

Do we still care about inequality?

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Income inequality in the UK rose dramatically after 1979 and now stands at historically high levels. It is the subject of increasing attention and there is growing evidence that inequality has negative effects on health, crime, happiness, social mobility and social cohesion. Understanding the public's attitudes to inequality and redistribution, and how they may alter over the current 'period of austerity' is important for policy makers and commentators alike. So what does the British public think about inequality and redistribution?

Following a 2 year research project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) a report summary of the findings has been published by its authors, Professor Karen Rowlingson, Director of the **Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management (CHASM)** ([//research/activity/social-policy/chasm/index.aspx](http://research/activity/social-policy/chasm/index.aspx)) at the University of Birmingham, Michael Orton, University of Warwick and Eleanor Taylor, National Centre for Social Research.

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