Inequality is a rising concern that has an impact not only on the economy of countries, but also on their political and social systems. The leading target of this assignment is the study of the behavior of income inequality and economic growth observed in the last years in countries belonging to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The effect that these two variables might bring on each other has been a recurrent subject in many economic studies throughout history, and despite it still does not exist an overwhelming conclusion which describes the sign of that correlation, the aim of this paper is to contemplate the pattern of income inequality and growth before and after the last economic recession. For the development of this objective, in the first place, it has been defined the concept of inequality jointly with a clarification of its distinction from the one of poverty, as well as a brief theory of how it is measured. In the same way, the trends of inequality in the past decades have been explained from a double perspective (from the top and bottom part of the income distribution). Lastly, the analysis is concluded with the contemplation of some inequality drivers and possible policy implications that are inherent in our current economy, society and politics.

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