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Challenging Inequalities to Leave No
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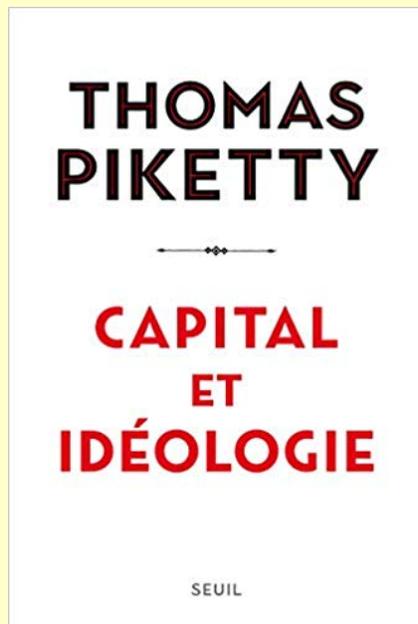
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**THOMAS
PIKETTY**



**CAPITAL
ET
IDÉOLOGIE**

SEUIL



« Chaque société humaine doit justifier ses inégalités : il faut leur trouver des raisons, faute de quoi c'est l'ensemble de l'édifice politique et social qui menace de s'effondrer. »

« De (notre) analyse historique émerge une conclusion importante : c'est le combat pour l'égalité et l'éducation qui a permis le développement humain et le progrès social, et non pas la sacralisation de la propriété, de la stabilité et de l'inégalité. »

Three Questions

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- What promotes greater equality?
- How to address the politics of inequality?

Best Seller

WINNERS TAKE ALL

The **ELITE CHARADE** *of*
CHANGING *the* **WORLD**



ANAND GIRIDHARADAS

Increasing inequality in the USA

-Pretax income top 10% :

doubled since 1980

-Pretax income top 1% :

tripled since 1980

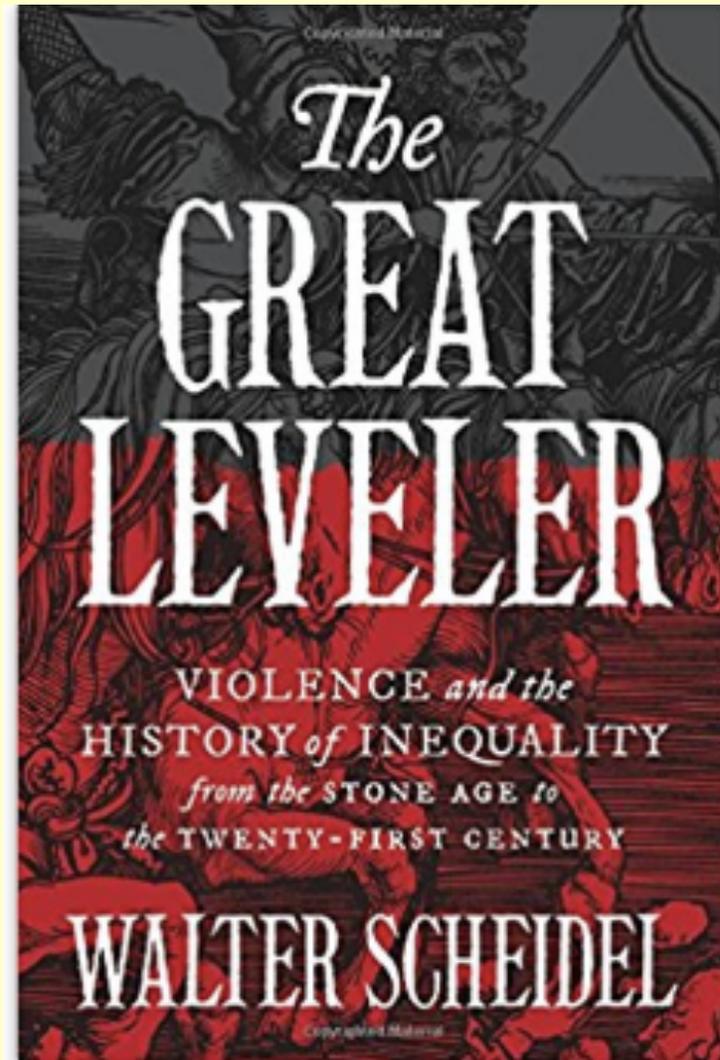
-Pretax income of top 0.001% :

risen by 7 times

-The average pretax income of the bottom half of Americans has stayed almost precisely the same over this period.

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Reducing inequality (The Four Horsemen)

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- State failure / system collapse
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impact like Black Death (1300s) unlikely

The GINI coefficient

Gini coefficient of 0 (zero):

Means complete equality –
everyone has the same income.

