

Where Would You Stop?

Nobody asked but ...

One of the querulous problems of today is the differential in wealth and opportunity between one human being and another. The richest man in the world, right now, is Jeff Bezos. Where should he stop acquiring wealth? No one can say, or at least I know of no one whom can say. Is it alright for Bezos to accumulate enough to stay on top. Is it OK for him to double his lead, or halve it? Would the world's governments spend more than \$112 billion in leveling the playing field. In fact, who's in charge?

What is the average CEO income? Forbes has reported "Last year, CEO pay at an S&P 500 Index firm soared to an average of 361 times more than the average rank-and-file worker, or pay of **\$13,940,000** a year, according to an AFL-CIO's Executive Paywatch news release today."

In a previous column, I presented the argument that things (people, places, things, events, and relationships) can be both odd and natural. Thus it is with the natural distribution of wealth, as well as the frequent natural desire by most humans to see the redistribution of wealth. Look at the Top Ten List. Which of those people do you work harder than? You don't really know, because you don't know how hard they work, and you are probably not objective about how hard you work. Where would you stop?

— Kilgore Forelle