# The Problem With Capitalism? We Don't Have Enough of It.

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## **Opinion: America's problem with capitalism**

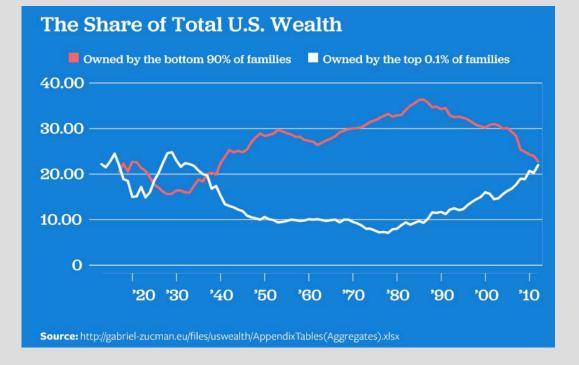
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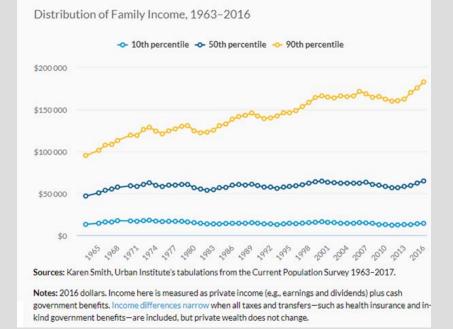
#### **RISING INEQUALITY**

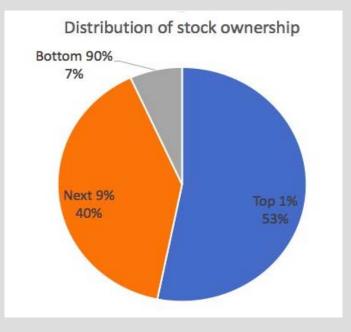
#### The US and UK are league leaders in inequality Inequality of household disposable incomes after taxes and cash transfers (2016)\* 0.25 0.30 0.35 0.40 US South Korea UK New Zealand (2014) Spain Japan (2015) Portugal Australia Italy • Canada Ireland (2015) Switzerland (2015) Germany France Netherlands • Austria Sweden Belgium Denmark (2015) Norway Finland -\*Measure of inequality (0 = absolute equality, 1= absolute inequality) Source: OECD © FT

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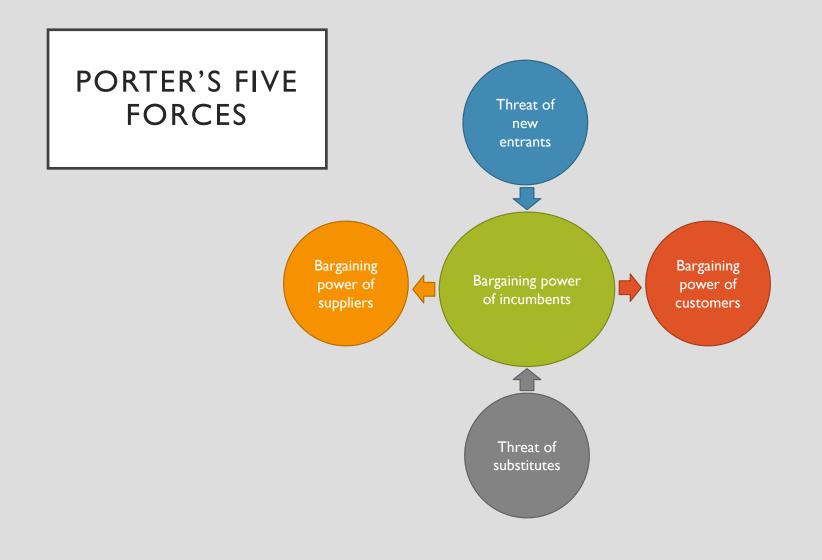


