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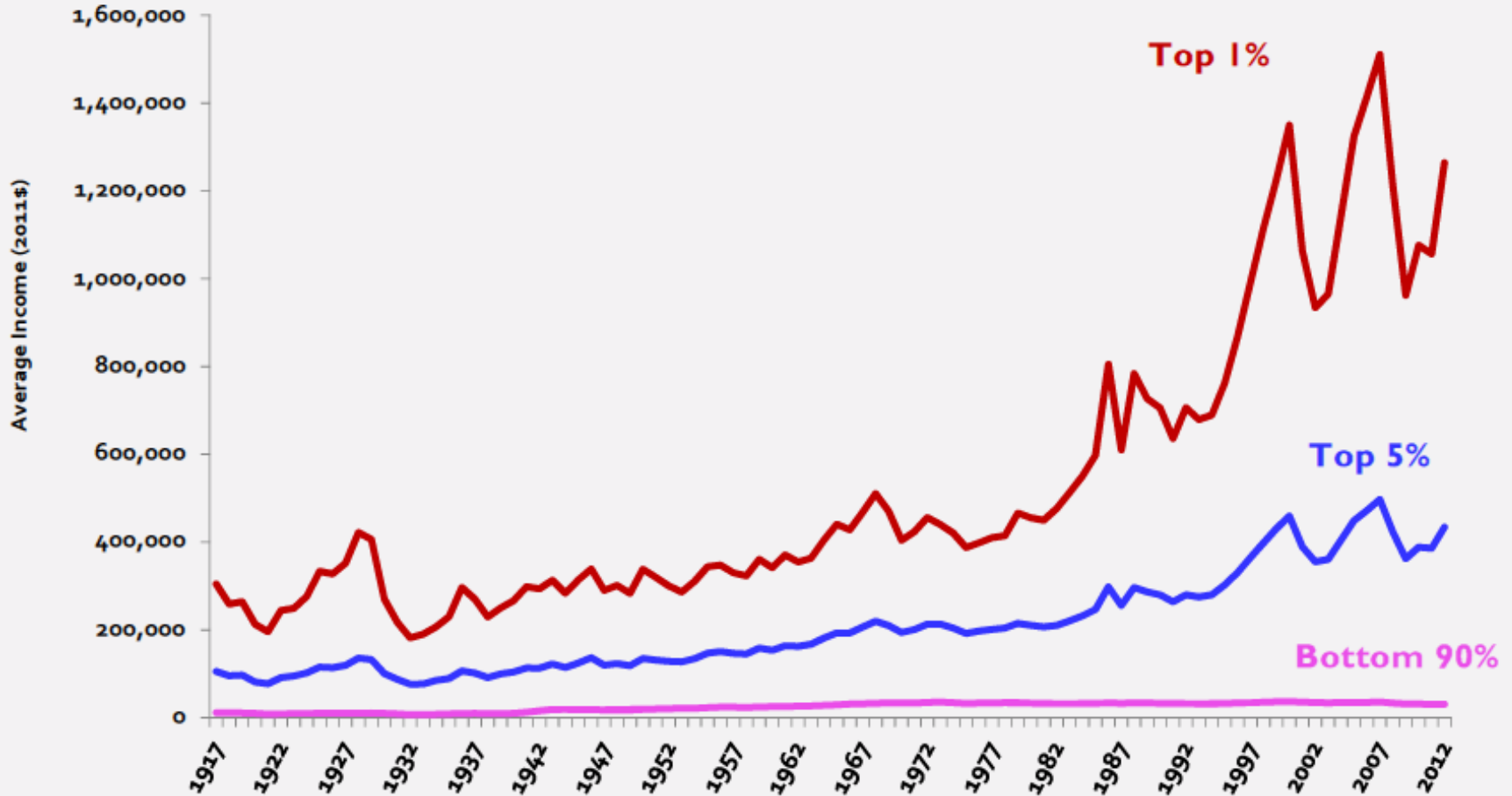
Points to Ponder and Q&A

Points to Ponder

- The US ranks 64th in the World in income inequality
- The US is 10th place in intergenerational mobility among developed countries
- The US economy and jobs creation is not from the wealthy but from the US middle class
- Investments are not being made in new plants or new businesses, but for the most part into financial securities:
 - While 6% of the cost of an Apple iPhone is from the US while \$159 billion of its cash holdings are sitting in offshore banks
 - US multi-national businesses have \$1.64 trillion sitting in overseas banks
 - \$2.54 Trillion sitting in US Banks, Total \$4.18 Trillion

