



The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)

By William Watson

Download now

Read Online 

The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)

By William Watson

US President Barack Obama has called economic inequality the “defining issue of our time.” It has inspired the “Occupy” movements, made a French economist into a global celebrity, and given us a new expression – the “one percent.” But is our preoccupation with inequality really justified? Or wise?

In his new book, William Watson argues that focusing on inequality is both an error and a trap. It is an error because much inequality is “good,” the reward for thrift, industry, and invention. It is a trap because it leads us to fixate on the top end of the income distribution, rather than on those at the bottom who need help most. In fact, if we respond to growing inequality by fighting capitalism rather than poverty, we may end up both poorer and less equal.

Explaining the complexities of modern economics in a clear, accessible style, *The Inequality Trap* is the must-read rejoinder to the idea that fighting inequality should be our top policy priority.

 [Download The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead o ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead ...pdf](#)

The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)

By William Watson

The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson

US President Barack Obama has called economic inequality the “defining issue of our time.” It has inspired the “Occupy” movements, made a French economist into a global celebrity, and given us a new expression – the “one percent.” But is our preoccupation with inequality really justified? Or wise?

In his new book, William Watson argues that focusing on inequality is both an error and a trap. It is an error because much inequality is “good,” the reward for thrift, industry, and invention. It is a trap because it leads us to fixate on the top end of the income distribution, rather than on those at the bottom who need help most. In fact, if we respond to growing inequality by fighting capitalism rather than poverty, we may end up both poorer and less equal.

Explaining the complexities of modern economics in a clear, accessible style, *The Inequality Trap* is the must-read rejoinder to the idea that fighting inequality should be our top policy priority.

The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson
Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #708918 in Books
- Published on: 2015-09-16
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.30" h x .87" w x 6.40" l, .0 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 240 pages

 [Download The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead o ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online **The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)** By William Watson

Editorial Review

Review

‘Accessible and extraordinarily well written, this volume is full of fascinating insights.’

(R.S. Rycroft *Choice Magazine* vol 53:07:2016)

"Anyone looking to play devil's advocate with [Thomas] Piketty-purchasing friends would be well served by this book."

(James Ryerson *The New York Times Sunday Book Review*, December 20, 2015)

Review

“A supremely informed, witty, and humane rebuttal to those who think the challenge of our time is to curb wealth rather than end poverty.”

(David Frum, Contributing Editor, 'The Atlantic')

“I thought it was impossible to write a book about inequality that didn't put readers to sleep, but Bill Watson has done it. His book is informative, provocative, and even witty. It's a great read.”

(David Backus, Heinz Riehl Professor of International Economics and Finance, Stern School of Business, New York University)

“A good book that explains difficult concepts such as Gini coefficients for the uninitiated, *The Inequality Trap* couldn't be any timelier.”

(Jack Mintz, Palmer Chair in Public Policy and Director, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary)

About the Author

William Watson teaches economics at McGill University and is associated with four Canadian policy institutes: C.D. Howe, Fraser, IRPP, and MacDonald-Laurier. He is a regular columnist for both the *National Post* and *Ottawa Citizen*.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Gerardo Whittaker:

What do you think about book? It is just for students since they are still students or that for all people in the world, what the best subject for that? Just simply you can be answered for that query above. Every person has several personality and hobby per other. Don't to be pushed someone or something that they don't would

like do that. You must know how great and important the book *The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)*. All type of book is it possible to see on many methods. You can look for the internet solutions or other social media.

Margaret Watkins:

Do you have something that you prefer such as book? The e-book lovers usually prefer to decide on book like comic, limited story and the biggest one is novel. Now, why not hoping *The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)* that give your fun preference will be satisfied by means of reading this book. Reading practice all over the world can be said as the opportunity for people to know world far better then how they react in the direction of the world. It can't be said constantly that reading habit only for the geeky man but for all of you who wants to end up being success person. So , for all you who want to start reading as your good habit, it is possible to pick *The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)* become your personal starter.

Gregory Phipps:

Beside that *The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)* in your phone, it might give you a way to get nearer to the new knowledge or details. The information and the knowledge you may got here is fresh from oven so don't become worry if you feel like an older people live in narrow community. It is good thing to have *The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)* because this book offers for your requirements readable information. Do you often have book but you do not get what it's about. Oh come on, that won't happen if you have this in the hand. The Enjoyable agreement here cannot be questionable, including treasuring beautiful island. Techniques you still want to miss it? Find this book in addition to read it from now!

Pearl Minjares:

A lot of people said that they feel bored stiff when they reading a guide. They are directly felt the idea when they get a half elements of the book. You can choose often the book *The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)* to make your reading is interesting. Your own personal skill of reading proficiency is developing when you just like reading. Try to choose basic book to make you enjoy to learn it and mingle the feeling about book and reading especially. It is to be initially opinion for you to like to start a book and study it. Beside that the guide *The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)* can to be a newly purchased friend when you're sense alone and confuse using what must you're doing of the time.

Download and Read Online *The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights)* By William Watson

#XPYLSFWHD3K

Read The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson for online ebook

The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson books to read online.

Online The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson ebook PDF download

The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson Doc

The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson Mobipocket

The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson EPub

XPYLSFWHD3K: The Inequality Trap: Fighting Capitalism Instead of Poverty (UTP Insights) By William Watson