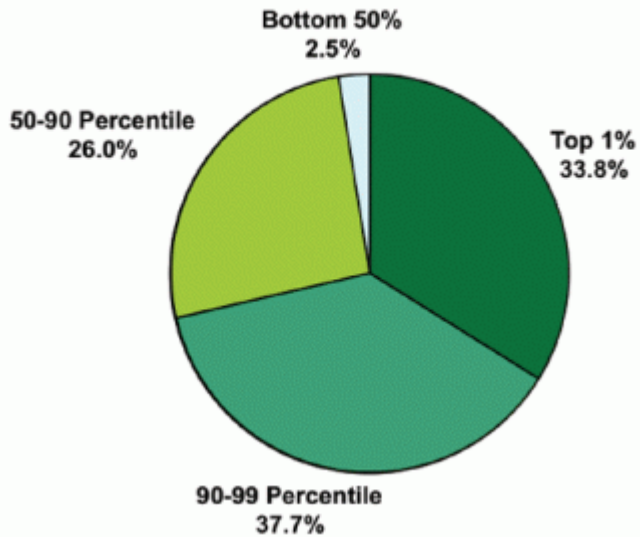


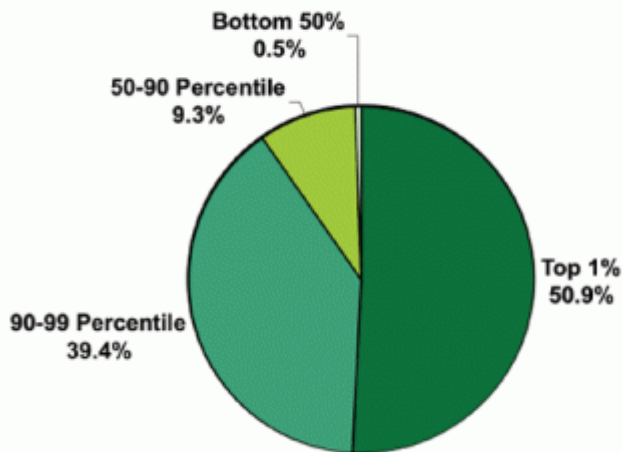
Distribution of U.S. Wealth, 2007



Source: [Institute for Policy Studies](#)

Half of America has only 0.5% of the stocks and bonds

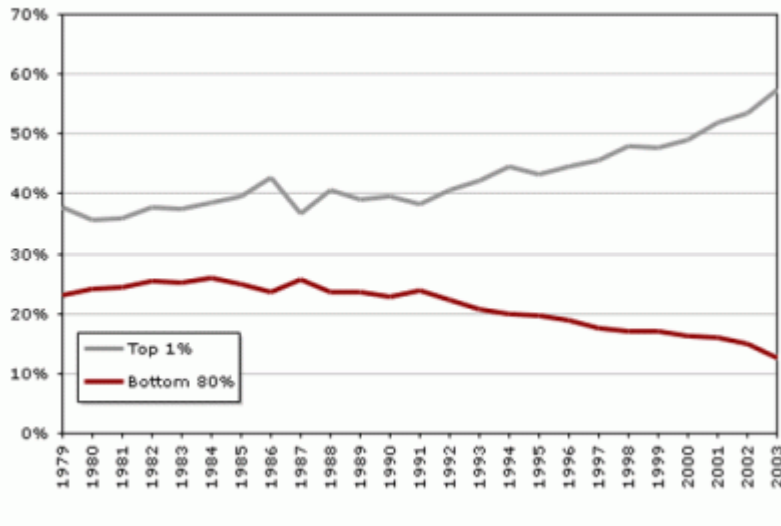
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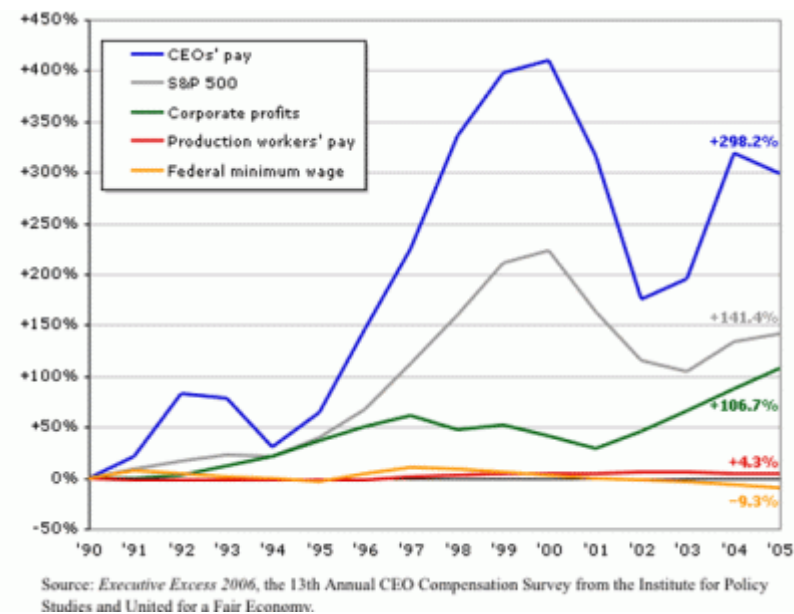
Look at the gap grow!