US INCOME GROWTH

1917-2012

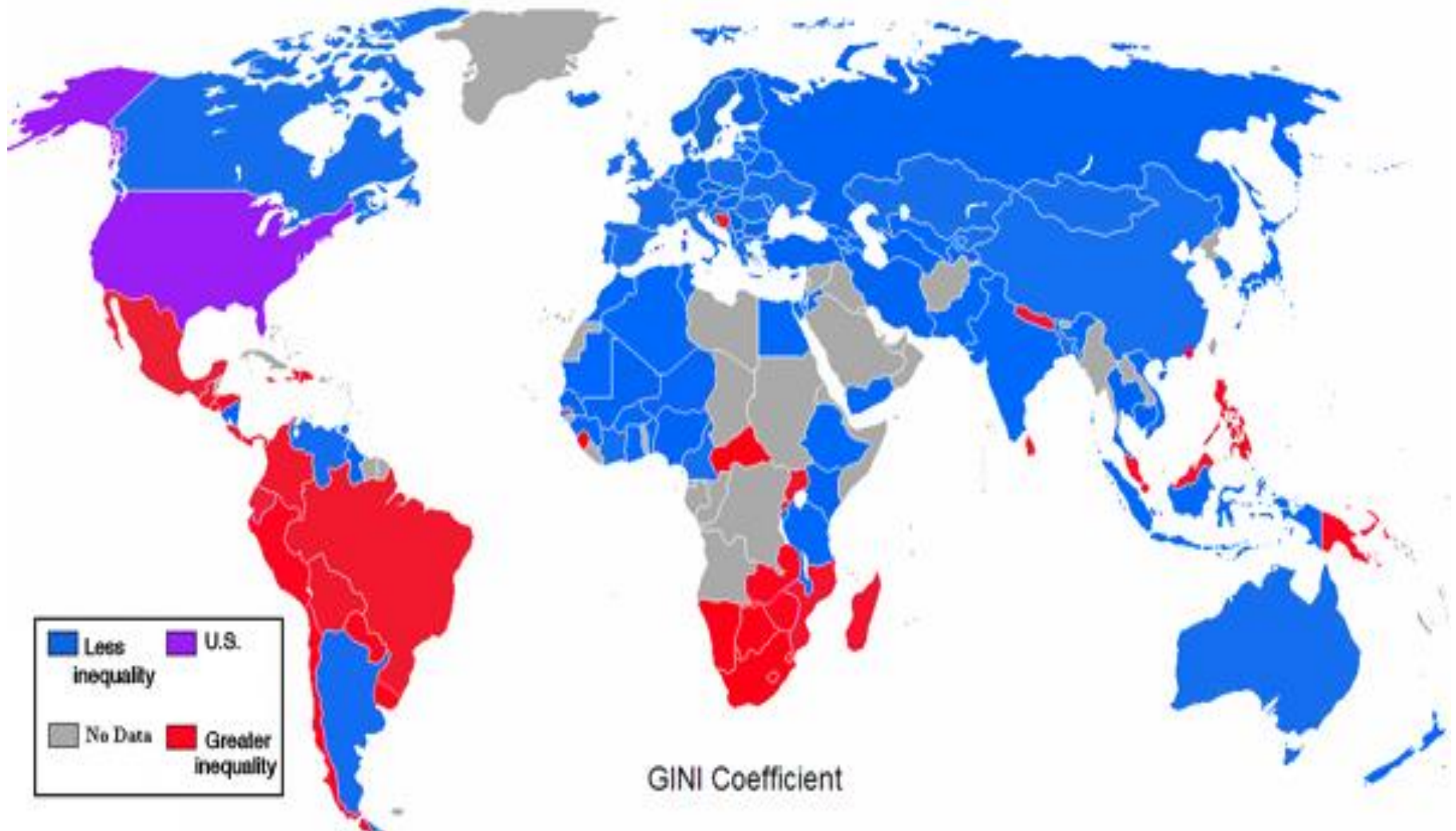


Source: Piketty, T. and Saez, E., The World Top Incomes Database. U.S. before-tax income including K-gains.

