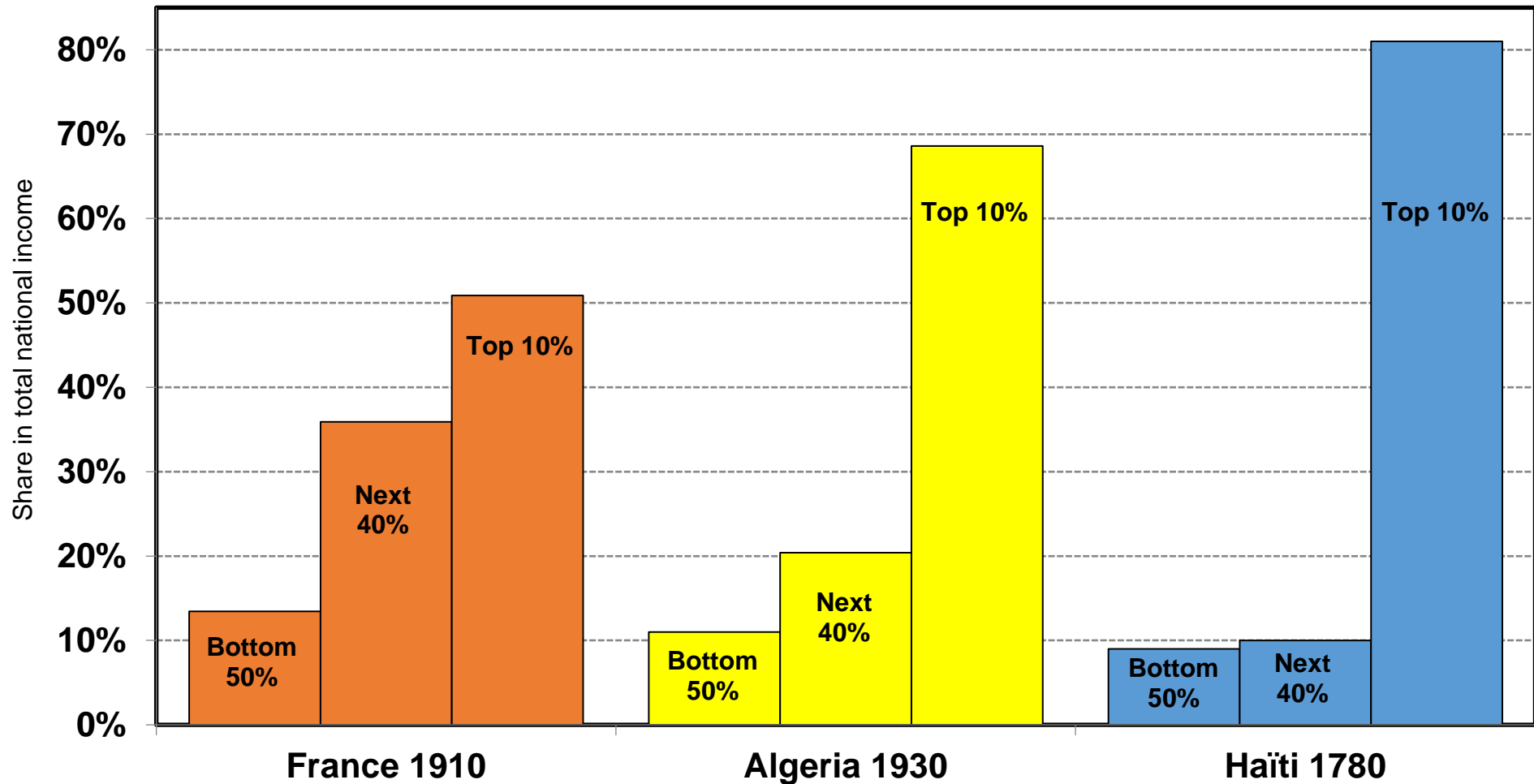


Figure 7.2. Inequality in colonial and slave societies



Interpretation. The share of the top 10% highest incomes in total income exceeded 80% in Saint-Domingue (Haïti) in 1780 (then made of about 90% slaves and less than 10% Europeans settlers), vs close to 70% in colonial Algeria in 1930 (then made of about 90% local population and 10% European settlers), and about 50% in metropolitan France in 1910. Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology.