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According to a recent report on national income distribution by the Rio de Janeiro Economists Institute (IERJ), in 1988 the average income of the richest one percent of Brazilian households was 217 times greater than that of the poorest 10%. The average real income received by the bottom 30% of households, representing about 45 million people, increased only 1.7% between 1983 and 1988, while the average for the middle 40% rose by 9.7%. In 1988, the richest 10% of all households received 46% of national income. In that year, 35% of these households' income derived from salaries, compared to 60% in 1960. (Basic data from Xinhua, 04/22/91)

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