

The Causes of Liberalism's Retreat

The background of the slide is a photograph of an American flag painted on a weathered, cracked concrete wall. The flag is in the lower-left portion of the frame, with its stars and stripes visible. A prominent, jagged crack runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the top right, passing over the flag. The overall tone is gritty and somber, reflecting the 'retreat' mentioned in the title.

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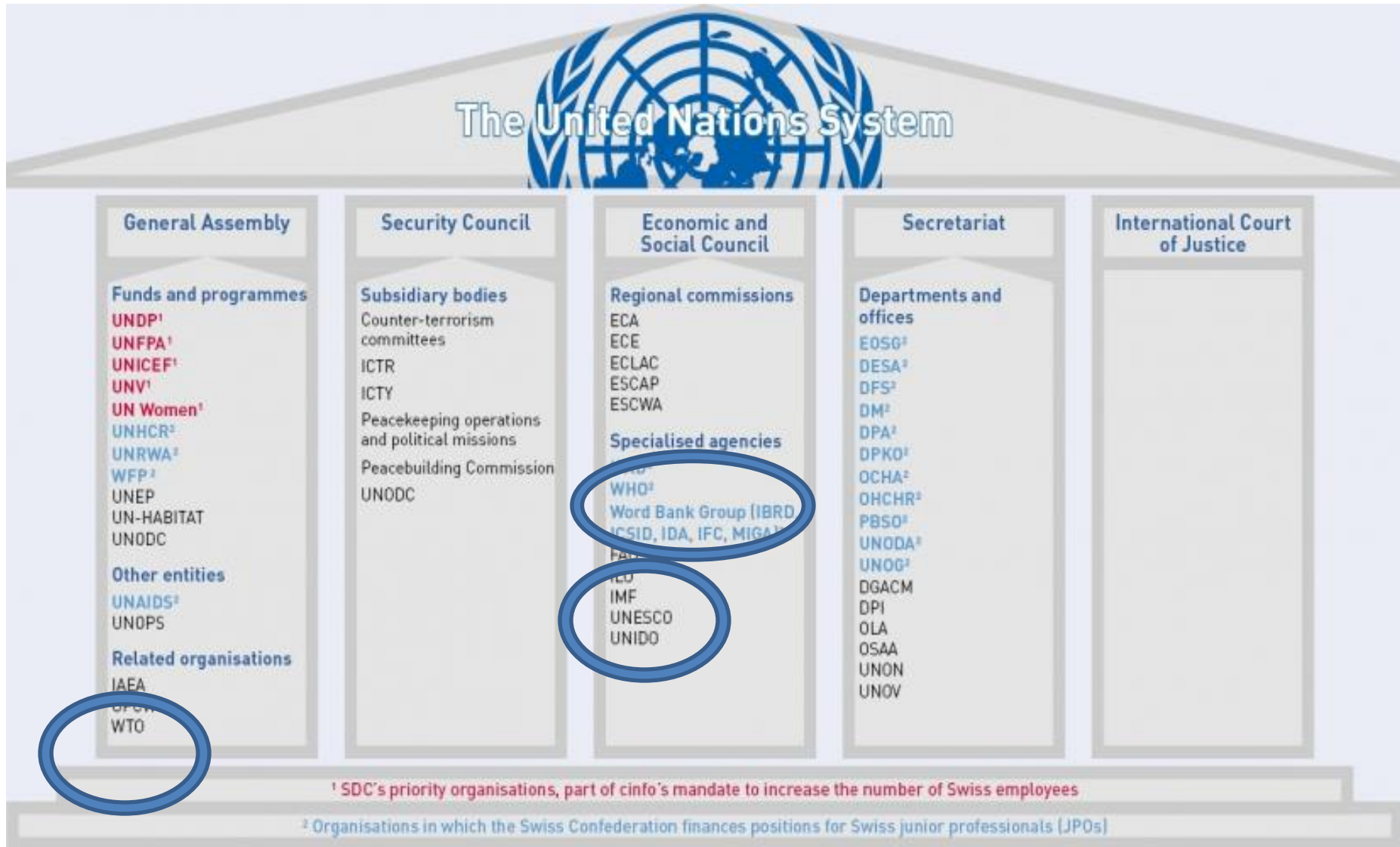
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Review: Deadliest and first Global War in Human History and the “Causes”



Review: A new liberal Order: The UN System and “New Deal Liberalism” for the International Economy



But these Institutions were Weak..... So.....

AMERICA
TO THE RESCUE





GLOBALIZATION

The smashing of International Liberal Institutions and decline of the post-war liberal order



The signs of Liberalism's Retreat in the U.S.: Illiberalism of American Leadership



The signs of Liberalism's retreat: The Rise of Populism

- What is populism?
- The rise of anti-liberal populism around the world
- Russia and China against liberalism
- Powerful Populists motivate populist movements everywhere



What are the Causes?

- US Global Hypocrisy
- Weaknesses and contradictions of Liberalism
- Globalization
- (AI, Culture and Identity)

U.S. Liberal Hypocrisy

- US Human Rights Abuses
- Myth that the US fights only the enemies of Liberalism
- Overthrow of Governments and support of violent illiberal forces
- Subversion of democratic elections

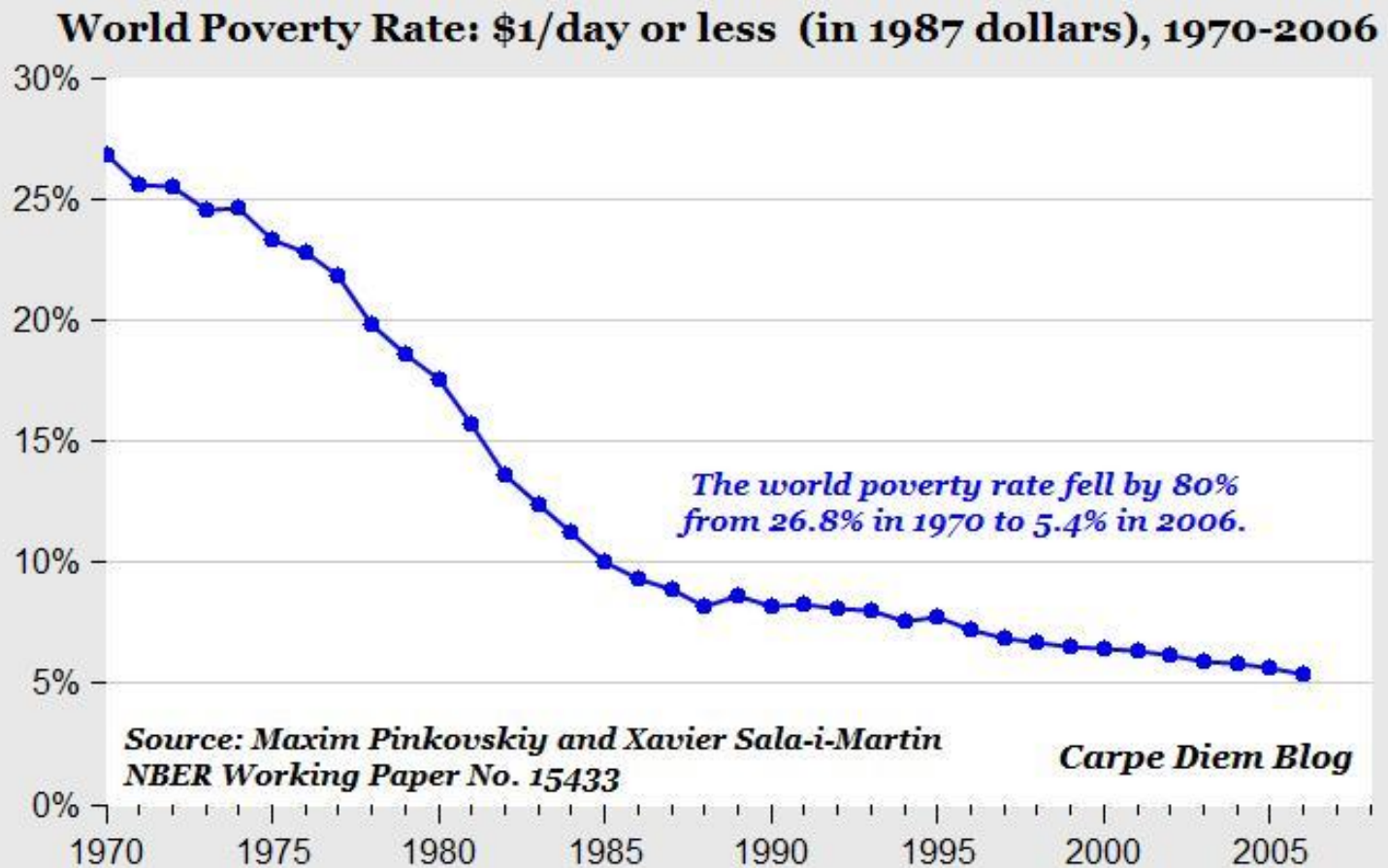


