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## The filthy rich



Michael Moore, influential filmmaker and rabble-rouser, declared on the [Rachel Maddow Show](#) that the 400 richest Americans have amassed more wealth than 50% of the entire U.S. population. A few days earlier he argued at a union rally that the wealth of the country "has been transferred in the greatest heist in history from the workers and consumers to the banks and the portfolios of the uber-rich." And no one has gone to jail for the theft, he said. A calculation of our own using [Forbes'](#) figures for 2009 and data from the [Statistical Office](#) shows that the three richest Czechs (Petr Kellner, Zdeněk Bakala, Andrej Babiš) owned as much as 331,000 people, or 3.2% of the population. When you add in the other 108 richest Czechs, as defined by [Týden](#), they owned as much as 9.3% of all Czechs. (To review our figures, click on the red bubble above.) Unlike Michael Moore, our goal isn't to stoke a class war. Instead, it's to encourage the filthy rich to take preemptive action to address this explosive situation before it's too late.

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