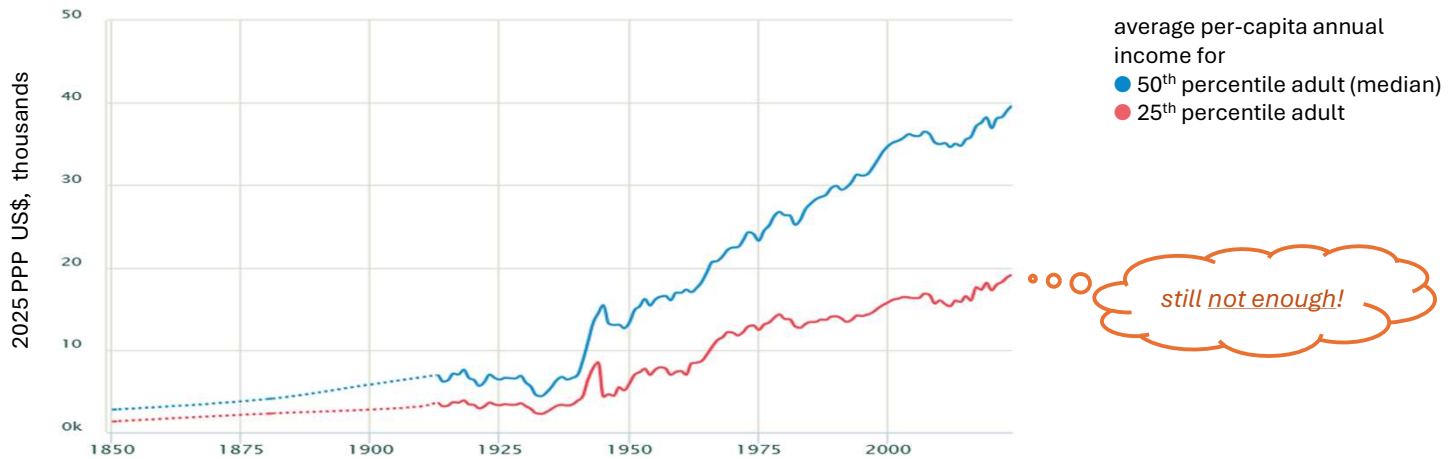
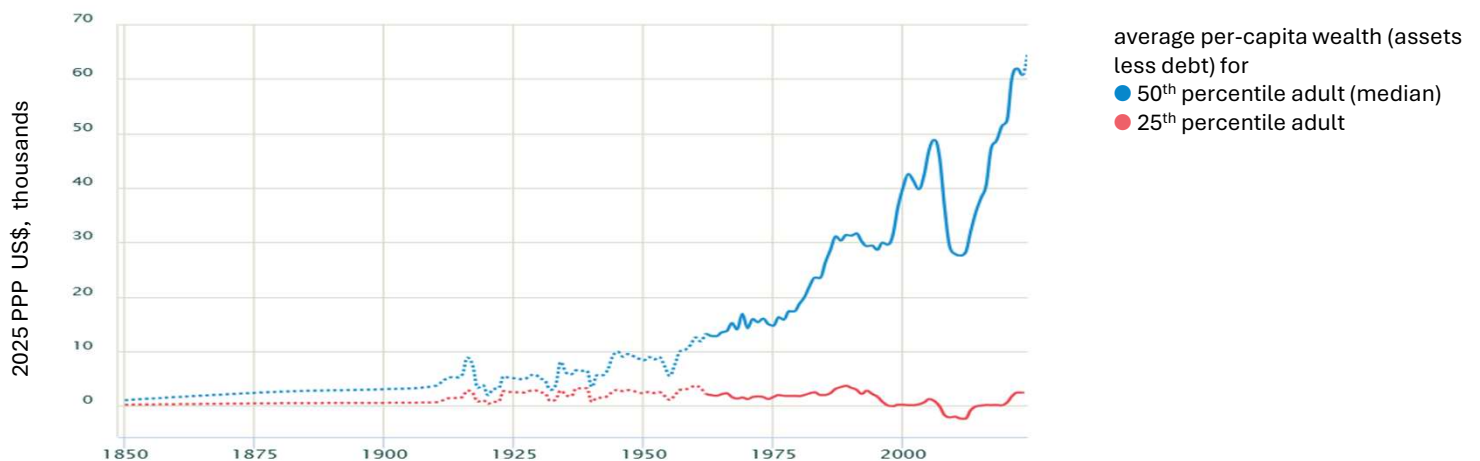