The weaknesses of liberalism

- The focus on reason leaves out emotion
- Liberal Focus on rationality leaves out heroism (are we really rational?)
- The classical focus on freedom and equality leaves out the human need for security
- The focus on individual freedom, individual rights, and individual equality leave out community solidarity
- The focus on the individual leaves out the need to belong to something bigger than themselves
- The Liberal focus on competitiveness leaves out cooperation and community
- Liberal freedom and equality → insecurity, fragmented community, loss of identity
- **Can Nations be communities that fill the vacuum left by liberalism?**

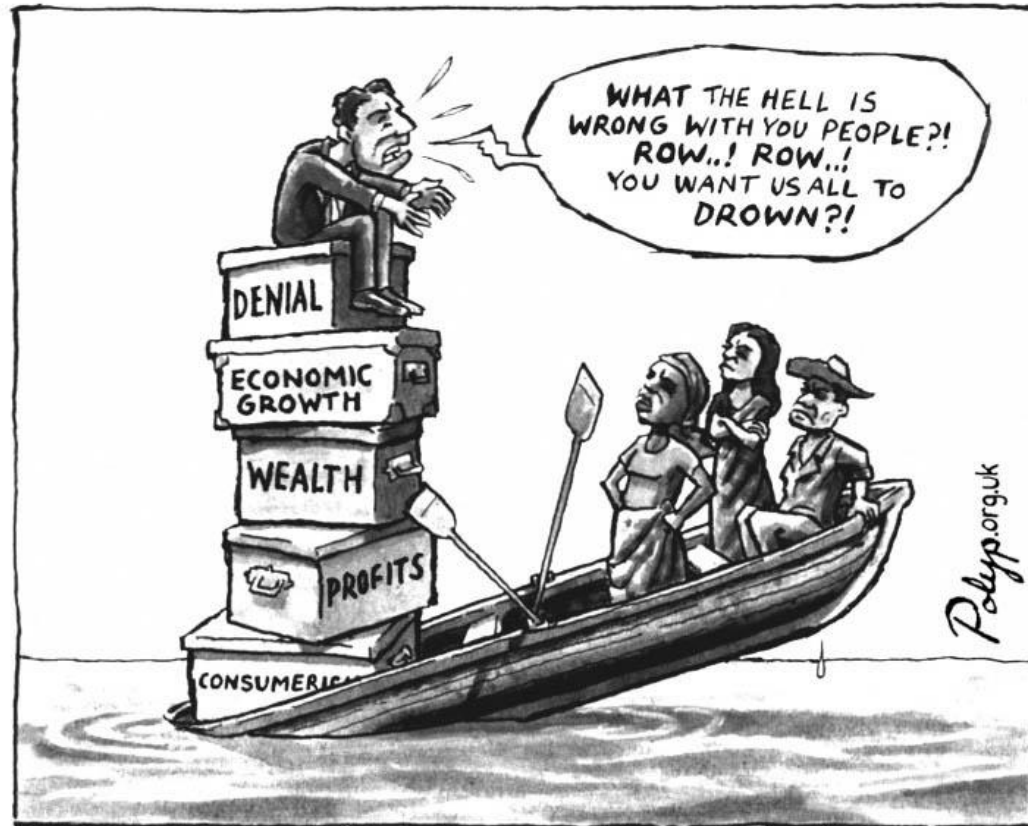
Globalization as a cause of Liberalism's retreat?

But Globalization has reduced poverty!



