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THE ROARING 2020'S

Rising wealth inequality and unstable financial markets:

How it works, how they're connected and what to do.

America, we got this— **We can fix our future!**

Mary Fricker, Business Reporter & Author

Co-author "Inside Job-The Looting of America's Savings and Loans" a NY Times bestselling book published by McGraw Hill 1989.

America, we can fix what went wrong. The problem is clear: We've become a Land of Un-Equal Opportunity, where the wealthiest 10% of Americans get half the nation's income and have two-thirds of the nation's wealth. We are an eerie image of the Roaring 1920s. Some historians warn we may be approaching a breaking point, a 1929-style crash with catastrophic losses. That's because for 50 years both parties in Washington have been deregulating *finance*, trying to boost the economy but instead creating an unseen world of money that is out of control.

Nine simple, nonpartisan fixes that are fair to everyone can get America headed in the right direction again. Both political parties now say that their #1 goal is to help middle Americans. I say, prove it. It's time to move beyond the blame game and get busy.

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