

## **Trial by Fire #4: The Widening Wealth Gap**

As America approaches its 250th anniversary, its most serious threats are no longer confined to foreign battlefields or military confrontations. They are economic, structural, and internal. Over the past half-century, a series of policy decisions has fundamentally altered how money is created, how capital is allocated, and how opportunity is distributed. The result is a widening wealth gap that undermines national unity, weakens resilience, and erodes personal prosperity for everyday Americans. This divide is not accidental, nor is it inevitable. It has been shaped by decades of fiat monetary policy, government expansion, and market distortions that favor elites while hollowing out the middle class and restricting upward mobility. Left unaddressed, these forces create fertile ground for political extremism, foreign exploitation, and centralized control.



This Economic Battle Plan™ examines how the wealth gap has evolved into a national security vulnerability, how fiat money and financialization undermined productive growth, and how cronyism and big government enabled coordinated power grabs by hostile ideological forces. Yet the path forward is not despair. Solutions rooted in honest money, true free markets, and restored opportunity offer a clear path to rebuilding dignity, resilience, and long-term economic sovereignty.

### **In this briefing we will discuss the following:**

- » The Wealth Gap as a Destabilizing National Security Weapon
- » Fiat Money, Financialization, and the Hollowing Out of the Middle Class
- » Cronyism, Big Government, and the Four Horsemen Power Grab

**YOUR MISSION:** Understand what caused today's wealth gap and learn how honest money, freer markets, and reduced government distortion can restore opportunity, protect your finances, and preserve American liberty.

## WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

- » The wealth gap is no longer an abstract issue. It is destabilizing society and weakening the nation by creating frustration, division, and vulnerability to manipulation.
- » Inflation and declining purchasing power are already affecting household budgets, savings, and long-term plans, making it harder for families to get ahead.
- » When people misunderstand the causes of inequality, they are more likely to support solutions that only make the problem worse by concentrating power and increasing dependence.
- » These economic forces directly affect jobs, retirement security, housing affordability, and the ability of younger generations to move upward.
- » Understanding these issues helps you make smarter financial decisions and protect your savings through tangible, long-term stores of value such as gold and silver.

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### 1. The Wealth Gap as a Destabilizing National Security Threat

The widening wealth gap is often treated as a moral argument or a partisan talking point, but its most dangerous consequence is neither—it is **instability**.

History shows that extreme inequality erodes trust in institutions, fuels resentment, and increases the likelihood of social unrest, political radicalization, and even state collapse.

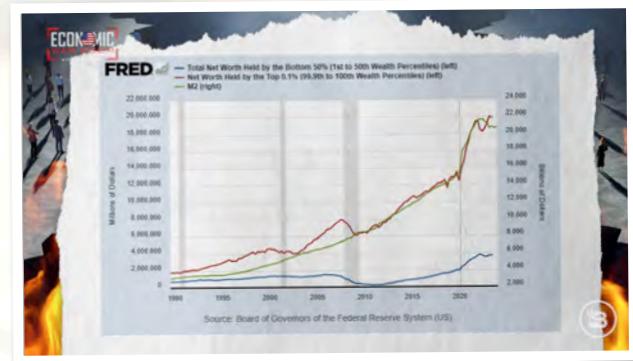
Societies do not fracture simply because outcomes differ, but because people lose confidence that effort, innovation, and responsibility will lead anywhere.

**“A wealth gap this large is destabilizing and often leads to extreme violence. This was documented in a Stanford study, which showed that wealth inequality can even lead to state collapse.”** –Kevin Freeman

America long avoided this fate because most citizens believed in **upward mobility**—the idea that hard work could translate into a better life.

That belief has been steadily weakening. As wealth concentrates at the top and the middle class struggles to advance, confidence in the system declines, especially among younger generations.

This is no longer just an economic issue. It is a **national security vulnerability**.



When people see no path forward, despair sets in—and despair is easily weaponized. Younger Americans, particularly Gen Z, increasingly feel locked out of opportunity.

When upward mobility disappears, radical ideologies gain appeal, offering enforced equality through government power rather than opportunity through freedom.

“The wealth gap is becoming especially acute when you look generationally. Now it’s huge for Gen Z, and they’re really feeling it. Gen Z sees no upward mobility. They feel shut out. No wonder they’re willing to embrace socialism.” –Kevin Freeman

This environment weakens the nation from within.

Adversarial forces understand this well. Communist movements inflame class resentment. Islamist movements exploit poverty and inequality in regions where wealth concentration is extreme.

Globalist elites promote centralized solutions that promise fairness but consolidate control.

Each feeds on division and benefits when citizens lose faith in free markets and personal agency.

The moral failure of the wealth gap is not that people achieve different outcomes—it is that **opportunity itself has been distorted**. This is not a failure of free-market capitalism, but a corruption of it. True markets reward effort, innovation, and value creation.

Distorted systems reward access, influence, and proximity to power. When inequality is used to justify centralized control, class conflict, and the abandonment of honest markets, the wealth gap becomes more than a symptom—it becomes a **weapon**. And once a society reaches that point, it becomes far easier to divide, manipulate, and dominate.

That reality raises a critical question: **what changed?**

To answer it, we must look beyond outcomes and examine the system itself—starting with how money is created, how capital flows, and why financial power has drifted so far from productive work.

 **Attention: A destabilized society is far easier to control, divide, and defeat than a prosperous one.**

## 2. Fiat Money, Financialization, and the Hollowing Out of the Middle Class

At the center of today's wealth gap is a structural shift most Americans were never asked to vote on and rarely taught to understand: the transformation of money itself.



**Fiat money** is currency backed not by a tangible asset such as gold, but by government decree. While this system allows flexibility, it also allows unlimited money creation.

Over time, that excess creation results in **inflation**—the steady erosion of purchasing power that quietly punishes savers, workers, and retirees.

The turning point came in 1971, when the United States severed the final link between the dollar and gold.

That decision removed the last meaningful constraint on money creation, opening the door to massive debt expansion.

In the decades that followed, inflation steadily hollowed out household purchasing power.

Since that moment, the dollar has lost roughly **90 percent of its value**, forcing families to work harder to maintain the same standard of living.

**“The rich have profited from inflation and globalization while the rest of us struggle to catch up.”** —Kevin Freeman

This monetary shift also unleashed **financialization**—a process in which financial markets, leverage, and speculative activity dominate the economy at the expense of real production.

Capital increasingly flowed into debt instruments, trading, and asset inflation rather than factories, infrastructure, and job creation.

Manufacturing declined, jobs moved overseas, and the economy became dependent on asset bubbles and bailouts rather than productivity and wage growth.

A critical concept is the **Cantillon Effect**, which explains how newly created money benefits those closest to its source first—governments, central banks, Wall Street, and large institutions.

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By the time new money reaches wage earners, prices have already risen. Paychecks lag behind the cost of living, quietly transferring wealth upward without a single vote or headline.

**“Financialization is totally about making money for money and has nothing to do with creating jobs or shared prosperity. It is no coincidence that its rise happened alongside the decline of manufacturing, middle-class income, and capital investment.”** –Kevin Freeman

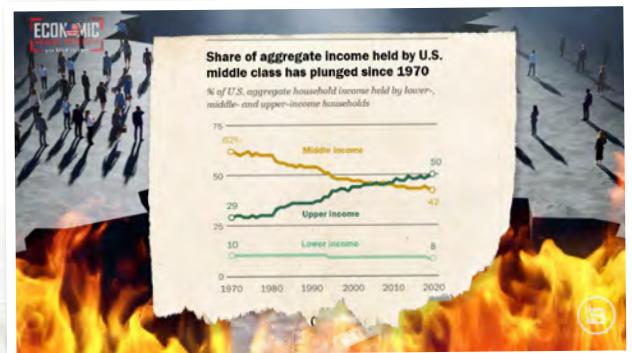
This system creates the illusion of prosperity while weakening long-term resilience. Global arrangements temporarily propped up the dollar—such as trade dependence on China and the petrodollar system tied to Middle Eastern oil—but they came at a cost.

These deals delayed consequences while accelerating debt, exporting manufacturing, funding adversarial ideologies, and deepening inequality at home.

As national debt approaches unsustainable levels, the middle class absorbs the damage through declining income share, diminished savings, and reduced economic security.

When money loses its anchor, markets lose their signal. When capital is rewarded for proximity to money creation rather than productive value, inequality stops being an accident and becomes a feature of the system.