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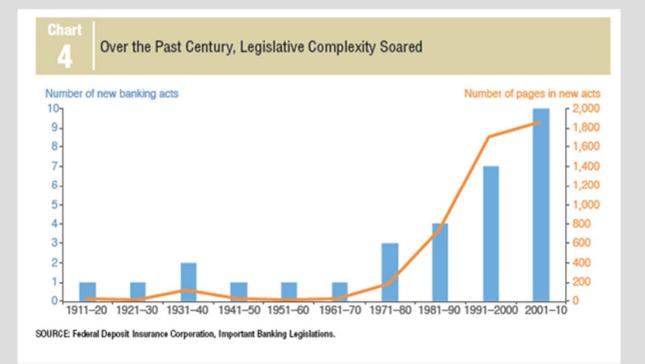




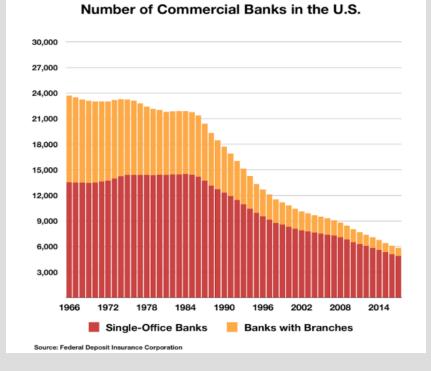


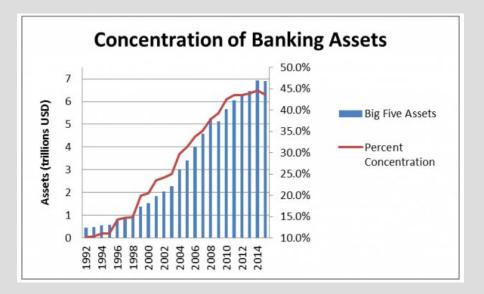


#### INCREASING FINANCIAL REGULATION

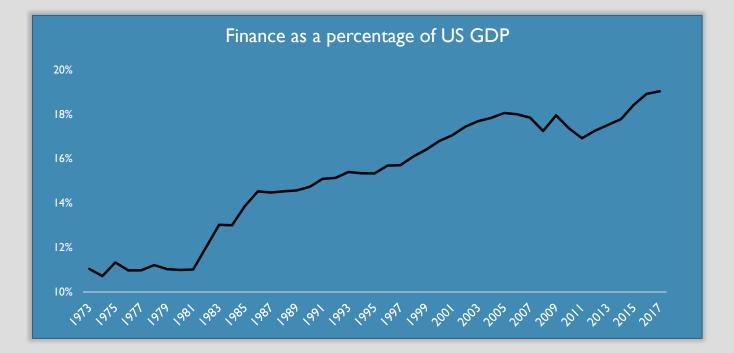


#### BANKING CONSOLIDATION





#### **RISING MARKET POWER**



#### ACROSS ALL SECTORS

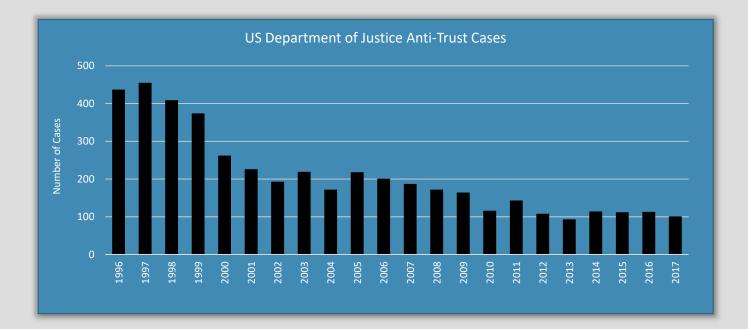
- Ford, GM, Fiat-Chrysler, Toyota, and Honda
- Bayer-Monsanto, DowDupont, Chem-China-Syngenta, and BASF
- CNN, MSNBC, and Fox News
- S&P, Moody's, and Fitch
- Google alone

- 68% of US auto sales
- 70% of the seed market for important crops such as corn and soy
- 80% of cable news show ad revenue
- 95% of credit ratings
- 93% market share in search