US Wealth Inequality *A historical perspective*

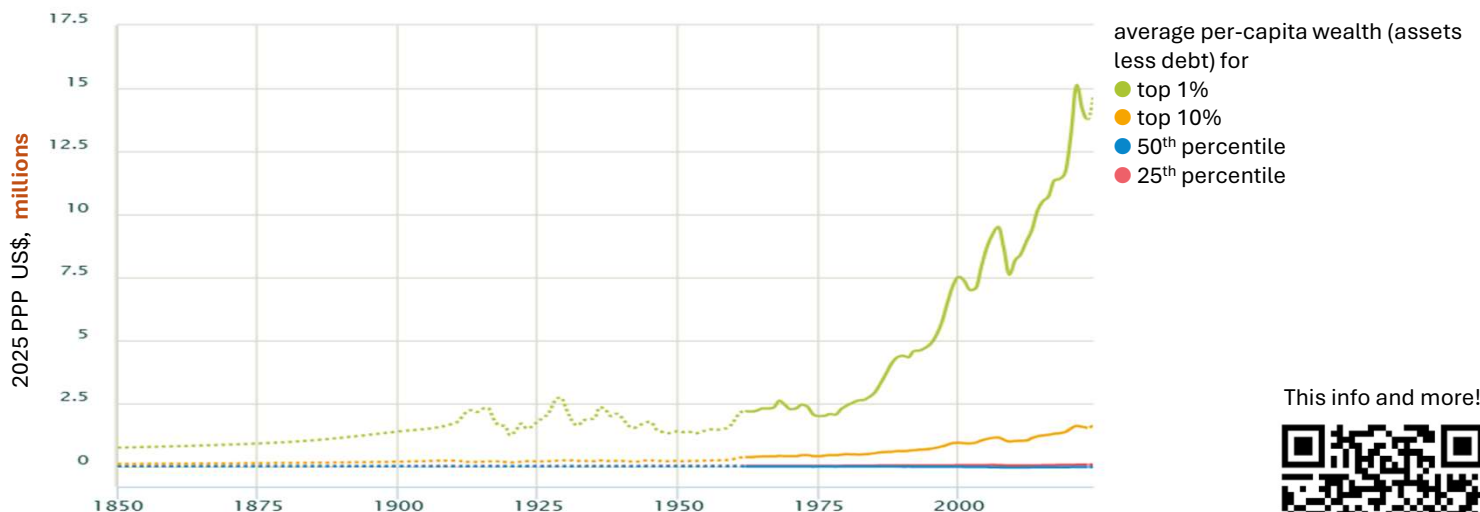
Income has risen historically on an inflation-adjusted basis: *our standard of living is much higher than 100 years ago.*



Wealth has also grown for most Americans, but the poor have made *no progress in a century.*



But that absolutely pales compared to the new wealth of the upper echelons. On this graph, the wealth of the lower and middle classes are reduced to invisibility.



This info and more!

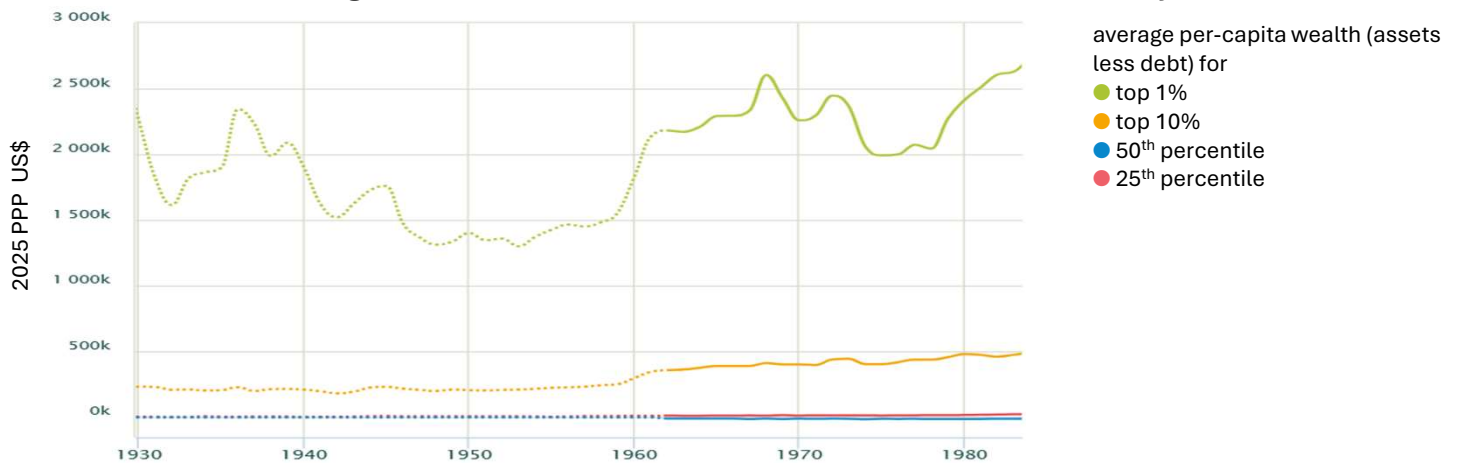


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If you focus in on the middle of the last century, you can see a time when wealth concentration *wasn't* growing exponentially. Undoubtedly many reasons, but a top marginal tax rate of 91% probably had something to do with it. This period was a time of overall economic growth, but it didn't all accumulate with the wealthy.



How Can You Help?

Support Unions.

Support Local/Small Business.

Support groups working in this issue. They analyze economic data, evaluate policies, educate lawmakers and the public, and conduct advocacy. They may focus on inequality or economic justice broadly, or on tax or election reform more specifically. (Go to our webpage for links.)

Many of these orgs have newsletters with calls to action you can do.

Washington State

[Northwest Progressive Institute](#)
[Washington Budget and Policy Center](#)
[FUSE](#)
[Economic Opportunity Institute](#)
[Balance Our Tax Code](#)
[Fix Democracy First](#)

National / International

[Oxfam](#), and Oxfam's [Equali-tea toolkit](#)
[Americans for Financial Reform](#)
[World Inequality Lab](#)
[OpenSecrets.org](#)

Learn More

Lots of information is available on this topic: books, media, even movies. The sites above are all good places to start, and below are a few more to know. We also have a list of books on the webpage linked in the QR code.

[Inequality Media](#) (Robert Reich's channel)

[American Inequality](#) (substack)

[World Inequality Database](#) (source for the graphs in this handout)

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