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The quickest way to decrease the disparity in the distribution of wealth is to simply re-distribute the wealth, seizing it from those who have it and spreading it around.

This decreases the disparity mostly by killing all incentive to create wealth and impoverishing everyone.

The hidden assumption to this question implies that disparities in the distribution of wealth are a bad thing. Nothing could be further from the truth.

There will always be the freedom to be a cafe improv poet and not create a product that others are willing to pay highly for. So long as people have that freedom, people will have the freedom to not make as much money as the entrepreneur who is willing to work long hours performing tasks that others won't do but will pay highly for others to do.

As Milton Friedman (economist) said, "The most important single central fact about a free market is that no exchange takes place unless both parties benefit."