

# LESSON 4

## Handout 4-1: Our World in Data – Gini Coefficient

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Visit the website Our World in Data (<https://ourworldindata.org/income-inequality>) which uses the Gini Coefficient to make many comparisons between countries and over time. You can click on each graph to enlarge it.

1. When was the Gini Index (coefficient) highest in England and Wales (the modern United Kingdom)? Why did it peak and then later fall?

2. What has happened to the share of income going to the top 1% in continental Europe since 1900?

3. What is the difference between relative and absolute poverty? What percentage of children in Canada live in relative poverty?

4. What has happened to real disposable household income for households in the 1<sup>st</sup> (lowest) decile in Canada since 1979 (click “change country)?

5. Do high income or low income countries tend to have greater inequality?

6. In which countries do the top 10% have the greatest share of income?

7. What has happened to the income share held by the top 20% in Canada since 1979 (you will need to change country)? Bottom 20%?

8. Are Gini Coefficients rising or falling in Latin America?

9. What graph in this website did you find most interesting? Why?