

A picture is worth a thousand words, if you know how to decipher it.

More charts and research analysis where these charts came from, can be found at <http://motherjones.com/politics/2011/02/income-inequality-in-america-chart-graph>

The New York Times [analysis](#) of the Congressional Budget Office [report](#) on 'Trends in the Distribution of Household Income Between 1979 and 2007' is worth registering with the pay wall gate keeper.

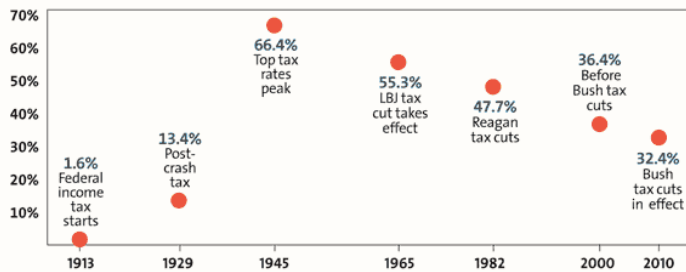
Top Earners Doubled Share of Nation's Income, Study Finds

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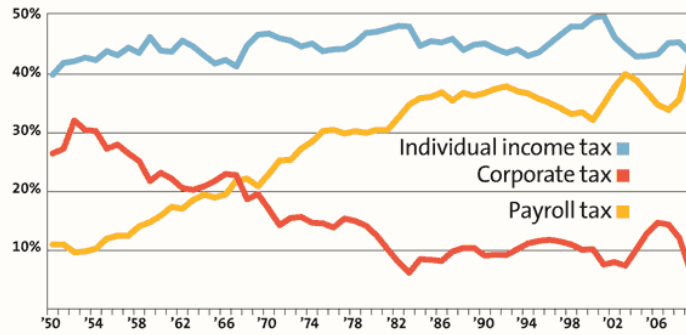
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/26/us/politics/top-earners-doubled-share-of-nations-income-cbo-says.html>

A MILLIONAIRE'S TAX RATE, NOW AND THEN



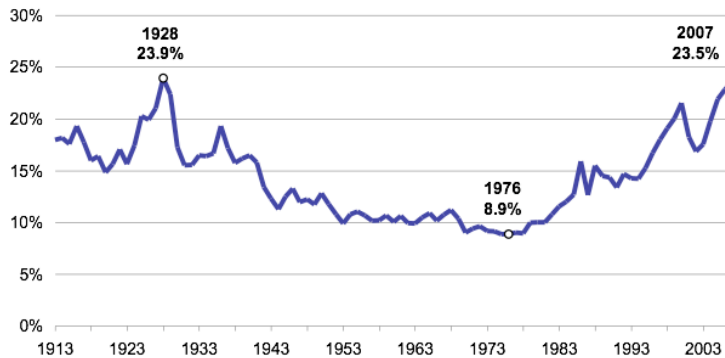
Effective tax rate for head of household earning equivalent of \$1 million of non-investment income in 2010 dollars. Source: The Tax Foundation

SHARE OF FEDERAL TAX REVENUE

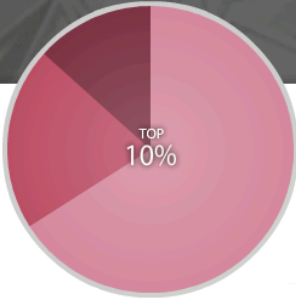


Source: Senate Joint Committee on Taxation

Top 1% Share of Total Pre-Tax Income, 1913-2007



When income grows, who gains?



Between 1997 and 2008:

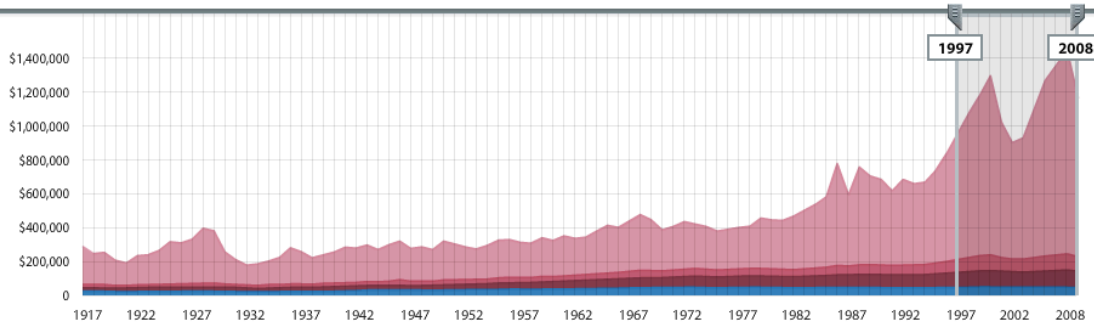
Average incomes in the U.S. **grew** by \$2,683

All growth went to the richest 10%.

Income for the bottom 90% **declined**.

Bottom 90% Top 5-10% Top 1-5% Top 1% Indicates Decline

Average income over time



Source: The data come from this table: <http://www.econ.berkeley.edu/~saez/TabFig2008.xls> on Emmanuel Saez's website at University of California, Berkeley. [Methodology](#)