AMERICA, WE CAN DO BETTER!

INCOME INEQUALITY
A shocking reversal in U.S.

In 1980, the top 1% captured 11% of all income. The bottom 50% captured 21%.

In 2016, the top 1% captured 20% of all income. The bottom 50% captured 13%.

In 1980, the top 1% captured 10% of all income. The bottom 50% captured 24%.

In 2016, the top 1% captured 12% of all income. The bottom 50% captured 22%.

How does the U.S. Compare Globally?
Out of 157 countries, the U.S. is the 118th most unequal on the GINI Index, placing it in the bottom quartile.

- 84. Venezuela
- 100. Russia
- 104. Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 114. Iran
- 118. United States
- 128. Malawi
- 157. Lesotho

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The U.S. ranks 55th in infant mortality, even behind countries such as Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia. At 5.8 deaths per thousand, American-born infants have an 80% higher risk of dying before the age of one than infants born in France.

The U.S. ranks 47th in maternal mortality, even behind countries such as Libya and Kazakhstan. At 14 deaths per 100,000 births, U.S. mothers have a 100% higher risk of dying in birth than mothers in Canada.

The U.S. ranks 43rd in life expectancy. At roughly 81 years of age, those born in the U.S. live on average 2 years less than those born in Iceland.

The U.S. ranks 18th in happiness.

However...

- The U.S. ranks 1st in antidepressant use.

DEMOCRACY

VOTER TURNOUT: The U.S. ranks 26th out of 32 industrialized nations, with only a 56% voter turnout for the 2016 presidential election. Belgium, Sweden, and Denmark achieved voter turnouts of 87%, 83%, and 80%, respectively.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Only 64% of the U.S. voting-age population was registered during the 2016 presidential election. Canada and the U.K. have achieved 91% voter registration in recent years, and Sweden has achieved 96%.

ELECTORAL INTEGRITY: The U.S. ranks 55th — tied with the likes of Oman, Bhutan and Panama.

FREEDOM: The U.S. ranks last, with a score of 66/100, when compared to the countries of Western Europe. Norway, Sweden and Finland all received scores of 100/100.