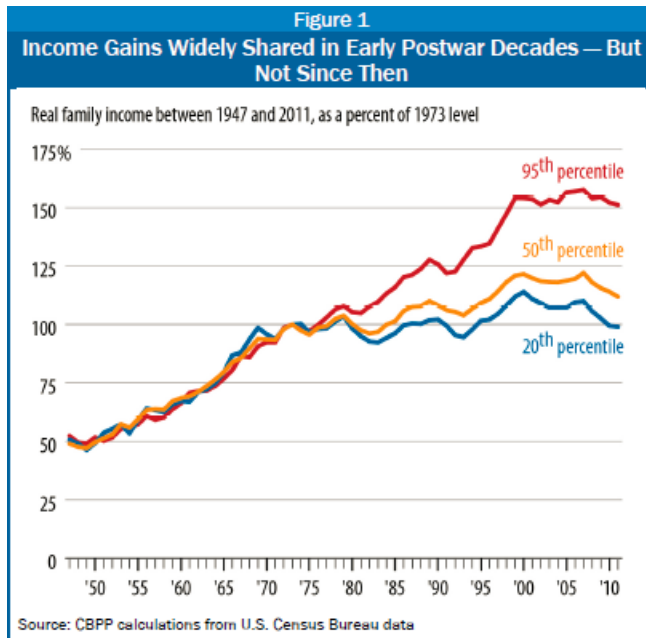


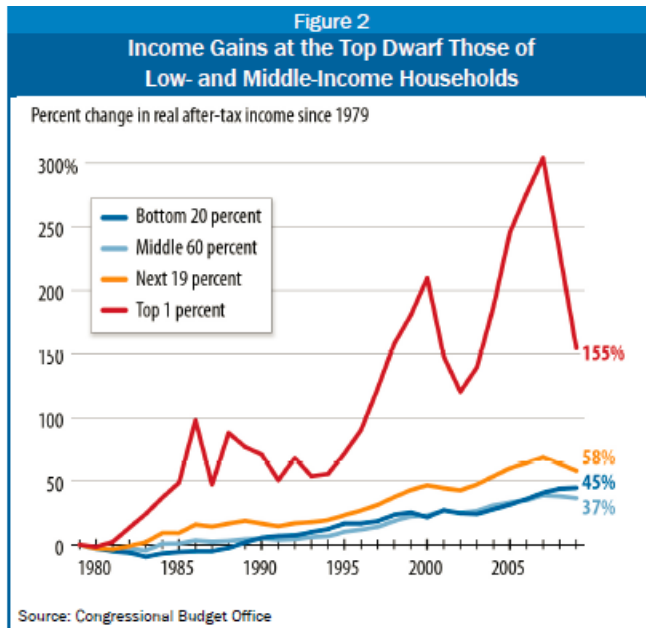
## Inequality Update

Here is a reminder about the reality of growing inequality in the United States. Income gains have preferentially benefitted the highest earners since the early 1980s with everyone else left behind as shown in the following chart:



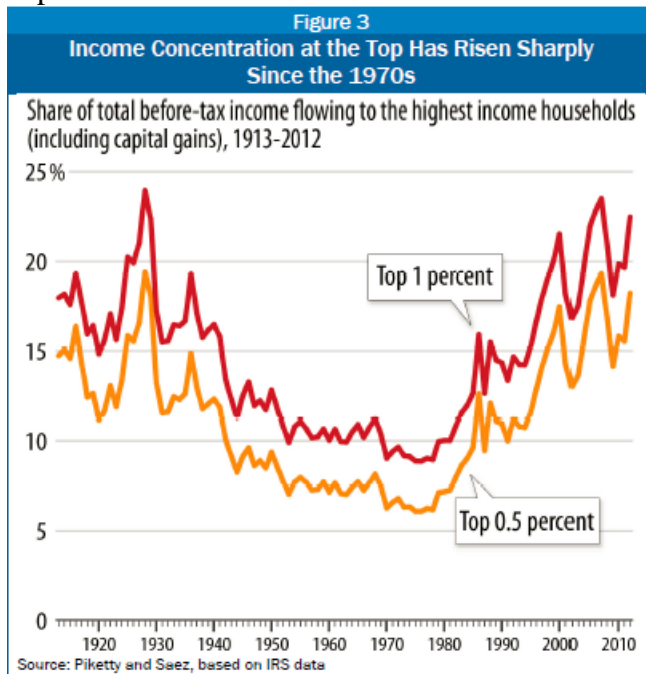
Source: Chad Stone, Danilo Trisi, Arloc Sherman, and William Chen, “A Guide to Statistics on Historical Trends in Income Inequality,” Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, September 11, 2013.

The gains at the top dwarf those of everyone else:



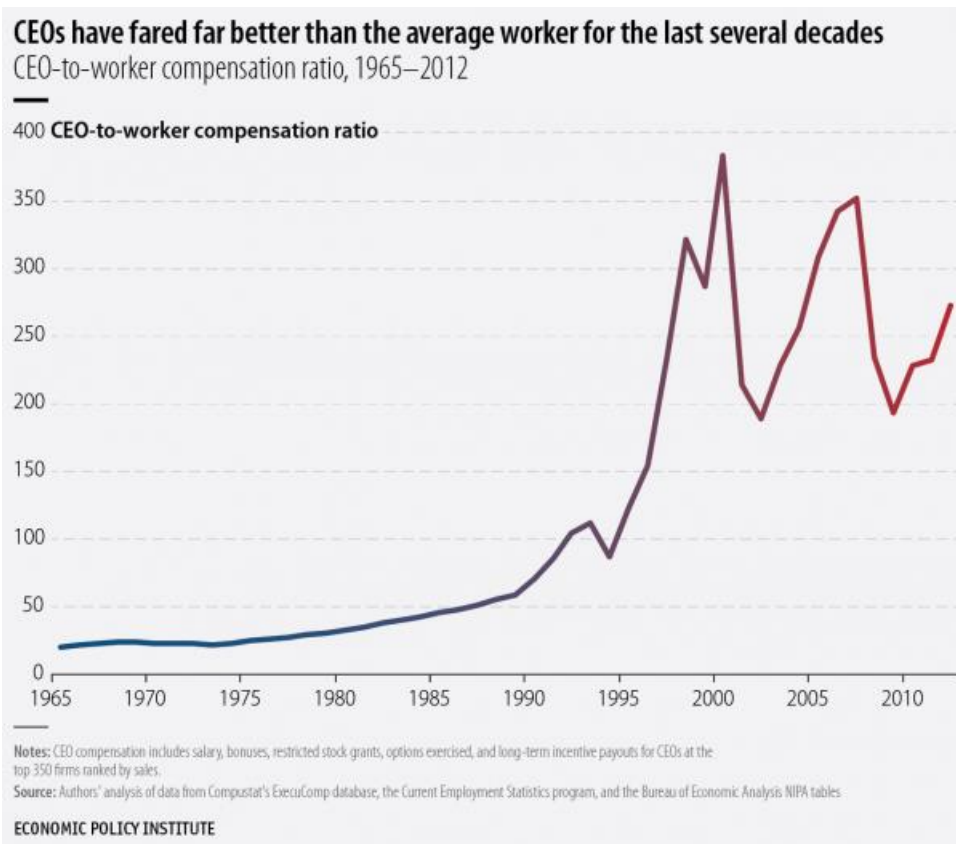
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So that we now have income concentration that looks again like the 1920s just before the great depression:



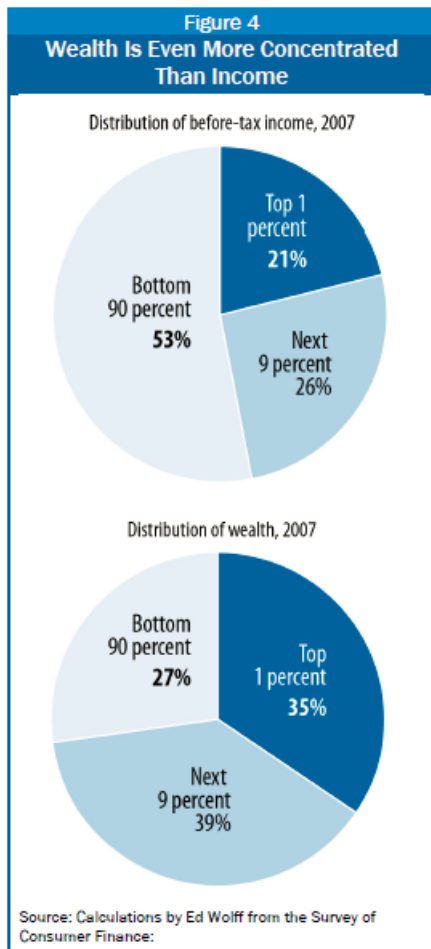
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This is driven in part by gross excesses in CEO compensation, shown for the 350 largest firms relative to average worker compensation in the following figure:



Source: Lawrence Mishel, “The CEO-to-Worker Compensation Ratio in 2012 of 273 Was Far Above That of the Late 1990s and 14 Times the Ratio of 20.1 in 1965,” Economic Snapshot, September 24, 2013, Economic Policy Institute.

Inequality in wealth is even greater than income inequality:



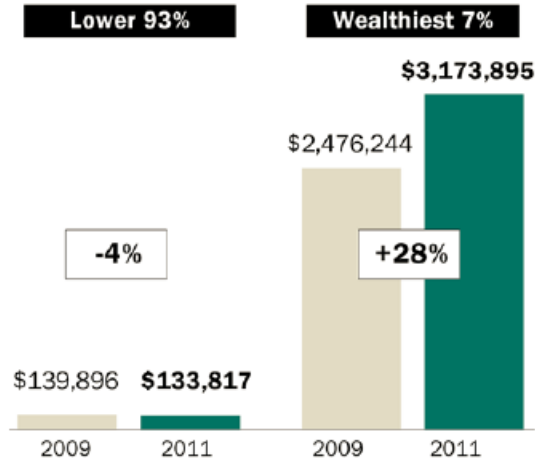
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And, as we saw in our third quarter 2013 newsletter, it’s getting worse as we struggle out of the recession:

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## An Uneven Recovery

Change in net worth per household, 2009-2011



Note: In 2011 lower 93% refers to households with a net worth at or below \$836,033. In 2009 lower 93% refers to households with a net worth at or below \$889,275. Dollar figures in 2011 dollars.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of Survey of Income and Program Participation wealth data

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Source: Pew Research Center, "A Rise in Wealth for the Wealthy; Declines for the Lower 93%," April 23, 2013.

We desperately need political leadership and a grass roots movement to promote and enact policies that address these inequities.