

Inequality & Political Power

Political Science

How economic inequality affects political influence.

Channels and consequences.

Channels

Campaign finance where permitted

Lobbying capacity and expertise

Media ownership and influence

Networks and informal access

Higher political participation rates

Consequences debated

Policy responsiveness skewed by income

Reduced trust in institutions

Populist mobilisation as a reaction

Feedback loops entrenching advantage

Educational reference. Studies of differential policy responsiveness are contested methodologically but consistent in direction.