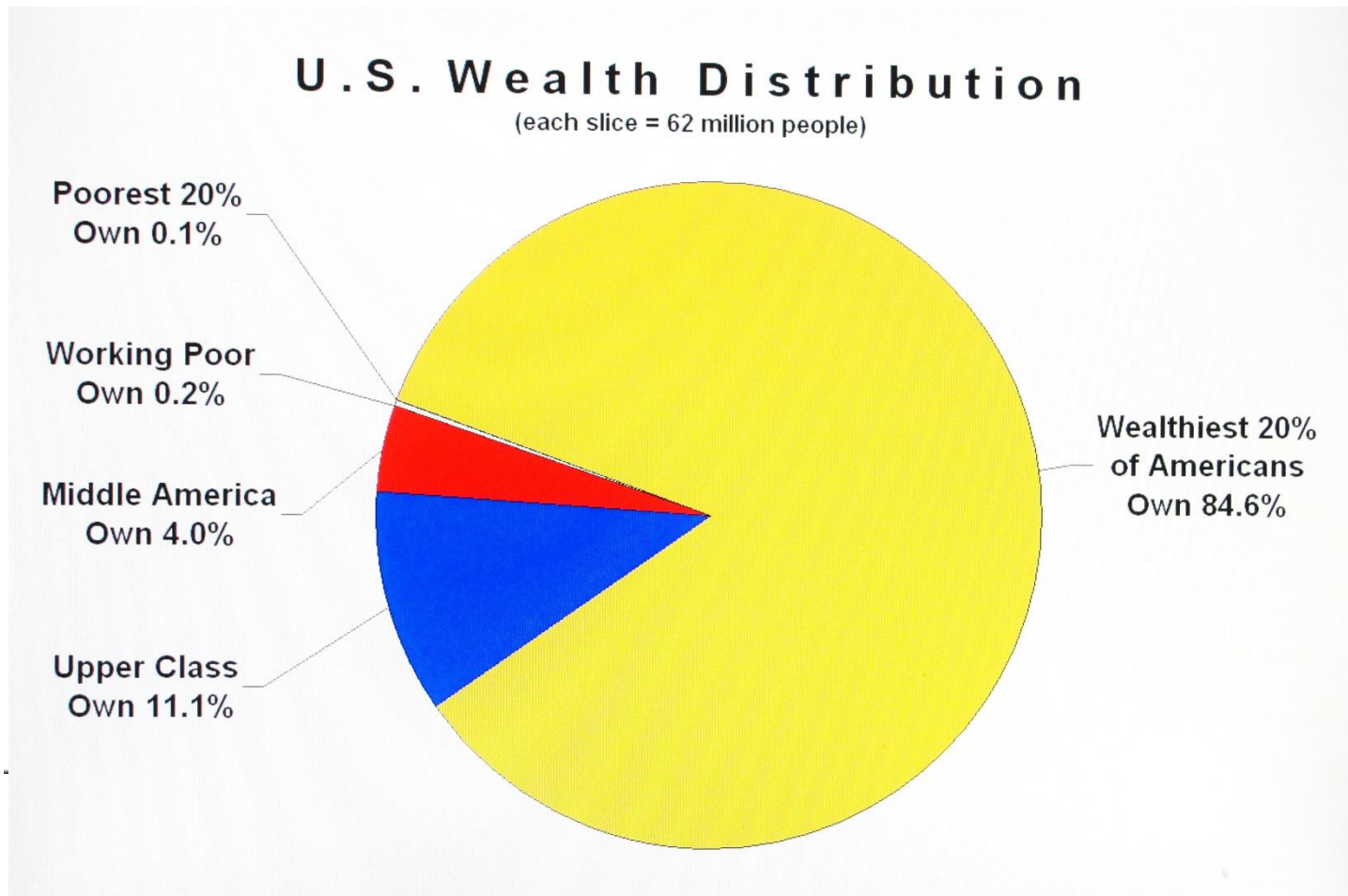
But Global inequality has increased

- Neo-liberalization and globalization concentrate wealth at the top
- Wages are pushed down by globalization - a global labor market.....



'THE SAME BOAT'

And U.S. is becoming a more unequal society



So what does it have to do with Globalization, the Retreat of Liberalism, and the Rise of Populism?

- work that delivers high level management services **The Symbolic Analyst**
- routine production of goods and services
Routine Production Workers
- work that delivers routine personal services.
Routine Personal Service Workers

The Symbolic Analyst



Why Globalization increases inequality in the United States?

High level symbolic analysts account for 10 per cent of U.S. jobs

- Services are in global demand
- So their standard of living has risen
- They are part of a global, not a national labor market
- Services are scarce
- More productivity redounds to their benefit
- The job is to CUT COSTS, increase profits, push up share price...
- And they want to live in the United States

The Routine Production Worker



Once Well Paid but now But now no longer competitive...



Routine Personal Service Workers



The rich get richer and the poor get (relatively) poorer

- Wages have risen for routine production workers and Routine Personal Service workers
- But symbolic Analysts hold the real wealth
- And it comes from their investment portfolios, not salaries.
- And Only about half of American households have any exposure to the stock market,
- ownership of the shares of individual companies is clustered among upper-income families.

A sense of unfairness and the rise of populism

