

## Aim 2.2

Why was there a  
revolution in  
France in 1789?

# 2016 Federal Tax Brackets

Table 1. 2016 Taxable Income Brackets and Rates (Estimate)

Rate	Single Filers	Married Joint Filers	Head of Household Filers
10%	\$0 to \$9,275	\$0 to \$18,550	\$0 to \$13,250
15%	\$9,275 to \$37,650	\$18,550 to \$75,300	\$13,250 to \$50,400
25%	\$37,650 to \$91,150	\$75,300 to \$151,900	\$50,400 to \$130,150
28%	\$91,150 to \$190,150	\$151,900 to \$231,450	\$130,150 to \$210,800
33%	\$190,150 to \$413,350	\$231,450 to \$413,350	\$210,800 to \$413,350
35%	\$413,350 to \$415,050	\$413,350 to \$466,950	\$413,350 to \$441,000
39.6%	\$415,050+	\$466,950+	\$441,000+

Source: Taxfoundation.org

# Wealth Inequality Video



# More Facts About Wealth Distribution

**Table 7: Income equality in selected countries**

<b>Country/Overall Rank</b>	<b>Gini Coefficient</b>
1. Sweden	23.0
2. Norway	25.0
8. Austria	26.0
10. Germany	27.0
17. Denmark	29.0
25. Australia	30.5
34. Italy	32.0
35. Canada	32.1
37. France	32.7
42. Switzerland	33.7
43. United Kingdom	34.0
45. Egypt	34.4
56. India	36.8
61. Japan	38.1
68. Israel	39.2
81. China	41.5
82. Russia	42.3
90. Iran	44.5
93. United States	45.0

**Microsoft CEO Bill Gates  
has more wealth than the  
bottom 45 percent  
of American households  
combined.**

Based on the video &  
additional facts, discuss:

**Do you think America  
today is more unequal  
(worse) or less unequal  
(better) than France  
before the Revolution?**

# Keep in mind that we have...

- Laws against slavery & serfdom
- public education/opportunities for social mobility.
- government programs to help the poor, laws to protect workers, and social security.
- laws that prevent discrimination.
- the right to vote for our representatives in government.
- a justice system where we have rights and all people are viewed as equal under the law.
- a progressive tax system, where the wealthy pay higher income taxes.
- Extremely wealthy individuals who give millions & millions of dollars to charitable causes (ex. Bill Gates, Warren Buffett).