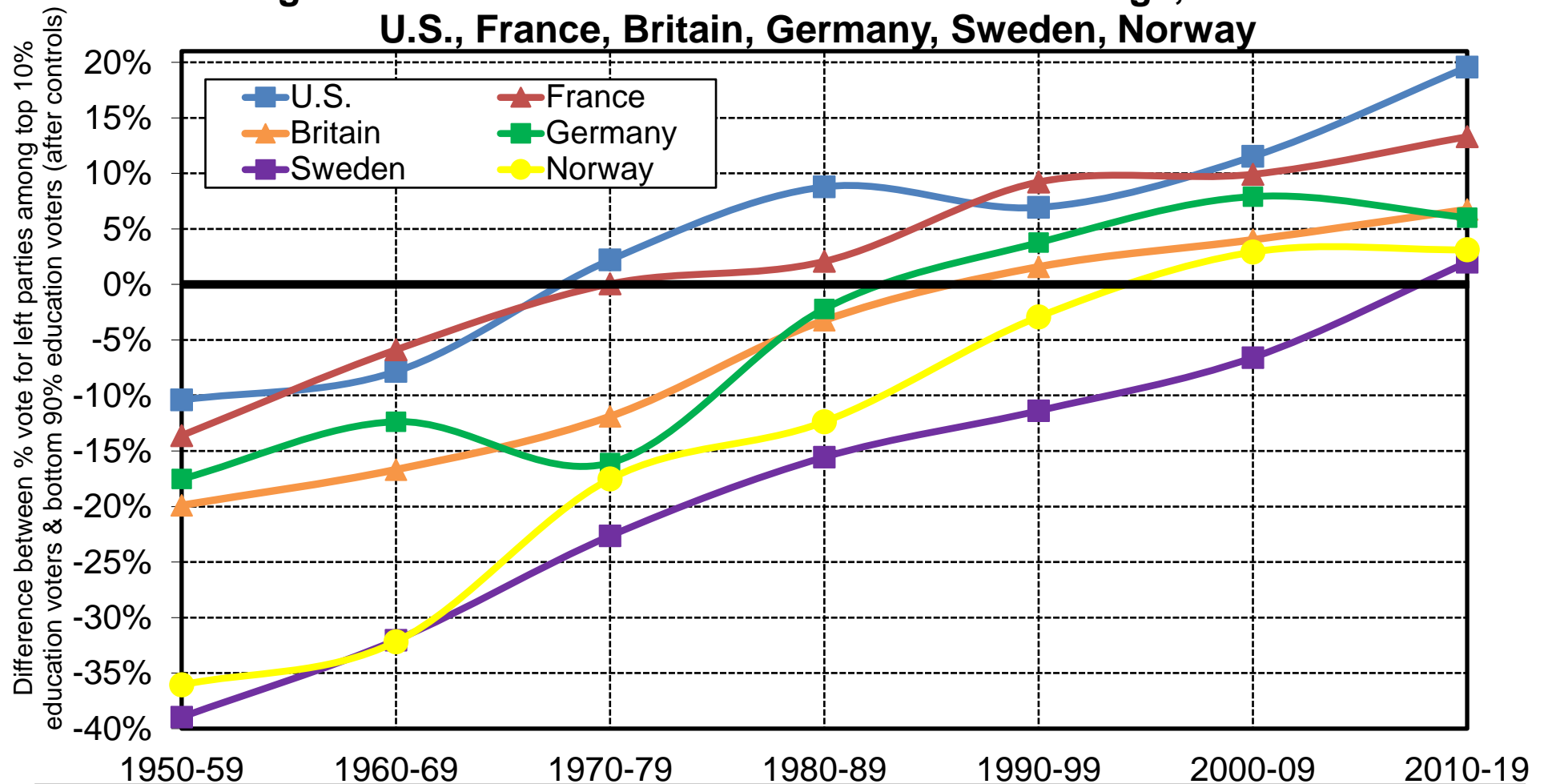


**Figure 16.1. The reversal of the education cleavage, 1950-2020:
U.S., France, Britain, Germany, Sweden, Norway**



Interpretation. During the 1950-1970 period, the vote for the democratic party in the U.S. and for the various left-wing parties in Europe (labour, social-democrats, socialistes, communists, radicals, greens, etc.) was stronger among the voters with the lowest education levels; in the period 2000-2020, it has become associated with the voters with the highest diplomas. The trend happens later in Nordic Europe, but follows the same direction. Note: "1950-59" includes elections conducted between 1950 and 1959, etc. Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology.