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Let's talk about how to address income and wealth inequality. The first step in addressing inequality is to quantify it: to measure its size, and to put a number on it. I want to popularize the word “numbulary,” or number-vocabulary, and financial inequality is an important arena for knowing and using numbers.

In 2018, the 26 richest people in the world held as much wealth as half of the global population (the 3.8 billion poorest people), down from 43 people the year before. The rich are getting richer, both absolutely and as holders of an increasing slice of global wealth. We must fix this.

I graduated from Harvard College in 1971 with a BA in Philosophy, followed by MPP and PhD degrees in Public Policy from Harvard. My career began as an agricultural volunteer with the Peace Corps in Nepal, followed by leadership positions with mostly nonprofit organizations in Pakistan, Nepal, the Philippines, Russia, and Macedonia, and ending with Room to Read in San Francisco and Mercy Corps in Portland.

My publications include the book *Dilemmas of Development Assistance: The What, Why, and Who of Foreign Aid*, in the Westview Press Dilemmas in World Politics Series, and the article “Managing Resources That Are Common Property: From Kathmandu to Capitol Hill” in the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

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