

Class & Poverty in the U.S. ANSWER KEY

1. According to the Children's Defense Fund (CDF; 2010), how often is a child born into poverty in the U.S.?
 - a. **Every 32 seconds***
 - b. Every 3 minutes and 2 seconds
 - c. Every 32 minutes

2. According to the Center for American Progress, what proportion of U.S. citizens will live at least one year of their lives in poverty?
 - a. One-fifth
 - b. **One-third***
 - c. One-half

3. Most poor people in the U.S. live (Sherman, 2006):
 - a. In inner cities
 - b. **Outside of inner cities***

4. Which sorts of areas in the U.S. are seeing the greatest increases in poverty rates (Freeman, 2010)?
 - a. Urban areas
 - b. Rural areas
 - c. **Suburban areas***

5. One in ten white children in the U.S. is poor according the CDF (2008). What proportion of Latino children in the U.S. is poor?
 - a. **One in four***
 - b. One in six
 - c. One in ten

6. According to a study sponsored by the Pew Research Center (Tayler et al., 2010), the median wealth of white households in the U.S. is how many times larger than that of African American households?
 - a. Five times larger
 - b. Ten times larger
 - c. **Twenty times larger***

7. According to the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH, 2009), what proportion of homeless men in the U.S. are military veterans?

- a. Two in ten
- b. Four in ten***
- c. Six in ten

8. According to wealth analysis group WealthInsight (as referenced by Rushe, 2012), during President Barack Obama's first term in office, the number of millionaires in the United States

- a. decreased by 6,500
- b. decreased by 154,000
- c. increased by 49,000
- d. increased by 1,100,000***

9. Identify the source of this quote: "We have deluded ourselves into believing the myth that capitalism grew and prospered out of the Protestant ethic of hard work and sacrifices. Capitalism was built on the exploitation of black slaves and continues to thrive on the exploitation of the poor, both black and white, both here and abroad."

- a. bell hooks, author and educator
- b. Michael Moore, filmmaker
- c. Martin Luther King, Jr., Baptist minister and civil rights activist***
- d. Eleanor Roosevelt, human rights advocate

10. In low-poverty U.S. schools, one out of every nine courses is taught by a teacher who is not certified to teach it. In high-poverty schools the proportion is (Almy & Theokas, 2010):

- a. one in nine
- b. one in six
- c. one in four***

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