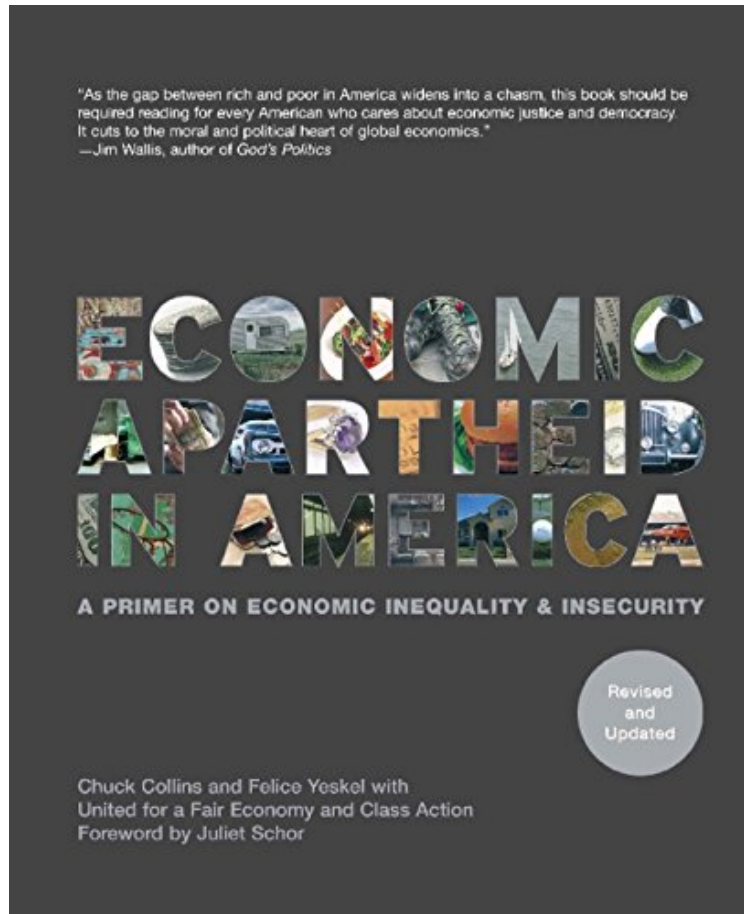


# Economic Apartheid In America: A Primer On Economic Inequality Insecurity

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**Chuck Collins, Felice Yeskel : Economic Apartheid In America: A Primer On Economic Inequality Insecurity** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Economic Apartheid In America: A Primer On Economic Inequality Insecurity:

20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. An informative and helpful overview By Kerry Walters...Collins and Yeskel do a superb job in showing why multinational corporations are progressively extending the gap between rich and poor, both in this country and abroad. The power of the multinationals is incredible; of the 100 largest economies in the world, 51 are corporate. Governments increasingly cater to multinationals, rewriting environmental and tax laws in order to encourage them to do business. Even the supposedly liberal Clinton--who, after all, enthusiastically brought us NAFTA--bought into (or should it be "sold out to") the corporate line that "the business of government is business." This attitude creates huge wealth for a very few, but the old claim that this wealth trickles down to benefit others is simply false, and Collins and Yeskel give facts and figures to demonstrate its falsity. In short, the book is an invaluable read for anyone concerned with questions of social justice, sustainability, and old-fashioned

economic survival. It tends to be a bit redundant in places, but this may be more of a merit than otherwise in a primer that really does summarize a dizzying amount of information. Readers who wish to explore the case against multinationals in more depth may wish to consult works like Derber's *\*Corporation Nation\** or Korten's *\*When Corporations Rule the World.\** E.F. Schumacher's classic *\*Small Is Beautiful\** is also still well worth taking a look at.

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An eye opening must read for all  
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By Dominic Vaccaro Ben Young  
Economic Apartheid in America approaches the issue of economic inequality in an alternative fashion. Unlike other books, the authors explain the status quo and then continue to propose ideas and their thoughts of possible activist movements. The first three chapters discuss the current situation not only in wages but also income, savings and wealth. They explain the different indicators of increasing gaps between quartiles of income levels. The authors provide reasons for the unequal distribution that has spiraled out of control over the past few decades, such as CEO compensation reaching a record high of 419 times greater than the average factory worker. Chapter 4 outlines strategies for the so-called "building a fair economy movement." They use historical examples to illustrate possible solvency of the current dilemma. The book concludes with personal action-oriented options for readers to undertake, such as campaigning for a coalition for living wage. While it is evident that the authors have strong opinions and may be viewed as radical, their suggestions do have relevance and have a right to be considered in the search for a solution. The illustrations and charts serve in visual understanding of the facts and help the reader to understand the data in an alternative facet. The book is not difficult to read or to comprehend and highlights the major problems arising between the rich and the rest of America. Economic problems are running ramped in the United States and, as a reader, you are challenged to consider the fairness and moral implications of the issue.

This updated edition of the widely touted *Economic Apartheid in America* looks at the causes and manifestations of wealth disparities in the United States, including tax policy in light of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and recent corporate scandals. Published with two leading organizations dedicated to addressing economic inequality, the book looks at recent changes in income and wealth distribution and examines the economic policies and shifts in power that have fueled the growing divide. Praised by Sojourners as "a clear blueprint on how to combat growing inequality," *Economic Apartheid in America* provides "much-needed groundwork for more democratic discussion and participation in economic life"; (Tikkun). With "a wealth of eye-opening data"; (The Beacon) focusing on the decline of organized labor and civic institutions, the battle over global trade, and the growing inequality of income and wages, it argues that most Americans are shut out of the discussion of the rules governing their economic lives. Accessible and engaging and illustrated throughout with charts, graphs, and political cartoons, the book lays out a comprehensive plan for action.