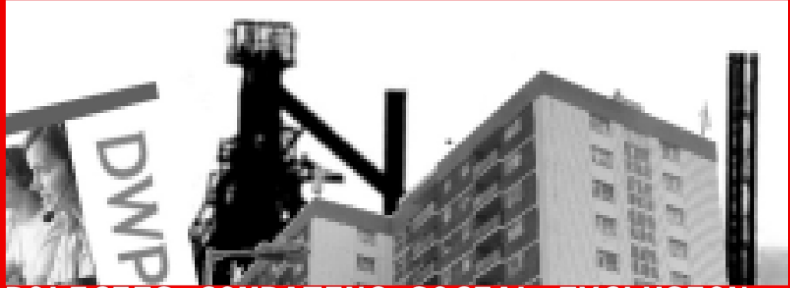


SINCE 1970 THE UK HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY POLARISED WITH LEVELS OF INEQUALITY RISING AND RISING. AS THIS INEQUALITY RISES SO DO THE LEVELS OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE.



POLICIES COMBATING SOCIAL EXCLUSION OR TO REDUCE POVERTY CANNOT STOP THIS BECAUSE IT IS RELATIVE DEPRIVATION THAT COUNTS THE MOST. AND THIS RELATIVE DEPRIVATION IS SYSTEMATIC. IT IS THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORDER CALLED NEOLIBERALISM



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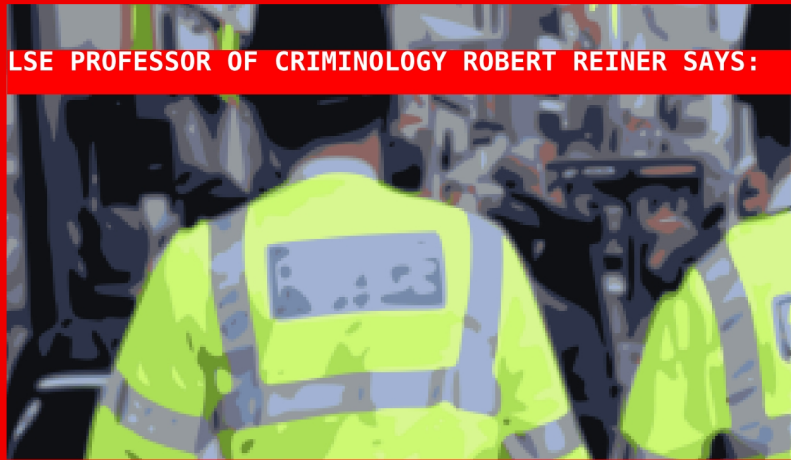
THE TOP 10% TAKE 40% OF THE INCOME

THE TOP 1% AVERAGE £222,000 PER YEAR

THE TOP 0.1% AVERAGE £780,000 PER YEAR

THE BOTTOM 20% EARN LESS THAN £10,000

IT MATTERS TO OUR SENSE OF OURSELVES WHETHER WE IMAGINE THAT MOST PEOPLE'S INCOMES ARE 'IN THE MIDDLE' OR WHETHER WE SEE INCOMES AS POLARISED BETWEEN RICH AND POOR.



THIS SYSTEM CAUSES CRIME



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WHEN WE ADD UP ALL THE WAGES AND DIVIDE THEM EQUALLY WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NATURE OF THIS SYSTEM. THIS AVERAGE, THE 'MEAN', SHOWS HOW WEALTH IS GENERATED FROM OUR LABOUR AND FLOWS TO THE MINORITY WHO OWN EVERYTHING. OVER 60 % OF THE POPULATION EARN LESS THAN THE MEAN, SO SKEWED IS IT BY HIGHER WAGES EARNED BY THE ELITES.

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BUT THIS 'AVERAGE' (THE MEDIAN) IS THE MIDDLE VALUE OF ALL WAGES, NOT THE MOST COMMON. ANOTHER 'AVERAGE' THE 'MODE' WAGE IS THE MOST COMMON VALUE, LIKELY TO BE...THE MINIMUM WAGE.

I'D LIKE TO DO A SURVEY ABOUT WAGES

THE 'AVERAGE WAGE' IS £11.34 PER HOUR

IS THIS YOU?

LESS MORE

YES NO

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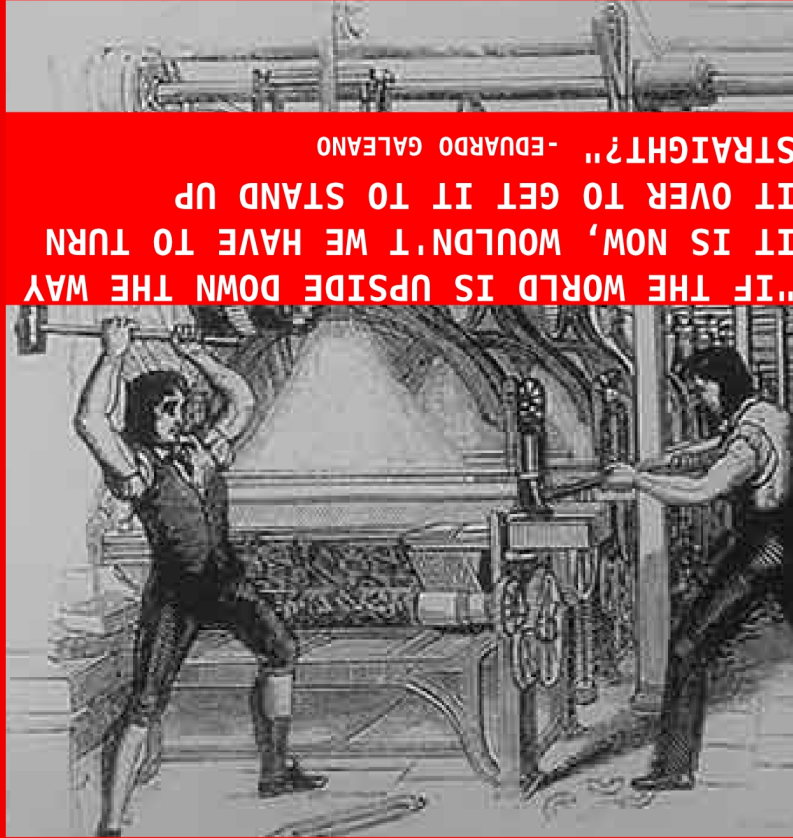
PEOPLE EARN. IS THIS YOU?

YES NO

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THIS 'AVERAGE WAGE' IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE EARN. IS THIS YOU?

YET LETS BE CONTENT,
AND THE TIMES LAMENT,
YOU SEE THE WORLD
TURN'D UPSIDE DOWN

ENGLISH BALLAD - 1643



"IF THE WORLD IS UPSIDE DOWN THE WAY
IT IS NOW, WOULDN'T WE HAVE TO TURN
IT OVER TO GET IT TO STAND UP
STRAIGHT?" -EDUARDO GALEANO

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IS IT A COINCIDENCE THAT BRITAIN
BECAME MORE EQUAL IN THE 1970S WHEN
THERE WAS MORE CLASS STRUGGLE?

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



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