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Term 2, Week 1

“It was a Monday in early September, and he was returning to his work from a hurried dip into the country; but what was Miss Bart doing in town at that season? **If she had appeared to be catching a train, he might have inferred that he had come on her in the act of transition between one and another of the country-houses which disputed her presence after the close of the Newport season;** but her desultory air perplexed him. She stood apart from the crowd, letting it drift by her to the platform or the street, and wearing an air of irresolution which might, as he surmised, be the mask of a very definite purpose.”



“One general law, leading to the advancement of all organic beings, namely, multiply, vary, let the strongest live and the weakest die.”

ON
THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES
BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION,
OR THE
PRESERVATION OF FAVOURED RACES IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR LIFE.

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ROUND THE WORLD.'

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1859.

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“According to the neo-Lamarckian evolutionary doctrine informing much of the optimistic nurture literature, proper habits instilled in children through proper training would gradually be organized as instincts, ultimately passing by transmission to the next generation as permanent improvements. The nature of the child's future - and the perfectibility of ‘the race’ - hinged on the process of the child's development, and no student”

-Lynn Wardley

Rich lists

World's witnessing a new Gilded Age as billionaires' wealth swells to \$6tn

Not since the time of the Carnegies, Rockefellers and Vanderbilts at the turn of the 20th century was so much owned by so few

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The world's super-rich hold the greatest concentration of wealth since the US Gilded Age at the turn of the 20th century, when families like the Carnegies, Rockefellers and Vanderbilts controlled vast fortunes.

Welcome to the new gilded age



House GOP leaders on Nov. 2 proposed legislation that would overhaul the U.S. tax code.
(Monica Akhtar/The Washington Post)

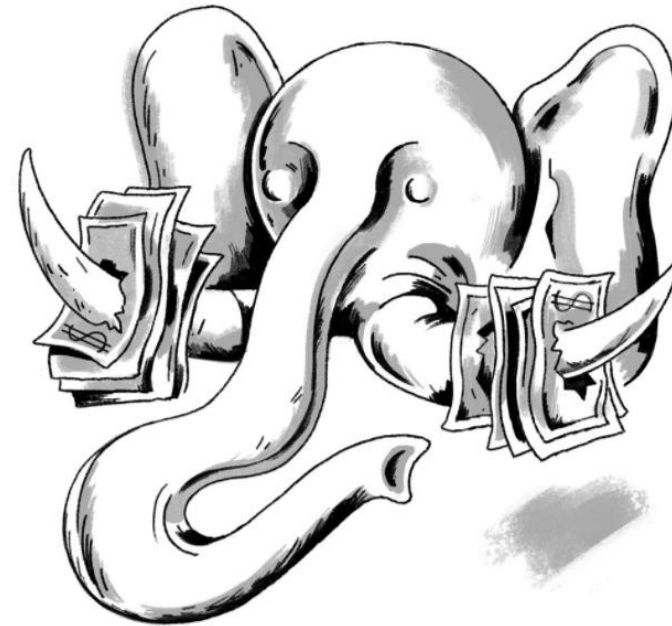


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Corporations are people, my friend. And this is where they feed.

