October 20th discussion

Income inequality measured by the Gini coefficient (https://ourworldindata.org/income-inequality#the-gini-coefficient)

Health inequality measured by the Gini coefficient computed over the distribution of life expectancy (https://ourworldindata.org/health-inequality#inequality-by-socio-economic-class)

C-Chetty et al (2016)

Which are the main (research) questions in C?

What measures are used in the paper to document mortality? Discuss.

Which area characteristics are considered as possible corralates with health?

Does the correlation analysis in the paper support theories that explain socioeconomic dispatities in health (refer to fig.8)?

According to the authors, which are the main factors correlated with life eexpectancy? Is is this causation?

Which are the main results of the paper?

Which policy implications are suggested?

CD - Case and Deaton (2017)

What are the main **facts** that emerge from CD's paper? List two of them.

What measures are used in the paper to document mortality? Discuss.

What message do you get from figure 1?

Report evidence about mortality rates for middle age individuals in different countries and for different races (table 2 and figure 5). How would you comment on this evidence?

What is a "death of despair" according to the authors?

How is it related to education and gender? (fig 11)

Briefly discuss the main **explanations** offered for the documented empirical evidence in CD's paper. What evidence is provided?

Which policy implications?