That raises the next unavoidable question:  
**Who benefits from this structure, and how is it maintained?**



To answer that, we must examine the role of government power, political favoritism, and the alliance between centralized authority and concentrated wealth.



**Attention: When money loses its anchor, inequality becomes baked into the system.**

### 3. Cronyism, Big Government, and the Four Horsemen Power Grab

The final piece of the wealth gap puzzle is not accidental policy failure, but **power concentration**. Cronyism occurs when economic success depends on political access rather than merit.

In such systems, the government favors certain corporations or individuals through subsidies, regulations, protected monopolies, and preferential treatment, while competitors are punished or excluded.

Unlike free-market capitalism, where innovation, effort, and value creation are rewarded, Crony systems reward proximity to power.

Big government amplifies this distortion. As the largest spender and buyer in the economy, the government inevitably reshapes markets through lobbying, regulatory capture, and revolving-door relationships between public office and private gain.

Companies spend more time courting regulators than serving customers. Capital flows toward influence rather than productivity.

**“Big government distorts the market and literally creates cronyism. Companies often spend more time and money lobbying than they do being productive.”** –Kevin Freeman

Programs designed to reduce inequality often worsen it.

Handouts disincentivize work, dependency replaces dignity, and expanding debt entrenches elite control. Rather than restoring opportunity, these policies lock people into the very system that excludes them—while those at the top insulate themselves from the consequences.



This environment enables what can be described as the **Four Horsemen** threatening America:

- **Red**: Communism, particularly the Chinese Communist Party
- **Green**: Sharia supremacism seeking an Islamic caliphate
- **Blue**: Globalist technocracy operating through institutions such as the UN and World Economic Forum
- **Yellow**: Domestic elites driven by greed, fear, or apathy

Individually, each force is formidable. Together, they exploit economic despair, dependency, and division to consolidate power.

They thrive in crises, using inequality as justification for greater control, fewer freedoms, and diminished national sovereignty.

**“Make no mistake, each of these is formidable. But none could take America down alone. Working together, they can weaken us and wear us down.”** –Kevin Freeman

Rather than solving inequality, these forces weaponize it. Crises are never wasted—they are leveraged. Sacrifice is demanded of the public while elites remain insulated, mobile, and enriched. The promise of fairness becomes the mechanism of control.

The distinction must be clear: **cronyism is not capitalism.**

True free markets expand opportunity and reward contribution. Crony systems concentrate wealth and power regardless of rhetoric or intent.

Breaking this cycle requires reducing government distortion, restoring market discipline, and re-anchoring economic life in merit, accountability, and honest exchange.

The wealth gap did not arise from freedom—it developed from its erosion. And reversing it requires confronting not just economic outcomes, but the systems that now govern money, markets, and power.



**Attention: When government and elites merge, markets stop serving the public and start serving power.**

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5. Support policies and leaders that reduce cronyism, restrain government distortion, and restore free markets.
6. Promote upward mobility through education, entrepreneurship, and opportunity—not dependency.

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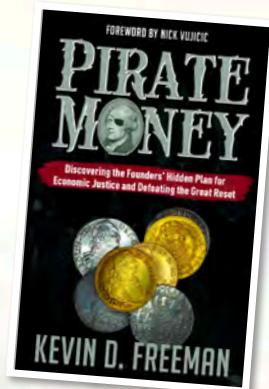
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—Kevin Freeman, CFA; Host, Pirate Money Radio

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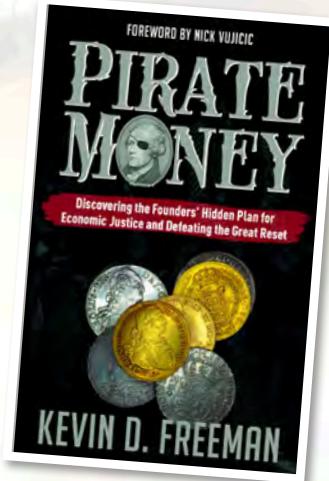
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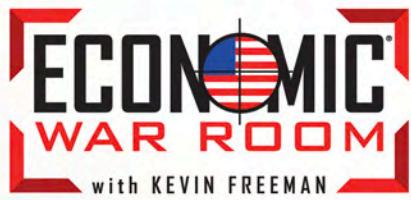
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