

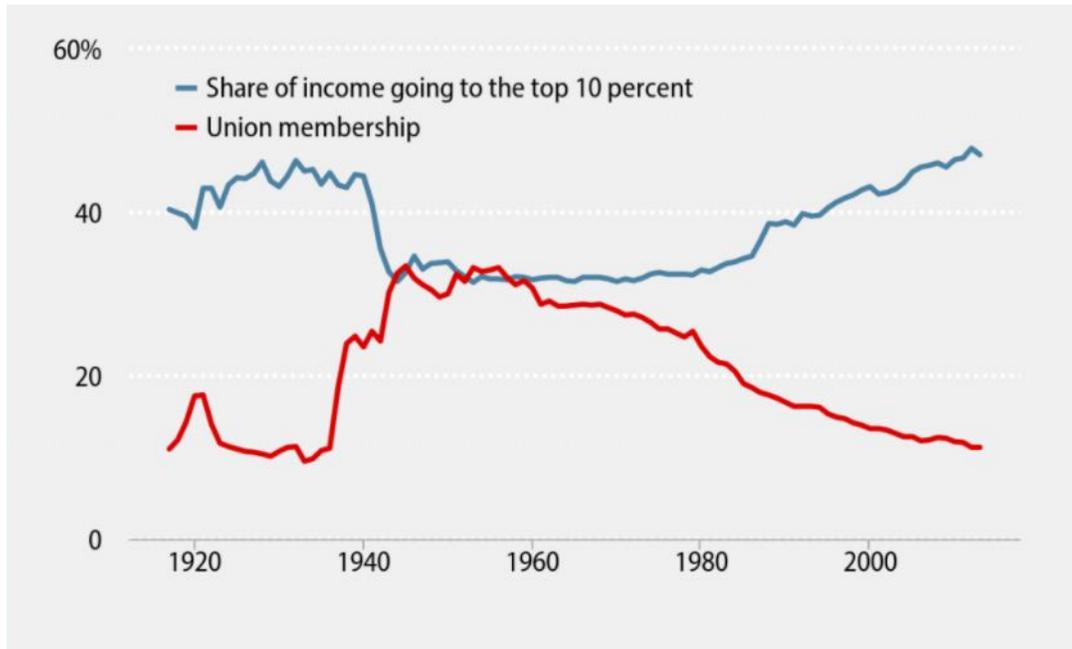
# Principles of Sociology Final Exam



Use the image above to answer Question 1:

1. Use your sociological imagination to analyze the image above. What might be some observations that a sociologist would make about what is happening in this image? (think in terms of the three perspectives)
2. Use each of the main sociological perspectives to analyze the gun control debate. What are the differences in approach of each perspective and what policy advice might each perspective offer?
3. In what ways has the internet impacted culture? (think in terms of the components of culture)
4. To what extent have the pressures to rigidly conform to normative values become less constraining?
5. How might Karl Marx's response to the challenges and opportunities created by robotics differ from that of Max Weber's? Whose perspective do you think offers the best sociological predictions on the influence of robotics?
6. Susan and Tom just got married. Susan is a divorced, single mother with two children and Tom is a bachelor without children. Use the sociological imagination to give Susan and Tom some advice (which they will almost certainly not follow) on building and keeping a happy marriage.

7. To what extent is it valid to describe American Norms and Values with regard to sexuality as being "socially schizophrenic?"
8. What does the graph below tell you about inequality in the United States? What are the benefits of using this particular graph for constructing an analysis regarding inequality? What are the limitations of this graph as a unit of data?



9. "Instead of spending billions of dollars helping other countries, the United States should use that money to take care of our own." Use the sociological imagination and your understanding of global inequality to analyze this statement, then give an argument that either validates or repudiates this claim.
10. What have you gotten out of taking this class? How will this class, either the process by which the class was taught, or the subject matter that was covered and/or anything that was said or done by me or other students this semester, be of benefit to you in your life?

Thank you for a great semester!