As the level of inequality in a society increases people stand to gain more from climbing up the status hierarchy and to lose more from falling down the status hierarchy. Thus, greater inequality should cause people to care more about their relative standing in society. Past research suggests that this is, indeed, the case.

If inequality makes one’s relative position more consequential, then it is also plausible that people become more desperate to increase their status in hierarchy, even at the cost of others. Thus, people could become more Machiavellian and narcissistic. There is some research showing that people in countries with greater levels of inequality tend to be more narcissistic than people in countries of less inequality.

In this study we are interested to see whether people who perceive more inequality also tend to score higher on the Dark Tetrad traits – that is machiavellianism, narcissism, psychopathy, and sadism compared to people who perceive less inequality.

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Comments:

There seems to be more to add to this abstract. What will your methods be? Is there a specific age range/ gender/ region you are looking at? What is the significance of your study?