

## Preparation for our meeting October 2023: Geopolitical Impacts of Increasing Wealth Gaps

First – read our introductory paper:

[http://weebly-file/1/3/8/8/138830066/99\\_per\\_cent\\_-\\_the\\_wealth\\_gap\\_and\\_its\\_geopolitical\\_importance.docx](http://weebly-file/1/3/8/8/138830066/99_per_cent_-_the_wealth_gap_and_its_geopolitical_importance.docx)

Further Study:

<https://99-percent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/99-short-presentation-v2.pdf> and <https://99-percent.org/the-book/>

Are wealth gaps between rich and poor widening? Reaching unsustainable levels? Is this the case only in the UK or certain countries or more general?

What geopolitical consequences result? These prompts may be useful:

Social cohesion / unrest / political stability / level of police enforcement

Migration / displacement

Mortality / life expectancy / birth rates

Policy responses – taxation / social welfare / Education policies / healthcare provision

Global shifts in wealth and power / competition, international relations, tensions and conflicts

Economic growth (within a country) and trade (within a country and between countries)

*These links may be of interest:*

<https://www.statista.com/chart/28788/share-of-wealth-held-by-the-wealthiest-1-percent-of-the-population-by-country/>

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1140100/Table\\_3.1a\\_2021.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1140100/Table_3.1a_2021.ods)

<https://wid.world/>

<https://howrichami.givingwhatwecan.org/how-rich-am-i>

### Hot Geopolitical News for the October Meeting:

We have no shortage of possible candidates for the “Hot Political News” quick-fire thoughts section. What do you know about each of these?

[Wagner/death of leadership team](#)

[Net Zero debate](#)

[HS2](#)

[Ukraine](#)

[Kosovo/Serbia stand-off](#)

[Nagorno-Karabakh & Armenia](#)

[Ousting of House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy](#)

[Carbon emissions from the global electricity sector may peak this year](#), or have peaked last year

[September record-breaking heat](#)

[Australia "Voice" Referendum](#)

[UK's £18tn slavery debt is an underestimation, UN judge says](#)

[Chagos islands possible transfer to Mauritius](#)

[Wind is main source of UK electricity for first time](#)

[Lasers that shoot down drones from armoured trucks to be used by Army for first time](#)

Hamas/Israel conflict – why did Hamas do this, [and on Putin's birthday, and was this coincidental, and how was Iran involved?](#)