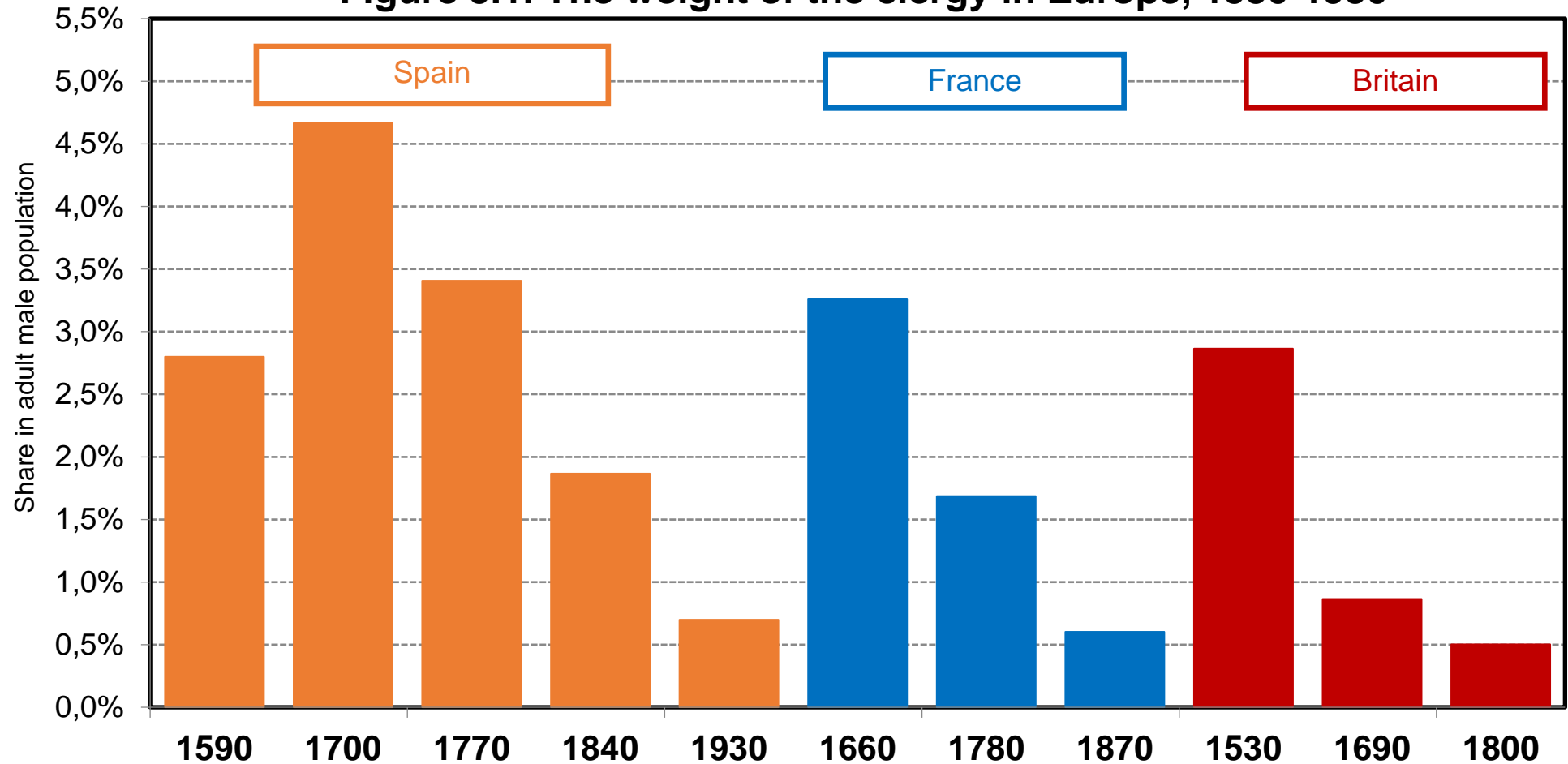


Figure 5.1. The weight of the clergy in Europe, 1530-1930



Interpretation. The clergy made over 4,5% of adult male population in Spain in 1700, less than 3,5% in 1770, and less than 2% in 1840. One observes a general downward trend, but with different chronologies across countries: the fall happens latter in Spain, earlier in Britain, and intermediate in France. Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology.