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Deaths of despair and the future of capitalism

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In their recent book *Deaths of despair and the future of capitalism*, Anne Case and Angus Deaton document how the world of working class Americans has been disintegrating over the last half century, with falling wages, falling attachment to the labor force, falling marriage rates, rising morbidity and addiction, and rising “deaths of despair”, deaths from suicide, drug overdoses, and alcoholic liver disease.

The one third of the labor force with a college degree is not experiencing these problems. During the Covid pandemic in 2020, educational inequalities in mortality persisted, while racial and ethnic inequalities were renewed. The reversal of these old and new inequalities is an urgent task.

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