



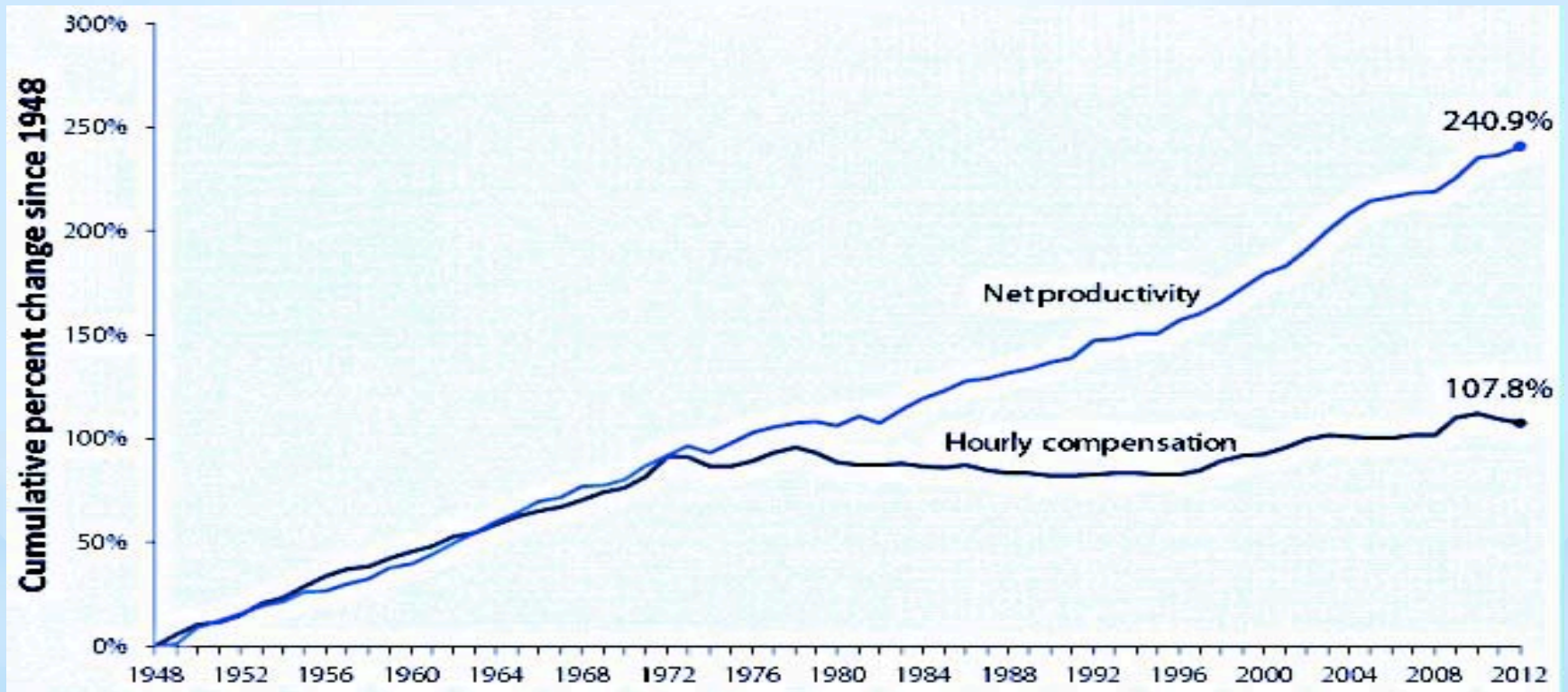
Rethinking the American Social Contract: Building On What Works

