When it comes to the pace of annual pay increases, the top 1% leaves everybody else in the dust

Cumulative change in real annual wages, by wage group, 1979–2013



Source: EPI analysis of data from Kopczuk, Saez, and Song (2010) and Social Security Administration wage statistics

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FIGURE 9.5. The top decile income share in Anglo-Saxon countries, 1910–2010 The share of the top 0.1 percent highest incomes in total income rose sharply since the 1970s in all Anglo-Saxon countries, but with varying magnitudes. Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/capital21C.



