Damage Done by So-called "Progressive" Taxation

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The serious question is this: Does "progressive" taxation, in fact as opposed to myth, create social equality? This, of course, depends on your definition of social equality. By Classical Liberalism's strict definition, social equality can only mean the equal treatment of individuals under the Rule of Law, thus ensuring equality of opportunity. Loss of social equality comes when governments discriminate either for or against identifiable groups or specific individuals.