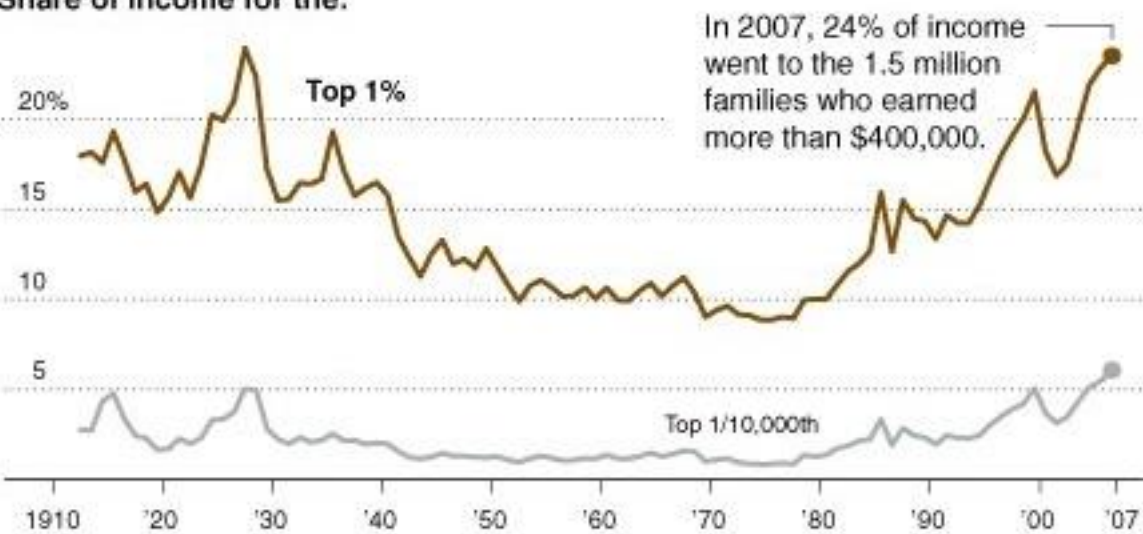
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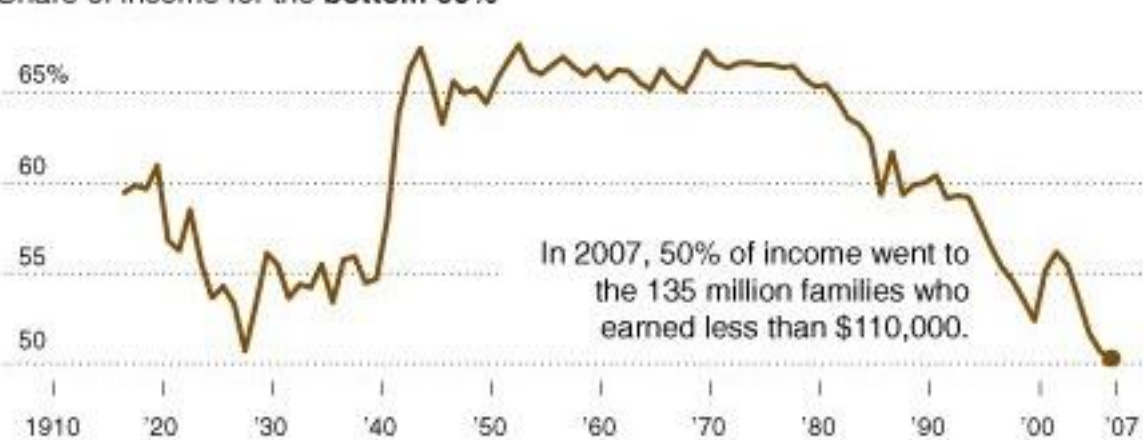


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Nov 2, 2017

Share of income for the:



Share of income for the **bottom 90%**





Jacob Riis

- 1849-1914
- Danish-American (moves to the US in 1870)
- Journalist and Photographer for the *Tribune*
- *How the Other Half Lives*

“Long ago it was said that ‘one half of the world does not care how the other half lives.’ That was true then [...] It is ten years and over, now, since that line divided New York’s population evenly. Today **three-fourths** of its people live in the tenements, and the nineteenth century drift of the population to the cities is sending ever-increasing **multitudes** to crowd them. The fifteen thousand tenant houses that were the despair of the sanitarian in the past generation have swelled into thirty-seven thousand”
(Jacob Riis *How The Other Half Lives*)

“The boundary line lies there because, while the forces for good on one side vastly outweigh the bad, in the tenements all the influences make for evil; because they are the hot-beds of the epidemics that carry death to rich and poor alike; the nurseries of pauperism and crime that fill our jails and police courts; that throw off a scum of forty thousand human wrecks to the island asylums and workhouses year by year; that turned out in the last eight years. A round half million beggars to prey upon our charities; that maintain a standing army of ten thousand tramps with all that implies; because, above all, they touch the family life with deadly moral contagion. This is their worse crime” (Jacob Riis *How the Other Half Lives*)

“The Children’s Aid Society and kindred philanthropic organizations were yet unborn, but in the city directory was to be found the address of the ‘American Society for the Promotion of Education in Africa’”

-Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives*





“It may be explained, for the benefit of readers who have never visited New York, that about a mile from the City Hall the cross-streets begin to be numbered in regular order” (37)

“Central Park was now before them, but it was far from presenting the appearance which it now exhibits” (42)



Johnny could not exactly explain his feelings, but it is often the case that the young bagabond of the streets, though his food is uncertain, and his bed may be any old wagon or barrel that he is lucky enough to find unoccupied when night sets in, gets so attached to his precarious but independent mode of life that he feels discontented in any other. He is accustomed the noise and bustle and ever varied life of the streets, and in the quiet scenes of the country misses the excitement in the midst of which he has always dwelt” (9)

Frontspiece for Children's Aid Society annual reports
(1873-1890)



Horatio Alger

“Washing the face and hands is usually considered proper in commencing the day, but Dick was above such regimen. He had no particular dislike to dirt, and did not think it necessary to remove several dark streaks on his face and hands. But in spite of his dirt and rags there was something about Dick that was attractive. It was easy to see that if he had been clean and well dressed he would have been decidedly good-looking. Some of his companions were sly, and their faces inspired distrust; but Dick had a frank, straight-forward manner that made him a favorite” (4)