

Analyzing the Role of Political Corruption in Economic Inequality

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Abstract: *Political corruption significantly exacerbates economic inequality by diverting public resources for private gain, manipulating policies to favor the wealthy, and undermining equitable access to essential services. This paper explores the multifaceted relationship between political corruption and economic inequality, highlighting mechanisms such as skewed resource allocation, tax evasion, barriers to social mobility, and the erosion of democratic institutions. Empirical evidence from various countries illustrates how corruption deepens income and wealth disparities, while case studies from nations with robust anti-corruption measures demonstrate the potential for more equitable economic outcomes. Policy recommendations include strengthening anti-corruption frameworks, promoting transparency, reforming political financing, improving public service delivery, and enhancing judicial independence. By addressing these issues, policymakers can mitigate the adverse effects of corruption on economic inequality and foster more inclusive societies.*

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