

Political inequality

Many Americans no doubt view the costs of spending time and effort to reduce inequalities in political resources as too high precisely because *they view the benefits as low or nonexistent*. The absence of perceived benefits to be gained from reducing inequalities in the distribution [of] resources may be more important to them than the relatively high cost of political struggle. In short, the costs of struggle exceed the gains.

Robert A. Dahl, *On Political Equality*