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According to recent statistics (from the Centro de Documentacion y Archivo del Centro Exterior de Reportes Informativos sobre Guatemala) over half of all Guatemalans 5 of 9 million live in extreme poverty. Eighty percent lack access to health care, and 67% are illiterate. An estimated 43% of the labor force are unemployed, and 32% of all Guatemalan workers earn less than \$66 per year. Only 15% of Guatemalans are homeowners. Income and land concentration are extreme. Five percent of Guatemalans receive 59% of national income. Two percent of Guatemalan landowners control 65% of all cultivable land. (Basic data from AFP, 09/25/90)

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