Figure 5: Share of capital income earned by top 1% and bottom 80%, 1979-2003
 (From Shapiro & Friedman, 2006.)



Source: [Professor G. William Domhoff](#)

The last two decades were great... except for American workers

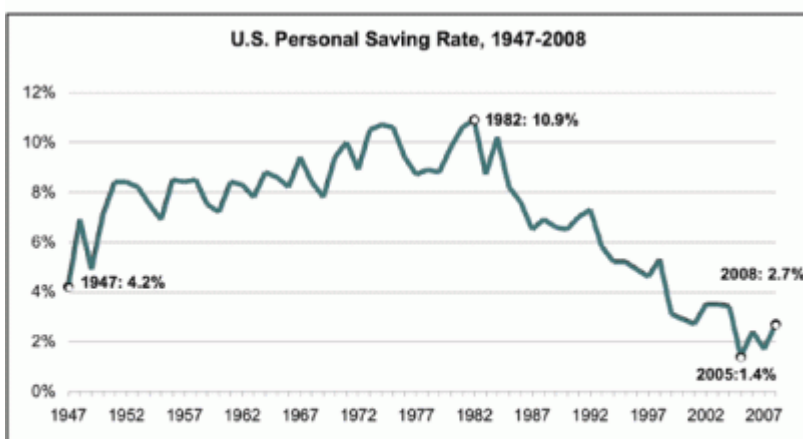


Real average earnings have not increased in 50 years



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, [Current Employment Statistics](#), Average Hourly Earnings in 1982 Dollars. Converted to 2008 dollars with CPI-U.

But savings rates are sinking



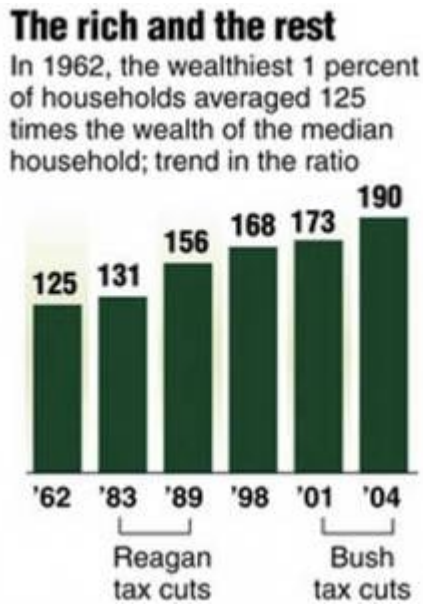
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, [National Income and Product Accounts, Table 2.1](#), Personal Income and Its Disposition, line 34.

Poor Americans have a SLIM CHANCE of rising to the upper middle class



Source: [NBER](#)

Republican tax cuts have significantly increased the gap

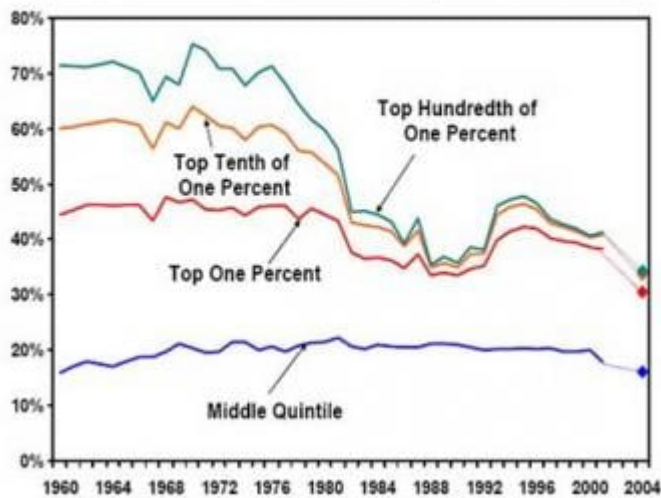


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Taxes get better and better for the rich

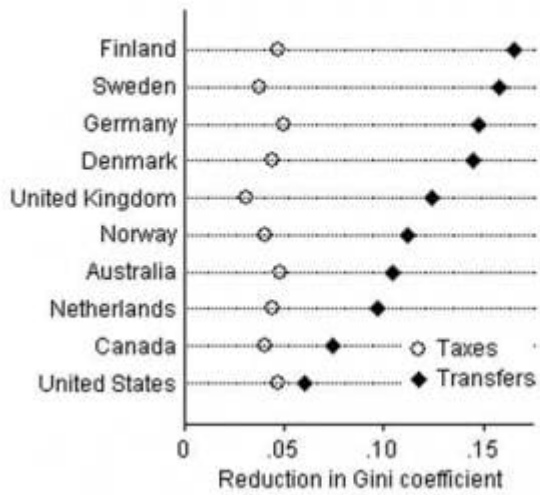
Highest-Income Households Have Seen Sharp Drops in Tax Rates

Effective Federal Tax Rates, 1960-2001, and Projected Tax Rates for 2004*



America spreads the wealth FAR LESS than other developed countries

Inequality reduction via taxes and via government transfers, 2000-05



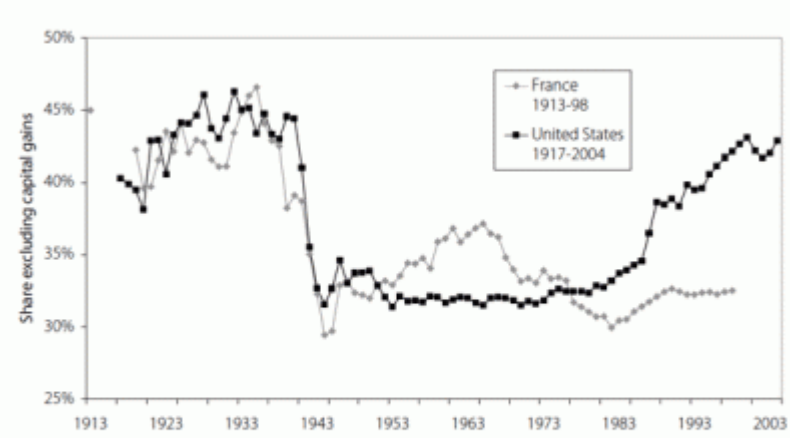
America's income spread is nearly twice the OECD average



Source: Economist

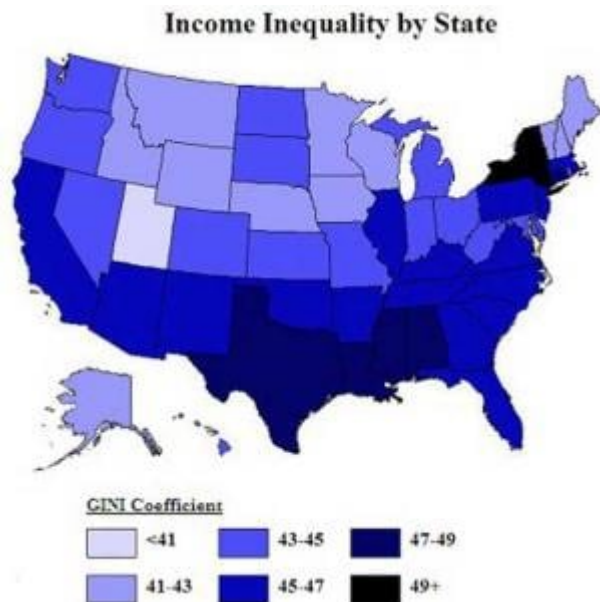
The gap is NOT growing in many countries, like France

FIGURE 8E Top decile income share in France and in the United States

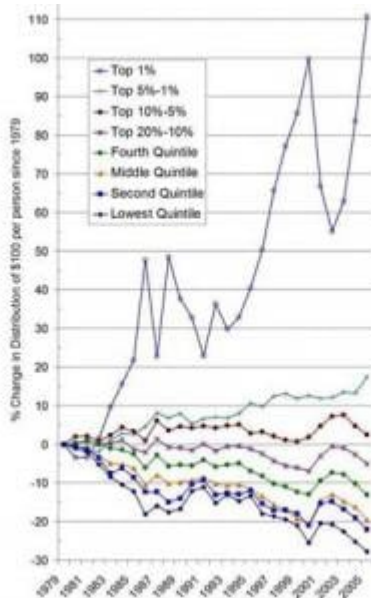


Source: Piketty and Saez (2001).

Inequality is worst around Wall Street and Oil Land



If you aren't in the top 1%, then you're getting a bum deal



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