Table S7.5. Calculations of the Gini coefficients corresponding to different levels of capital ownership inequality

Share of different groups total wealth	Low inequality (never observed; ideal society?)	Medium inequality (≈ Scandinavia, 1970s-1980s)	Medium- high inequality (≈ Europe 2010)	High inequality (≈ U.S. 2010)	Very high inequality (≈ Europe 1910)
The top 10% "Upper class"	30%	50%	60%	70%	90%
including: the top 1% ("dominant class")	10%	20%	25%	35%	50%
including: the next 9% ("well-to-do class")	20%	30%	35%	35%	40%
<b>The middle 40%</b> "Middle class"	45%	40%	35%	25%	5%
The bottom 50% "Lower class"	25%	10%	5%	5%	5%
Gini coefficient: 2 group distribution (bottom 90%, top 10%)	0.20	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.80
Gini coefficient: 3 group distribution (bottom 50%, following 40%, top 10%)	0.33	0.56	0.66	0.71	0.81
Gini coefficient: 4 group distribution (bottom 50%, following 40%, following 9%, top 1%)	0.33	0.58	0.67	0.73	0.85

The more we introduce different social groups in the distribution, the higher is the corresponding Gini coefficient. See formulas and technical appendix.