



Economic Crisis Workshop

## **INCOME SHARES WALK**

**Requirements of this activity:**

**(1) 6 volunteers**

**(2) Floor marked PROPORTIONATELY e.g. each 1 foot = 2% of total income; suggestion: for 0 – 20% mark every 2%, above 20% mark every 5% up to 55%**

**(3) 12 envelopes labeled by quintile and by year with instructions for each year in separate envelopes – each volunteer gets both the 1979 & the 2006 envelope for his/her quintile**

## **1979 Income Share Walk**

### **You are Quintile #1 – the lowest 20% of all households by income share (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: you received 4.1% of total US household income - please walk to the appropriate marker

### **You are Quintile #2 – the second lowest 20% of all households by income share (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: you received 10.2% of total US household income - please walk to the appropriate marker

### **You are Quintile #3 – the middle 20% of all households by income share (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: you received 16.8% of total US household income - please walk to the appropriate marker

### **You are Quintile #4 – the second highest 20% of all households by income share (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: you received 24.6% of total US household income - please walk to the appropriate marker

### **You are the top Quintile – the highest 20% of all households by income share (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: you received 44.2% of total US household income - please walk to the appropriate marker

### **You are the top 1% of all families by income share (approx 810,000 households)**

1979: you received 6.2% of total US household income - please walk to the appropriate marker and take your share from the top quintile

## **2006 Income Share Walk**

### **You are Quintile #1 – the lowest 20% of all households by income share (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: you received 3.9% of total US household income - please step back to the appropriate marker

### **You are Quintile #2 – the second lowest 20% of all households by income share (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: you received 8.4% of total US household income - please step back to the appropriate marker

### **You are Quintile #3 – the middle 20% of all households by income share (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: you received 13.2% of total US household income - please step back to the appropriate marker

### **You are Quintile #4 – the second highest 20% of all households by income share (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: you received 19.5% of total US household income - please step back to the appropriate marker

### **You are the top Quintile – the highest 20% of all households by income share (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: you received 55.7% of total US household income - please step ahead to the appropriate marker

### **You are the top 1% of all families by income share (approx 1,125,000 households)**

2006: you received 18.8 of total US household income - please step ahead to the appropriate marker – and take your share from the top quintile