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The Growth of Concentrated Economic Power and, with it, Inequality and Precariousness: What if anything We can Do About It?

- I. Inequality and Immobility in 21st Century America: The Evidence
- II. The Decline of Meaningful Work
- III. The Decline of Economic Security and the Rise of Precariousness
 - A. The Rise of Flexible Work: “We Are All Fast Food Workers Now”
 - B. The Eviction Epidemic: Mathew Desmond’s Important Research
 1. Prevalence of Forced Moves
 2. Prevalence of Informal over Formal Evictions
 3. Prevalence of African Americans and Families with Children in Households Forced to Move
 4. Private Housing and Poverty
 - C. An Overview of Some Structural Factors Connecting the Private Housing Market and American Inequality
 1. The Extensive Public Subsidy for Private Housing Ownership and Its Strongly Regressive Effects
 - The Mortgage Interest Deduction
 - Other Related Deductions
 - The GI Bill’s Unequal and Cascading Effects
 2. The Fundamental Divide in American Wealth: Owners vs. Renters
 3. The Absence of Public Support for Renters
 4. The Fundamental Divides in the American Private Rental Market:
 - Race, Credit and Rental History
 - Quality not Cost

- IV. The City and Inequality: Between, Within and Beyond
 - A. The Intrinsic Relationship between Urbanized Information Capitalism, Clustering and Geographically Concentrated Advantage and Disadvantage
 - B. The Concentration of Affluence in Superstar Cities
 - C. Patchwork Cities
 - D. The Crisis of the Suburbs

- V. The Explanatory Factors at Work
 - A. Dream Hoarding
 - B. Domestic Geographic Factors
 - C. Cultural Factors
 - D. Globalization
 - E. The Fissuring of the Corporate Ownership and the Workplace
 - F. The Rise of Automation and Computation
 - G. The Increases Concentration of Corporate Power and the Declining Power of Labor

- VI. Some Proposals for Reform
 - A. Rebuilding Human Capital Approaches and Their Limits
 - B. Combatting Opportunity Hoarding
 - C. Strengthening Labor and Increasing Workers Right and Anti-trust Enforcement
 - D. Reform Zoning and Building Codes to Create Clustering for All
 - E. Density Promotion Infrastructure Investments
 - F. Affordable Rental Housing in Central Locations
 - G. Increase Income from Service Sector Jobs
 - H. Investing in People *and* Places to Tackle Poverty
 - I. Globalize Urban Prosperity
 - J. Empower Urban Communities

Works Drawn On:

- Ian Bremmer, *Us vs. Them: The Failure of Globalism*
- Nicholas Carr, *The Glass Cage*
- Matthew Desmond's *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*
- Richard Florida, *The New Urban Crisis*
- Sendhil Mullainathan and Eldar Shafir, *Scarcity: Why Having Too Little Means So Much*
- Robert W McChesney and John Nichols, *People Get Ready: The Fight Against a Jobless Economy and a Citizenless Democracy*
- Charles Murray, *Coming Apart: The State of White America 1960-2010*
- Annelise Orleck, *We Are All Fast Food Workers Now*
- Robert Putnam, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*
- Richard Reeves, *Dream Hoarders: How the American Upper Middle Class is Leaving Everyone in the Dust...*
- Robert Reich, *Saving Capitalism: For the Many and not Just for the Few*
- David Weil, *The Fissured Workplace: Why Work Became Bad for So Many and What Can Done to Improve It*