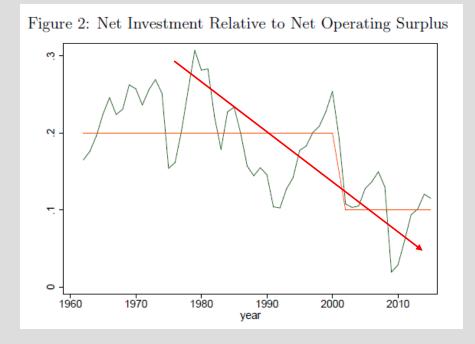
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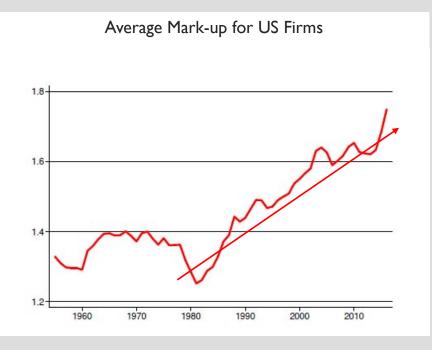


### MERGER FRIENDLY REGULATORY REGIME

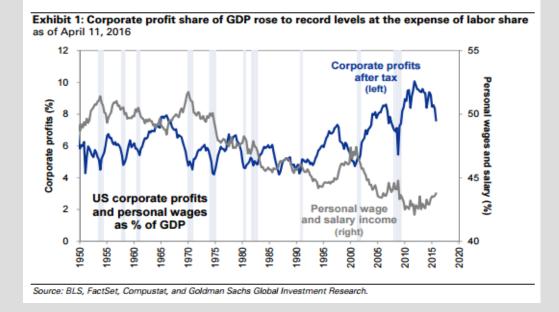


#### MARGIN ENHANCEMENT

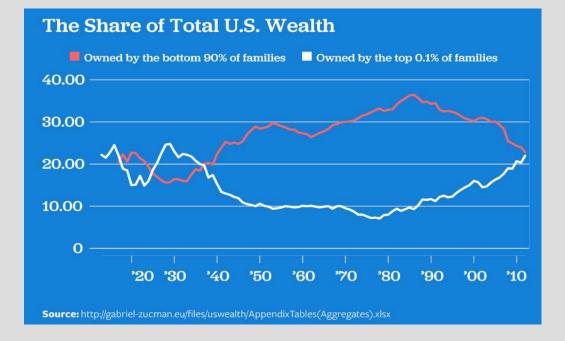




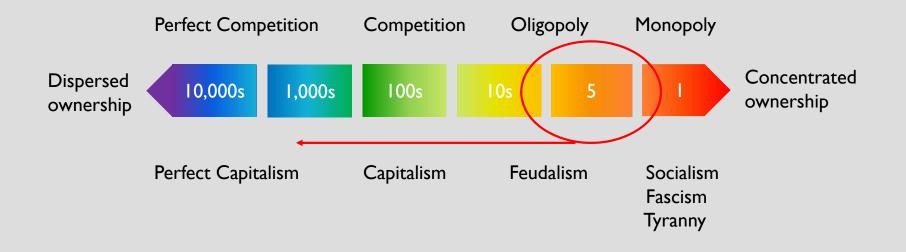
#### **RECORD PROFIT MARGINS**



#### INCREASING INEQUALITY



#### INCREASING CAPITALISM?



#### SPLIT THE PIE UP MORE EQUITABLY

- Regulatory Solutions
  - Must address weakened competition Bust the trusts and block anti-competitive mergers
  - Extend better protections to individuals at least equivalent to corporations legal, tax and intellectual property (which is the capital of the information economy)
  - Perhaps ensure all employees of public companies get equity based compensation
- In private equity, focusing more on
  - Sectors that drive innovation and disruption, like technology and healthcare
  - Strategies that drive organic growth versus cost-cutting or financial engineering driven
    - Even with in growth, add-on strategies only in heavily fragmented markets. Avoid "last man standing" consolidators
  - Go upstream earlier stage managers, smaller funds, smaller companies