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Does Money Make You Mean?

TED Lectures

Note-taking Activity

Directions: First listen to the lecture and take notes. Then using your notes, you will answer the following questions.

Vocabulary:

to be rigged: something like a game which has been set up so one player has an unfair advantage over the other.

pernicious: adj. having a harmful effect.

1. What is the metaphor that is represented by the rigged Monopoly game?
2. How did the behaviour of the player who won the coin toss and received more resources differ from the player with fewer resources?
3. Did the players actually realize they had won the game because they had an advantage?
4. What effect does greater wealth have on people's outlook on themselves and others?
5. What does the helping behaviour or pro-social behaviour experiment show?
6. What has happened in terms of the difference in income from the poorest one-fifth of Americans to the richest one-fifth?
7. What percent of America's wealth is owned by the top 20%?
8. Why is economic inequality a concern for everyone rich and poor?
9. Does the speaker feel all hope is lost or all rich people lack empathy?