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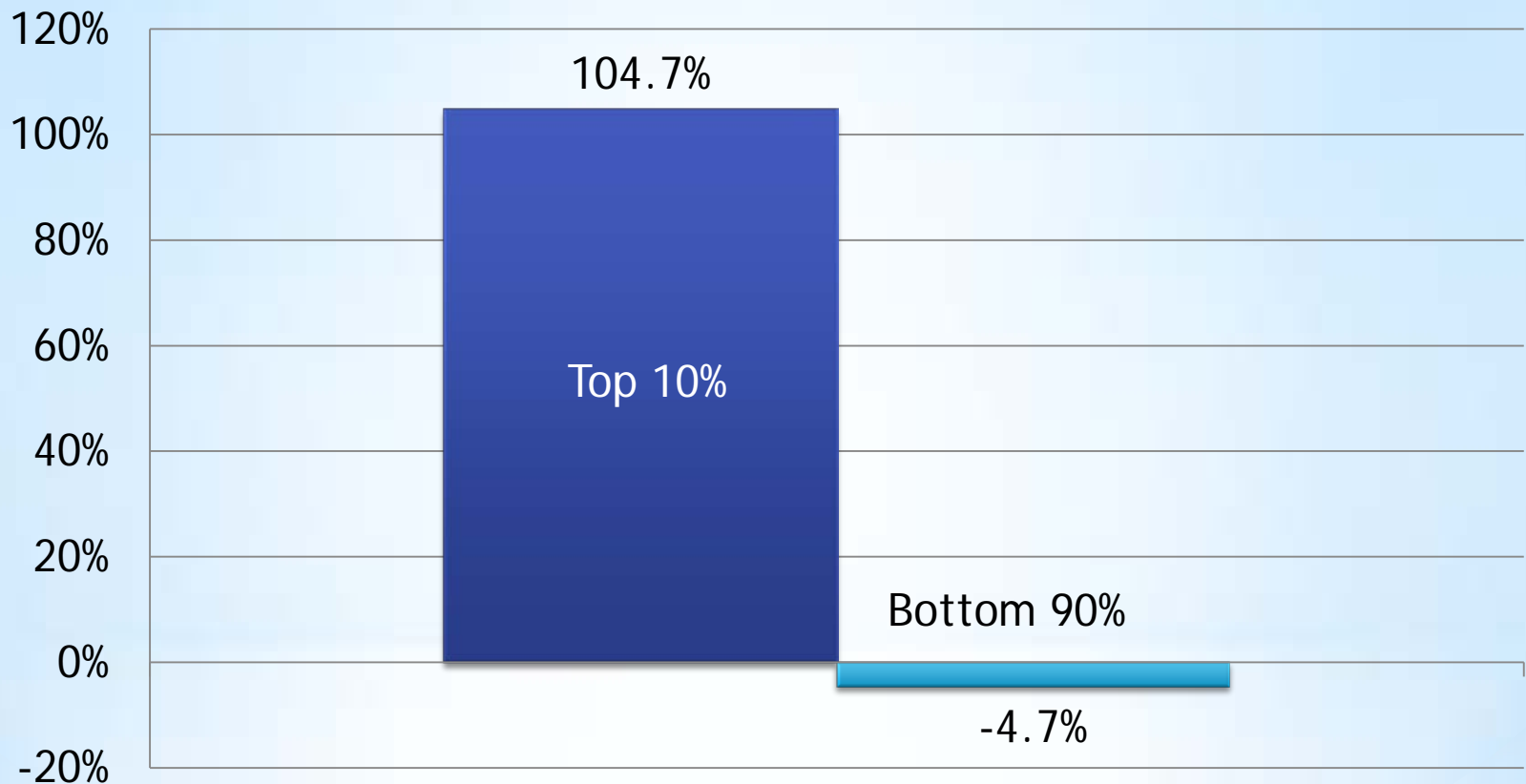
Decades of Stagnation for Workers

Cumulative change in total economy productivity and real hourly compensation of production/nonsupervisory workers, 1948–2012



Source: State of Working America, 2013

All Income Growth Goes to Top 10%, And Then Some



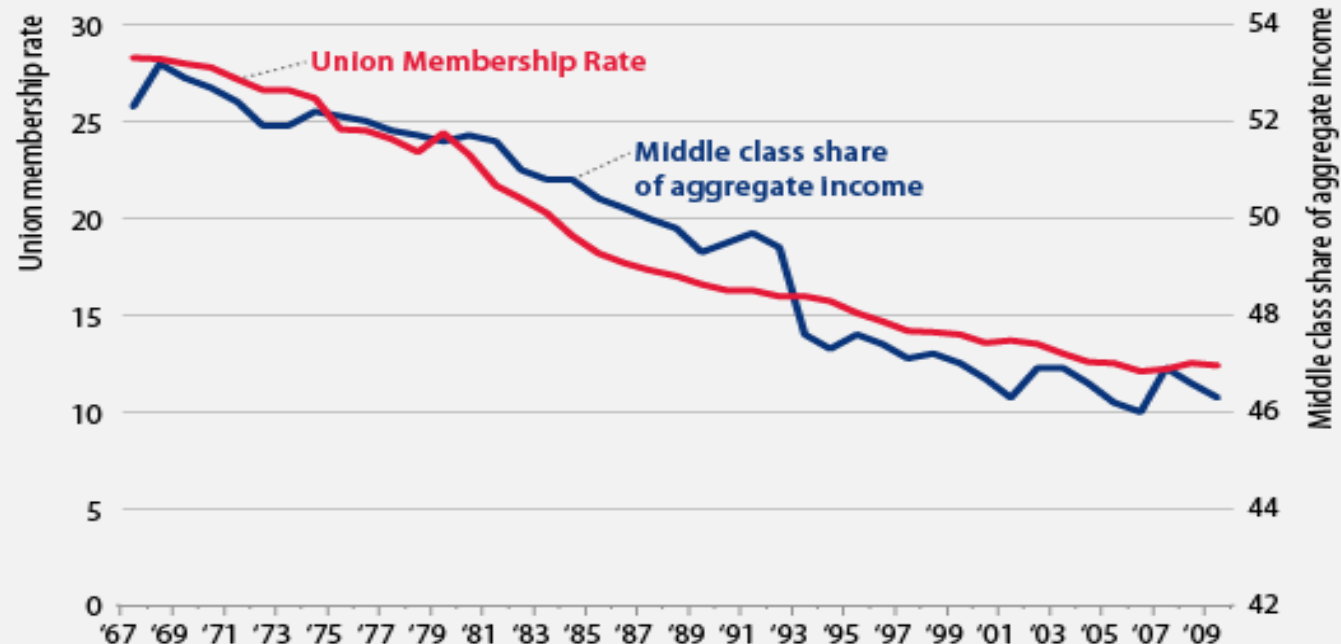
Fraction of Growth Accruing to Each Group, 1993-2012

Source: Statistics come from the table at <http://emlab.berkeley.edu/~saez/tabfig2012prel.xls> (rankings are for tax filing units) (income does not include government transfers, such as Social Security, Unemployment Benefits, Welfare Payments, etc.)

Union Membership and Middle Class Income Share

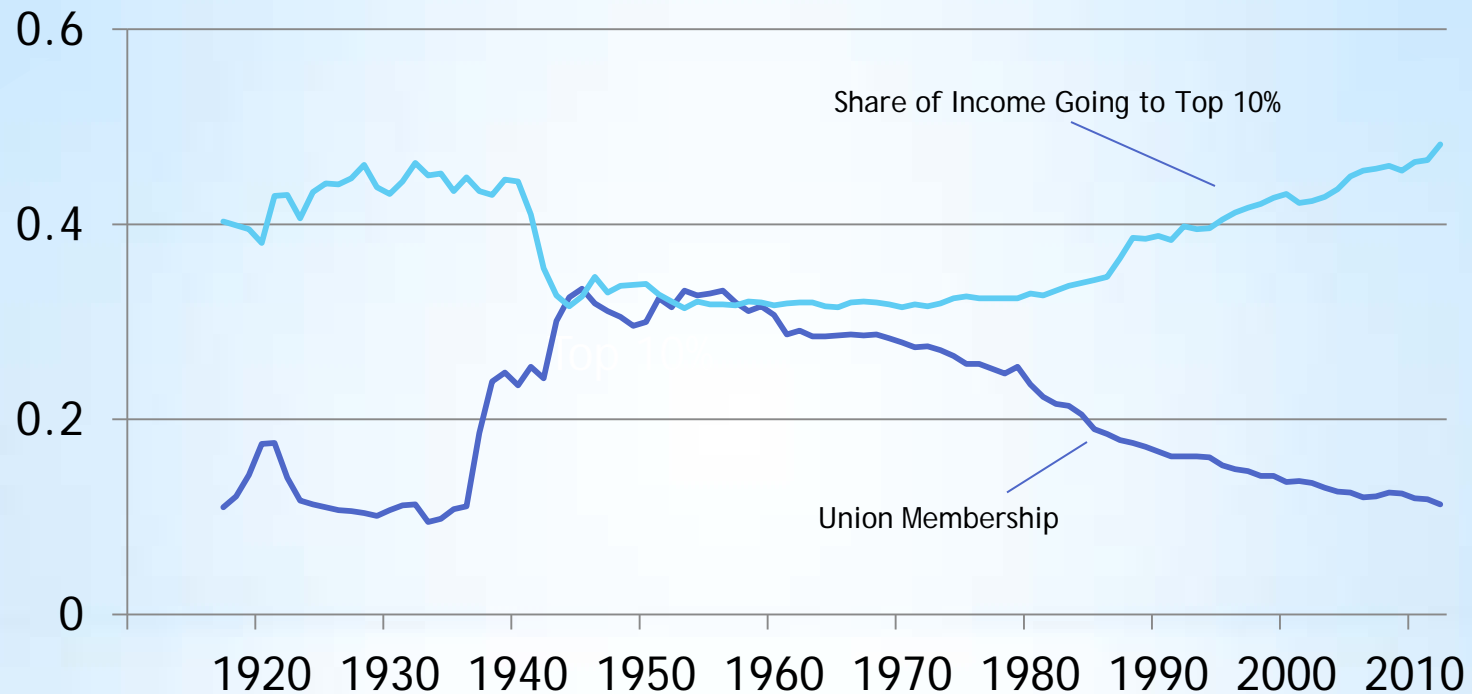
Ties that bind

As union membership rates decrease, middle class incomes shrink



Original figure by David Madland, Karla Walters, and Nick Bunker. Sources: Union Membership Rate is from Barry T. Hirsch, David A. Macpherson, and Wayne G. Vroman, "Estimates of Union Density by State," Monthly Labor Review, Vol. 124, No.7, July 2001. Middle Class Share of Aggregate Income is from United States Census Bureau.

Union Membership vs. Income Inequality



Source: Gordon, Colin, "Union Membership and the Income Share of the Top Ten Percent," Working Economics: The Economic Policy Institute Blog, <http://www.epi.org/blog/union-membership-income-share-top-ten-percent/> (downloaded 1/27/14)

