

# HENNESSY'S INDEX

*A number is never just a number*

February 2011  **INEQUALITY**

**\$6.6 MILLION**

The average compensation of Canada's best-paid 100 CEOs in 2009.

**\$42,988**

The average wage for Canadians working full-time, year-round.

**155 TIMES**

How much the best-paid 100 CEOs earn more than average wage.

**0**

The number of women among the best-paid 100 CEOs in Canada in 2009.

**20<sup>TH</sup>**

Canada ranks 20<sup>th</sup>, behind the U.S., in a global ranking of women's equality.

**CANADA'S RICHEST 1%**

Doubled their income share between the late-1970s and 2007.

**CANADA'S RICHEST 0.01%**

Quintupled their share of income during that same period.

**SHRINKING MIDDLE**

The share of income for the bottom 80% of Canadian families with children is smaller today than it was a generation ago.

**TEETERING**

6 out of 10 Canadians could be in trouble if their paycheque gets delayed.

**DEBT NATION**

Canadian consumer debt to financial assets ratio worst of 20 OECD nations.

**\$1.41 TRILLION**

Canadian household debt.

**17<sup>TH</sup>**

Canada ranks 17 out of 24 OECD nations on children's material well-being.

**1 IN 10**

Canadian children live in poverty. 1 in 4 Aboriginal children live in poverty.

**A SOLUTION**

Shifting 1% of Canadians' collective after-tax income to the 1 in 10 Canadians living in low income would eliminate poverty in Canada.

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