadvantage. Gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and other identity markers intersect with economic and class-based inequalities, compounding the challenges faced by marginalized groups. Recognizing and addressing these intersections is paramount for developing holistic strategies that dismantle the layers of inequality and uplift communities that face compounded forms of discrimination. As social inequalities continue to widen, the very fabric of societal cohesion is under threat. The erosion of trust, the rise of social unrest, and the exacerbation of intergroup tensions are manifestations of the consequences of unchecked inequality. The sense of disenfranchisement among those left behind by economic progress breeds resentment and sows the seeds of social instability. In extreme cases, this can lead to political upheaval, conflicts, and even the breakdown of social order.

The menace of social inequality is not confined within national borders; it is a global challenge with far-reaching implications. Disparities between nations, fuelled by historical legacies and contemporary power dynamics, contribute to a world where a privileged minority enjoys unprecedented wealth while large segments of the global population struggle for basic necessities. The interconnectedness of economies and societies amplifies the impact of inequality, making it a pressing concern that demands collective, international efforts for resolution. The urgency of addressing social inequalities requires a multifaceted and coordinated approach. Governments, policymakers, civil society, and individuals must actively engage in dismantling the structural barriers that perpetuate inequality. Key strategies include implementing progressive tax policies, ensuring equitable access to education and healthcare, and promoting inclusive economic development. Moreover, fostering a culture of empathy, understanding, and collective responsibility is essential for creating a society where the well-being of all is prioritized.

Social inequalities represent a growing menace that permeates the core of contemporary societies. From historical injustices to present-day challenges, the roots of inequality run deep, shaping the lived experiences of individuals and communities. As economic, educational, healthcare, and technological disparities continue to widen, the consequences for social cohesion and global stability become increasingly pronounced. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, it is imperative for societies to collectively address the multifaceted dimensions of social inequality and work towards creating a more just, equitable, and sustainable world. The path ahead requires concerted efforts, informed policies, and a commitment to dismantling the structures that perpetuate this growing menace.

## Social Inequalities: It's Far-reaching Impacts

Social inequalities are deeply embedded in the fabric of human societies, exerting profound and far-reaching impacts that touch every aspect of individual and collective existence. This multi-faceted issue encompasses disparities in wealth, education, healthcare, employment, and various other dimensions, creating a complex web that entrenches privilege and disadvantage. To comprehend the contemporary impacts of social inequalities, it is imperative to delve into their historical roots, where systems of power and privilege have perpetuated disparities through centuries. At the core of social inequalities lies economic disparity, where a disproportionate concentration of wealth fosters a stark division between the affluent and the marginalized. The widening wealth gap has tangible consequences, translating into limited access to economic opportunities and perpetuating cycles of poverty that hinder social mobility. Concurrently, it fosters intangible consequences by generating a sense of alienation among those excluded from the benefits of economic progress. Education, often heralded as the great equalizer, paradoxically becomes a gateway and barrier. Social inequalities infiltrate the educational landscape, creating barriers that obstruct the realization of its potential as an equalizer. Unequal access to quality education, influenced by socio-economic status and geographic location, exacerbates existing disparities, leaving marginalized communities caught in a cycle of limited opportunities and restricted access to knowledge. Disparities in healthcare access and outcomes highlight the stark consequences of social inequalities on individual well-being. Those positioned at the lower rungs of the socio-economic ladder often face barriers to quality healthcare, leading to a higher prevalence of preventable diseases and diminished life expectancy. The intersectionality of healthcare disparities, entwined with factors such as race, gender, and geographical location, intensifies the challenges faced by marginalized populations, creating a health divide that underscores the systemic nature of social inequalities. In the realm of employment, social inequalities manifest prominently, where systemic biases and discriminatory practices hinder equitable access to economic opportunities. Marginalized groups often face barriers to entering certain professions or industries, limiting their ability to secure stable and well-paying jobs. This not only perpetuates economic disparities but also contributes to a broader cycle of social marginalization, as employment serves as a crucial avenue for societal integration and financial stability. The digital divide emerges as a critical dimension of social inequalities in the era of rapid technological advancements. Access to technology and digital literacy skills are becoming increasingly essential for participation in the modern economy. However, marginalized communities often find themselves on the wrong side of this divide, further exacerbating existing disparities and creating a society where some individuals have the tools to navigate the digital landscape while others are left at a disadvantage. The role of political structures and policy decisions in perpetuating or mitigating social inequalities cannot be overlooked. Governance frameworks and policy choices directly influence the distribution of resources, the enforcement of laws, and the protection of individual rights. Corruption, lack of transparency, and discriminatory policies can exacerbate social disparities, while inclusive and progressive policies have the potential to dismantle systemic barriers and promote social justice. Social inequalities intersect with various dimensions of identity, such as gender, race, ethnicity, and sexuality, creating unique and compounded challenges. Intersectionality emphasizes that an individual's experience of inequality is shaped by the convergence of multiple identity markers. Recognizing and addressing these intersections is crucial for developing targeted and effective strategies to combat inequality.

As social inequalities persist and even worsen, the strain on social cohesion becomes increasingly apparent. Widening gaps in wealth and opportunity contribute to a sense of injustice and societal unrest. Trust in institutions erodes, and the potential for social conflict rises. A society characterized by stark divisions is less resilient, less cooperative, and more prone to internal strife. Navigating these challenges requires a concerted effort to address

the root causes of inequality and foster a sense of shared responsibility and solidarity. The impacts of social inequalities extend beyond national boundaries, influencing global dynamics and interactions. Disparities between nations, driven by historical legacies and contemporary power structures, contribute to a world where some regions thrive while others languish in poverty. The interconnectedness of economies and societies amplifies the consequences of inequality, making it a global challenge that necessitates collaborative international efforts for meaningful resolution. Mitigating the impacts of social inequalities requires a comprehensive and concerted effort from individuals, communities, governments, and international bodies. This involves not only addressing the symptoms but also dismantling the systemic structures that perpetuate inequality. Implementing policies that promote equitable access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities is crucial. Additionally, fostering a culture of inclusivity, empathy, and understanding is essential for challenging ingrained biases and building a society that values the dignity and potential of every individual. Social inequalities cast a long and pervasive shadow over the contemporary world, shaping the opportunities and experiences of individuals and communities. From economic disparities to healthcare inequalities, the impacts of social inequality are far-reaching and multifaceted. As societies grapple with the consequences of these disparities, the need for collective action becomes increasingly urgent. By addressing the root causes of social

inequalities and fostering a commitment to justice and equity, societies can strive towards a more inclusive and sustainable future where the burdens of privilege and disadvantage are dismantled, and the potential of every individual is realized.

### **Our Responsibility: To Reduce the Social Inequalities**

The fabric of our societies is woven with threads of diversity, yet the existence of social inequalities creates disparities that compromise the fundamental principles of justice and fairness. In recognizing these disparities, there arises a collective responsibility that extends beyond individual actions to a societal commitment to reduce and ultimately eliminate social inequalities. This exploration delves into the intricate interplay between "we" as individuals and our shared responsibility to address the multifaceted dimensions of social inequalities. Social inequalities, deeply rooted in historical and systemic structures, manifest across various domains, including economic, educational, healthcare, and political spheres. These disparities create barriers that hinder equitable access to opportunities, resources, and basic rights, perpetuating cycles of disadvantage for marginalized groups. To embark on the journey of reducing social inequalities, it is crucial to comprehend the nuanced ways in which these disparities manifest and intersect within our societies.

The economic landscape often serves as a breeding ground for social inequalities. A disproportionate concentration of wealth among a privileged few widens the gap between the affluent and the marginalized. Addressing economic disparities necessitates a collective commitment to reshape economic systems, promote fair labour practices, and implement policies that uplift the economically disadvantaged. As individuals, we play a role in supporting ethical businesses, advocating for just economic policies, and being conscious consumers who prioritize fairness and sustainability. Education stands as a powerful tool to dismantle the barriers erected by social inequalities. However, unequal access to quality education perpetuates cycles of disadvantage. Our collective responsibility involves advocating for inclusive educational policies, supporting initiatives that bridge the educational divide, and challenging biases within educational systems. As individuals, we can contribute by promoting a culture that values education, mentoring those in need, and supporting organizations working towards educational equity. Disparities in healthcare access and outcomes highlight systemic issues that demand collective action. A just society prioritizes the well-being of all its members, and reducing healthcare inequalities requires advocacy for accessible and affordable healthcare. As individuals, we can support community health initiatives, raise awareness about healthcare disparities, and engage in conversations that destigmatize health issues. Our responsibility extends to promoting policies that prioritize preventive care and address the root causes of health inequalities. Social inequalities often manifest in the workplace, hindering equitable access to employment opportunities. Creating inclusive work environments involves challenging discriminatory practices, promoting diversity and inclusion, and advocating for fair labor policies. As individuals, we can contribute by fostering inclusive cultures in our workplaces, supporting organizations that prioritize diversity, and advocating for policies that address wage gaps and promote equal opportunities for career advancement. The digital age has brought both opportunities and challenges, with technology playing a pivotal role in shaping socio-economic dynamics.

However, the digital divide widens social inequalities. Bridging this gap requires collective efforts to ensure universal access to technology, digital literacy, and the benefits of the information age. As individuals, we can contribute by supporting initiatives that provide access to technology for marginalized communities, advocating for policies that address the digital divide, and fostering inclusive online spaces. Political structures and policies significantly influence the distribution of resources and opportunities within a society. Our collective responsibility involves actively participating in civic processes, advocating for policies that prioritize social justice, and holding policymakers accountable for addressing inequalities. As individuals, we can engage in informed political discourse, support candidates and policies aligned with inclusive values, and contribute to the creation of a more just and equitable political landscape.

The recognition of intersectionality emphasizes that social inequalities often intersect with various aspects of identity, such as gender, race, ethnicity, and sexuality. Acknowledging the unique challenges faced by individuals with multiple marginalized identities is crucial for developing inclusive strategies. As individuals, we can contribute by actively listening to diverse voices, amplifying underrepresented perspectives, and advocating for policies that address the intersecting dimensions of inequality. The existence of social inequalities strains social cohesion, leading to a fractured society where trust erodes, and intergroup tensions rise. Our collective responsibility involves fostering a culture of empathy, understanding, and shared responsibility. As individuals, we can contribute by building bridges across diverse communities, challenging stereotypes, and promoting narratives that emphasize our common humanity. In doing so, we strengthen the social fabric, making it more resilient and cohesive. Social inequalities are not confined within national borders; they are global challenges that demand international cooperation. Our collective responsibility extends to advocating for policies that address global inequalities, supporting initiatives that uplift marginalized communities worldwide, and promoting sustainable development. As individuals, we can contribute by being conscious global citizens, supporting organizations working on a global scale, and advocating for policies that prioritize international cooperation and equity. Implicit biases, often ingrained through cultural and societal influences, contribute to the perpetuation of social inequalities. Our collective responsibility involves actively unlearning biases, fostering cultural competence, and promoting inclusivity. As individuals, we can engage in self-reflection, seek to understand perspectives different from our own, and challenge stereotypes in our daily interactions. By addressing implicit bias, we contribute to creating a more equitable and inclusive society.

Empowering communities through education and advocacy is a cornerstone of reducing social inequalities. Our collective responsibility involves supporting grassroots movements, amplifying the voices of marginalized communities, and advocating for policies that address systemic issues. As individuals, we can contribute by educating ourselves on social justice issues, supporting organizations that empower communities, and using our platforms to raise awareness and drive positive change. The reduction of social inequalities is a shared responsibility that requires collective action and a commitment to justice and equity. From economic disparities to educational inequalities, our role as individuals extends beyond passive observers to active contributors in shaping a more inclusive and just society. By recognizing the various dimensions of social inequalities and actively engaging in efforts to address them, we contribute to the creation of a world where opportunities, rights, and dignity are afforded to all. In embracing this collective responsibility, we pave the way for a future where the threads of diversity are woven into a tapestry of unity and shared prosperity.