Gini coefficient of 1 (one) (100%):

Means that one person has all the
income and the rest have none.

The GINI coefficient

Examples by country:

South Africa	0.63
United States	0.47
China	0.42
India	0.35
Australia	0.35
Canada	0.34
Korea	0.32
Norway	0.27

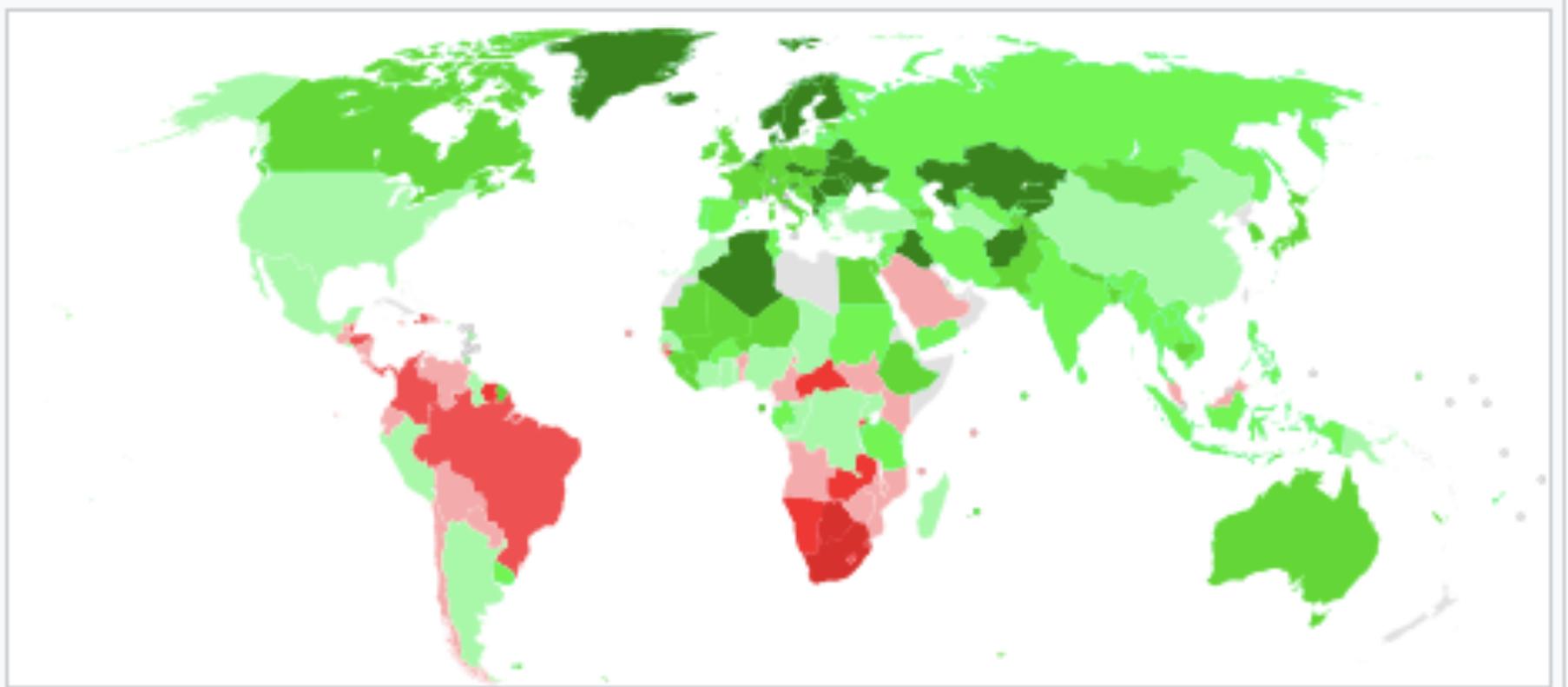
Inequality seen through PISA

(OECD Programme for International Student Assessment)

