

The (Mis) measurement of Income: What Has Been Happening with Income Inequality? How is the Tax Code Helping or Hurting? What Do You Need to Know for Today's Political and Policy Debates?
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This roundtable brings together three scholars to discuss the magnitude of income and wealth inequality in the United States, how it has been changing over time, and what if anything the tax code should do about it. Presenters will explain how choices about what counts as income and who is included in the analysis affect the interpretation of patterns and changes over time. Attendees will come away with a better understanding of how to interpret claims that will likely be made on the campaign trail between now and November 2016.

Schedule

8:30 a.m. – Continental breakfast

9:00 – Welcoming remarks

9:05 – Panel discussion featuring

Gary Burtless, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Scott Winship, Walter B. Wriston Fellow, Manhattan Institute

David Johnson, University of Michigan

Moderator: Tracy Gordon, Senior Fellow, Tax Policy Center, Urban Institute

10:15 – Q&A

10:45 – Adjourn