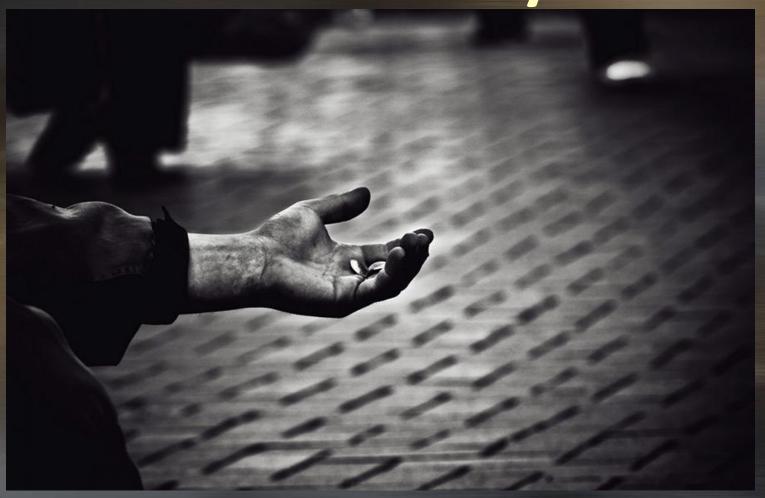
Poverty



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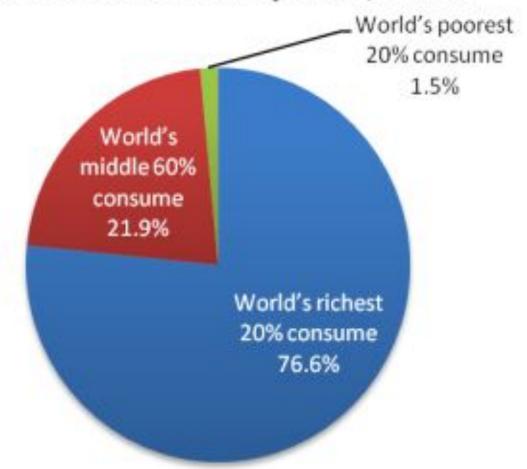
Poverty is the state for the majority of the world's people and nations. Why is this? Is it enough to blame poor people for their own predicament? Have they been lazy, made poor decisions, and been solely responsible for their plight? What about their governments? Have they pursued policies that actually harm successful development? Such causes of poverty and inequality are no doubt real. But deeper and more global causes of poverty are often less discussed.

Causes of

- Almost half power typer 3 billion people live on less than \$2.50 a day.
- Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names.
- At least 80% of humanity lives on less than \$10 a day.
- According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty. And they "die quietly in some of the poorest villages on earth, far removed from the scrutiny and the conscience of the world. Being meek and weak in life makes these dying multitudes even more invisible in death."

It's not all causes of poverty.

Share of world's private consumption, 2005



Source: World Bank Development Indicators 2008



Nearly a billion people in the world live on less than \$ 1 a day.

2.8 billion - it almost half the world's population - live on \$ 1 to \$ 2 a day.

Poverty in

«For Putin the priority is the army; the secret service and the bureaucracy.»





In 2008, there were approximately 18.5 million people in Russia living below the poverty line. Moreover, since the economic crisis poverty rose by 1.1 percent leaving about 13 percent of the population living below the poverty line. The income inequality gap is currently the most pervasive issue with economic growth not lifting all socioeconomic classes.