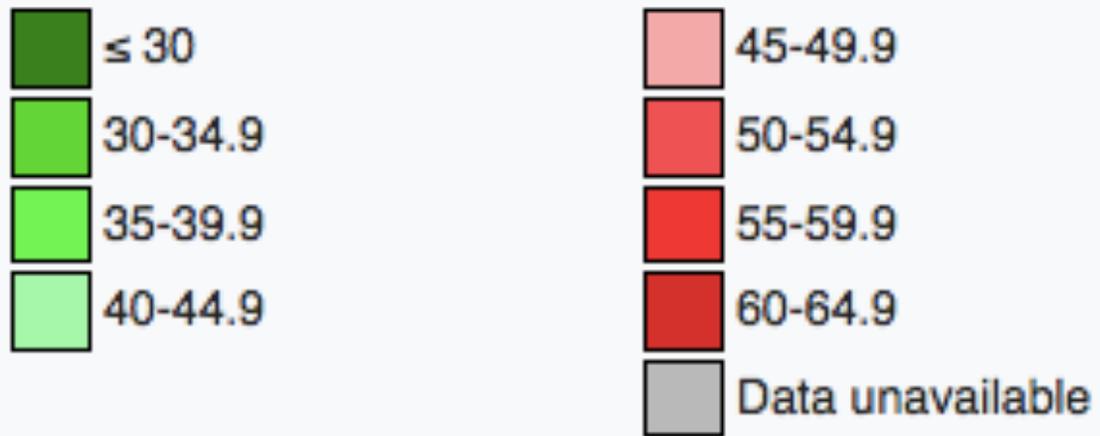
Country	PISA Ranking 2015	Mean PISA score	% pupils top levels	% pupils bottom level
Canada	7 th	523	22.7	5.9
United States	25 th	488	13.3	13.16

Mean score: (Reading + Science + Math)

Inequality: % at top levels; % at bottom level



Countries by their most recent Gini coefficient score, according to the World Bank.



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A PELICAN
BOOK

National Populism

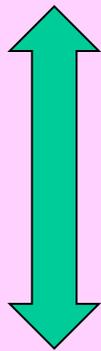
The Revolt Against Liberal Democracy

Roger Eatwell and
Matthew Goodwin



Leftwing
Populism

ELITE



THE REST

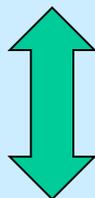
It is NOT:

- Socialist
- Social democratic
- Liberal, or
- Progressive

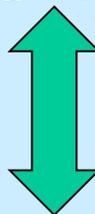
Politics

Rightwing
Populism

ELITE



MAJORITY



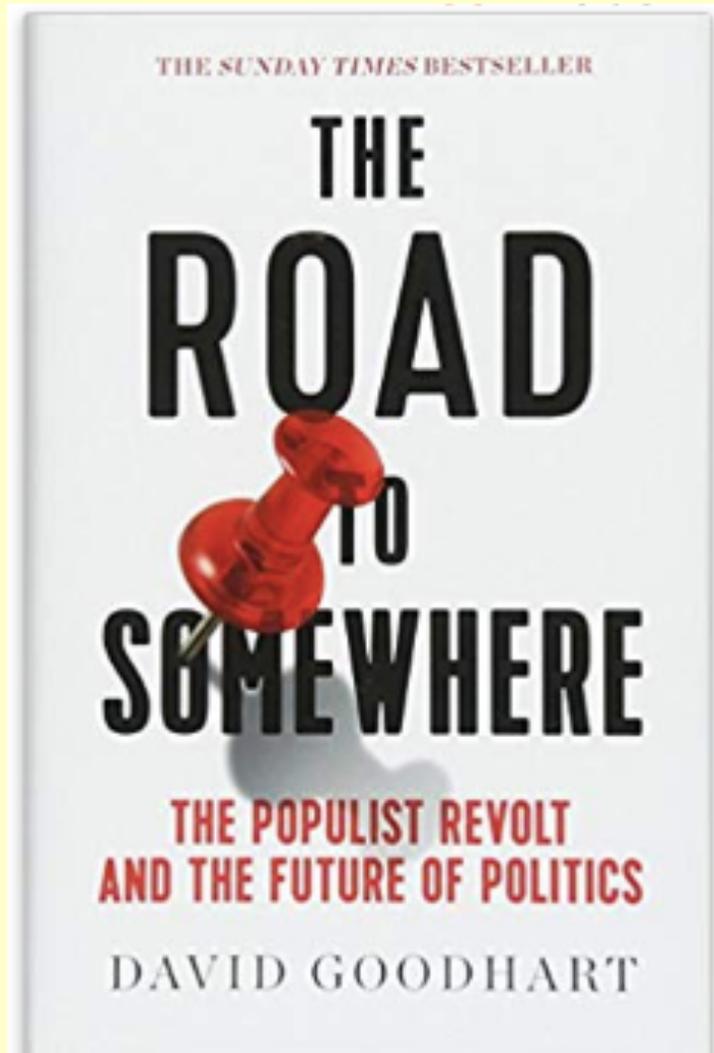
MINORITY

It is NOT:

Conservative (either
authoritarian or in
defence of the
business classes)

Politics





A '*Somewhere*':
rooted in a community
or country; no higher
education.

An '*Anywhere*':
Globally mobile; has a
university degree.



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