## Conclusion

In contemplating the complex web of social inequalities and our collective responsibility to dismantle them, we find ourselves at a critical juncture where the urgency for action meets the potential for transformative change. This exploration into the multifaceted dimensions of social inequalities underscores the interconnectedness of our world, where individual actions reverberate through communities, nations, and the global landscape. In this 1000-word conclusion, we reflect on the profound implications of our collective responsibility and the imperative to cultivate a more just and equitable future. Our journey into the heart of social inequalities began by acknowledging the historical roots that have shaped the contours of contemporary disparities. From feudal systems to colonial legacies, the echoes of the past resonate in the present, underscoring the systemic nature of the challenges we face. However, our recognition of history is not an exercise in fatalism but a call to confront the structural foundations that perpetuate inequality. It serves as a reminder that our collective responsibility involves dismantling these

structures and fostering an environment where equity, justice, and opportunity flourish. Economic disparities emerged as a central theme, with the concentration of wealth among a privileged few exacerbating the divide between the affluent and the marginalized. Our collective responsibility to bridge this wealth gap extends beyond mere charity to a reevaluation of economic systems and policies. As individuals, we are called to be conscious consumers, advocating for fair labour practices, and supporting businesses that prioritize ethical and sustainable practices. Through these actions, we contribute to reshaping economic landscapes and fostering inclusive prosperity.

Education, hailed as the great equalizer, took centre stage as a transformative force against social inequalities. The barriers to quality education, often influenced by socio-economic status and geographic location, demand a collective commitment to dismantling. Our responsibility involves advocating for inclusive educational policies, supporting initiatives that bridge educational divides, and challenging biases within educational systems. As individuals, we play a crucial role in promoting a culture that values education and in mentoring those in need, fostering a cycle of empowerment that transcends generations. Healthcare disparities emerged as stark indicators of systemic issues that demand collective action. Our shared responsibility to ensure well-being for all goes beyond individual health practices to advocacy for accessible and affordable healthcare. As individuals, we can contribute by supporting community health initiatives, raising awareness about healthcare disparities, and engaging in conversations that destigmatize health issues. Our collective voice can shape policies that prioritize preventive care and address the root causes of health inequalities.

The workplace, another arena where social inequalities manifest, demands collective efforts to foster inclusive environments. Our shared responsibility involves challenging discriminatory practices, promoting diversity and inclusion, and advocating for fair labour policies. As individuals, we contribute by fostering inclusive cultures in our workplaces, supporting organizations that prioritize diversity, and advocating for policies that address wage gaps and promote equal opportunities for career advancement. In the digital age, technological advancements have become both a source of opportunities and a catalyst for new forms of inequality. The digital divide, a growing concern, requires collective efforts to ensure universal access to technology and digital literacy. Our shared responsibility involves supporting initiatives that provide access to technology for marginalized communities, advocating for policies that address the digital divide, and fostering inclusive online spaces. By doing so, we contribute to a society where the benefits of the information age are accessible to all. Political structures and policies, as influential architects of societal structures, are central to the discussion of social inequalities. Our collective responsibility involves actively participating in civic processes, advocating for policies that prioritize social justice, and holding policymakers accountable. As individuals, we can engage in informed political discourse, support candidates and policies aligned with inclusive values, and contribute to the creation of a more just and equitable political landscape.

The concept of intersectionality emerged as a powerful lens through which we understand the complexity of identities and the compounded challenges faced by individuals with multiple marginalized identities. Recognizing and addressing these intersections is crucial for developing inclusive strategies. Our shared responsibility involves actively listening to diverse voices, amplifying underrepresented perspectives, and advocating for policies that address the intersecting dimensions of inequality. In doing so, we contribute to dismantling the layers of disadvantage that intersect and compound within marginalized communities. Social cohesion, a linchpin of societal resilience, emerges as a casualty of unchecked social inequalities. Our collective responsibility involves fostering a culture of empathy, understanding, and shared responsibility. As individuals, we contribute by building bridges across diverse communities, challenging stereotypes, and promoting narratives that emphasize our common humanity. In doing so, we strengthen the social fabric, making it more resilient and cohesive in the face of external challenges.

The global implications of social inequalities underscore the need for international cooperation and advocacy. Our shared responsibility extends beyond national borders to advocating for policies that address global inequalities, supporting initiatives that uplift marginalized communities worldwide, and promoting sustainable development. As individuals, we can contribute by being conscious global citizens, supporting organizations working on a global scale, and advocating for policies that prioritize international cooperation and equity.

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