Countries with less or more than US in inequality

The World Factbook – CIA

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

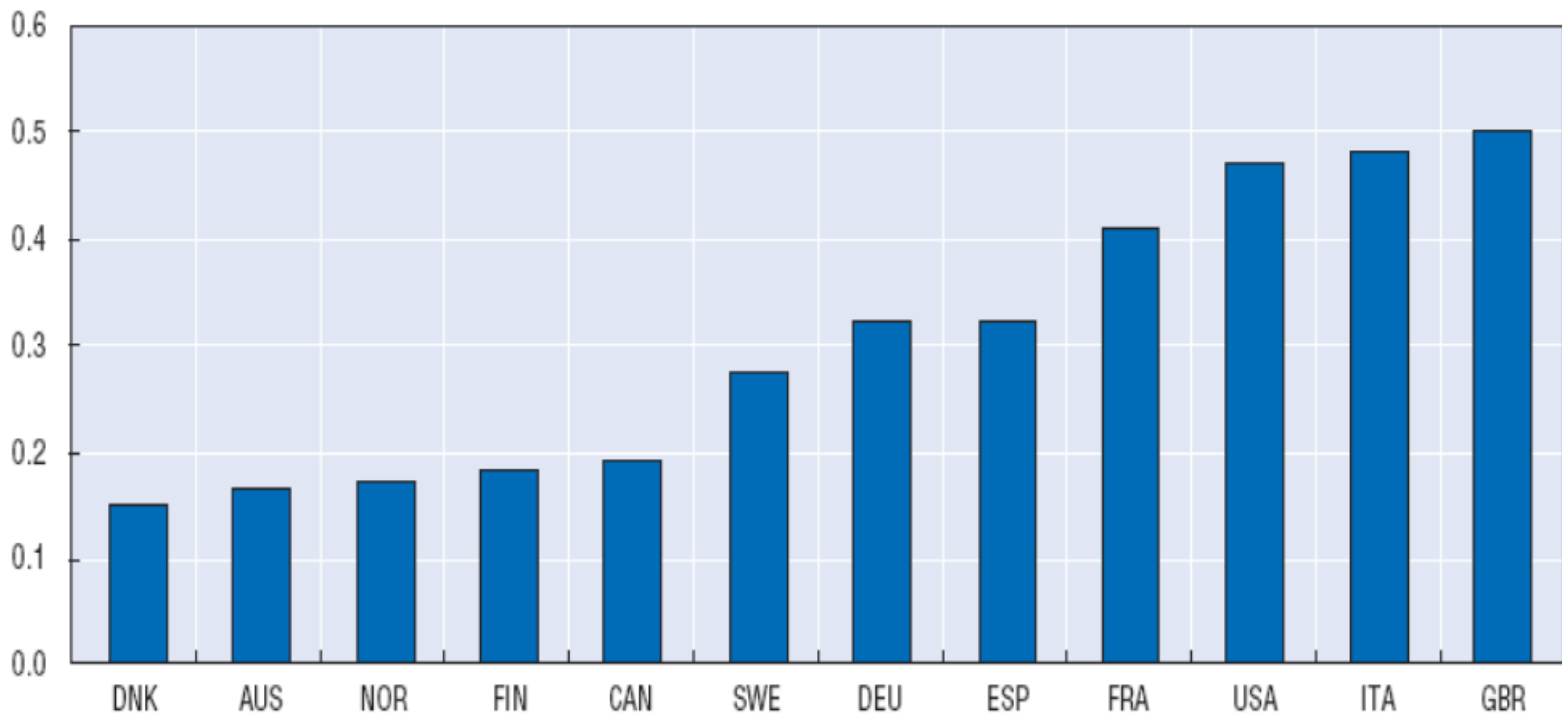


US Low Intergenerational Mobility Ranking



The link between individual and parental earnings varies across OECD countries

Estimates of intergenerational earnings elasticity

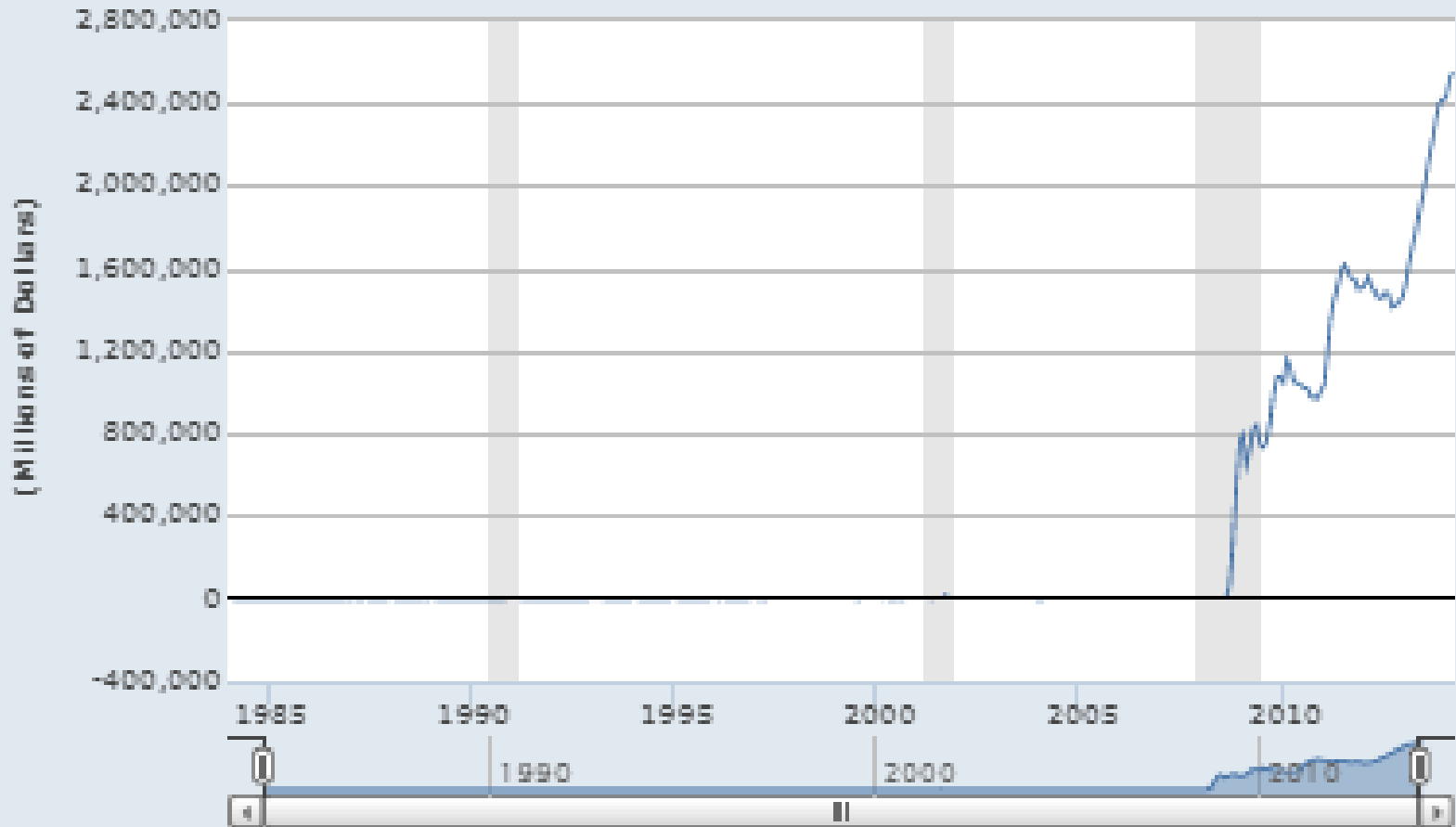


Excess Reserves of Depository Institutions- \$2.54 T

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Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Shaded areas indicate US recessions - 2014 research.stlouisfed.org



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A profile of America's Working Poor, its Former Middle Class

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- [Characteristics of Minimum Wage Workers, 2013](#), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) March 2014
- [1 in 13 minimum wage workers has a college degree](#), By Catherine Rampell, Washington Post, April 4, 2014
- [It Takes a B.A. to Find a Job as a File Clerk](#), By Catherine Rampell, NY Times, February 19, 2014

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Suggested Reading and Viewing

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- [The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future](#), Joseph E. Stiglitz (June 11, 2012)
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- [Retirement Heist: How Companies Plunder and Profit from the Nest Eggs of American Workers](#) Ellen E. Schultz (September 15, 2011)
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- [With Liberty and Justice for Some: How the Law Is Used to Destroy Equality and Protect the Powerful](#), Glenn Greenwald (July 3, 2012)
- [The Great Divergence: America's Growing Inequality Crisis and What We Can Do about It](#), Timothy Noah (April 24, 2012)
- [Inside Job \(2010\) Matt Damon \(Actor\), Charles Ferguson \(Director\)](#) **DVD** Role of banks and financial institution's in the global financial meltdown