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# Seven stories

from *Rising inequality? A stocktake of the evidence*

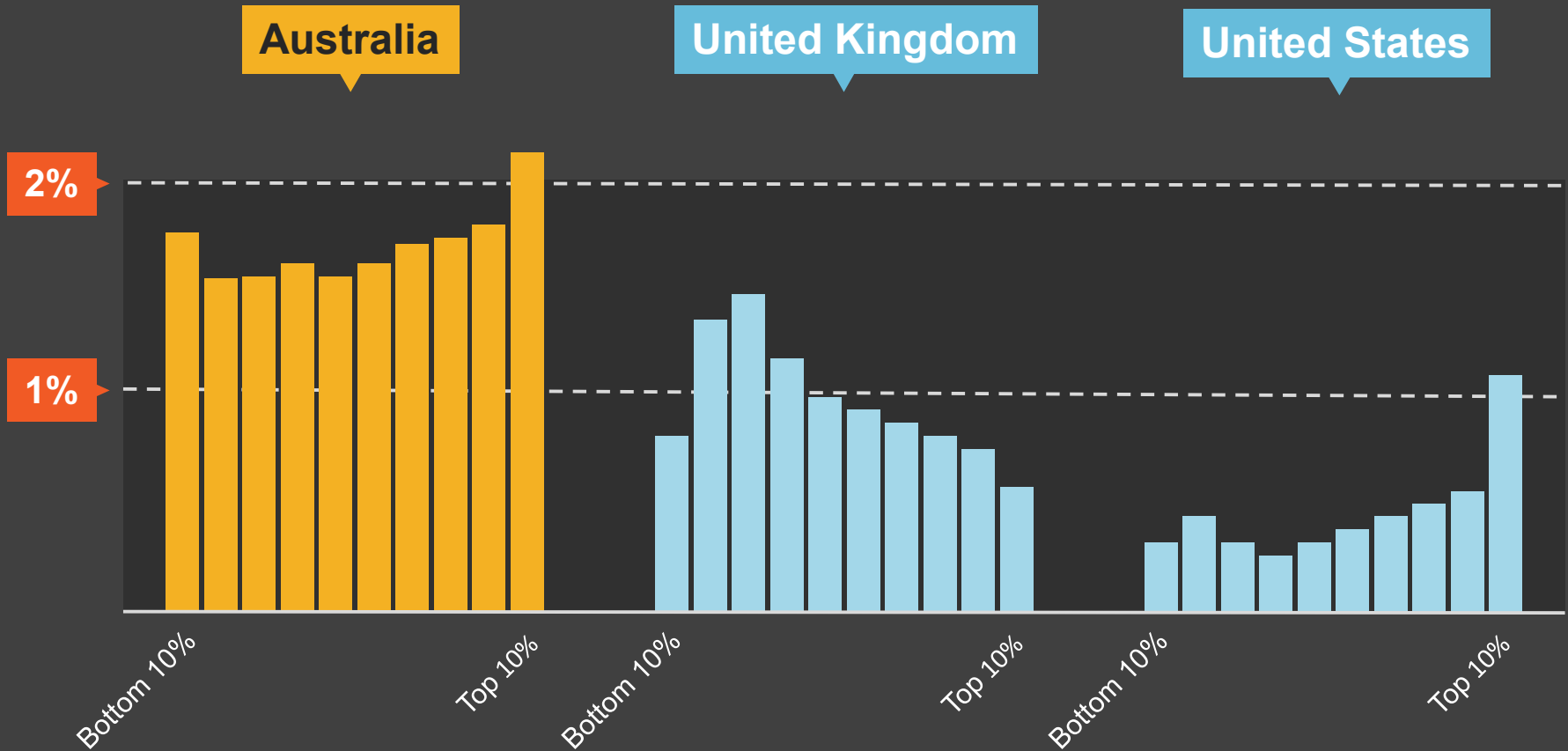


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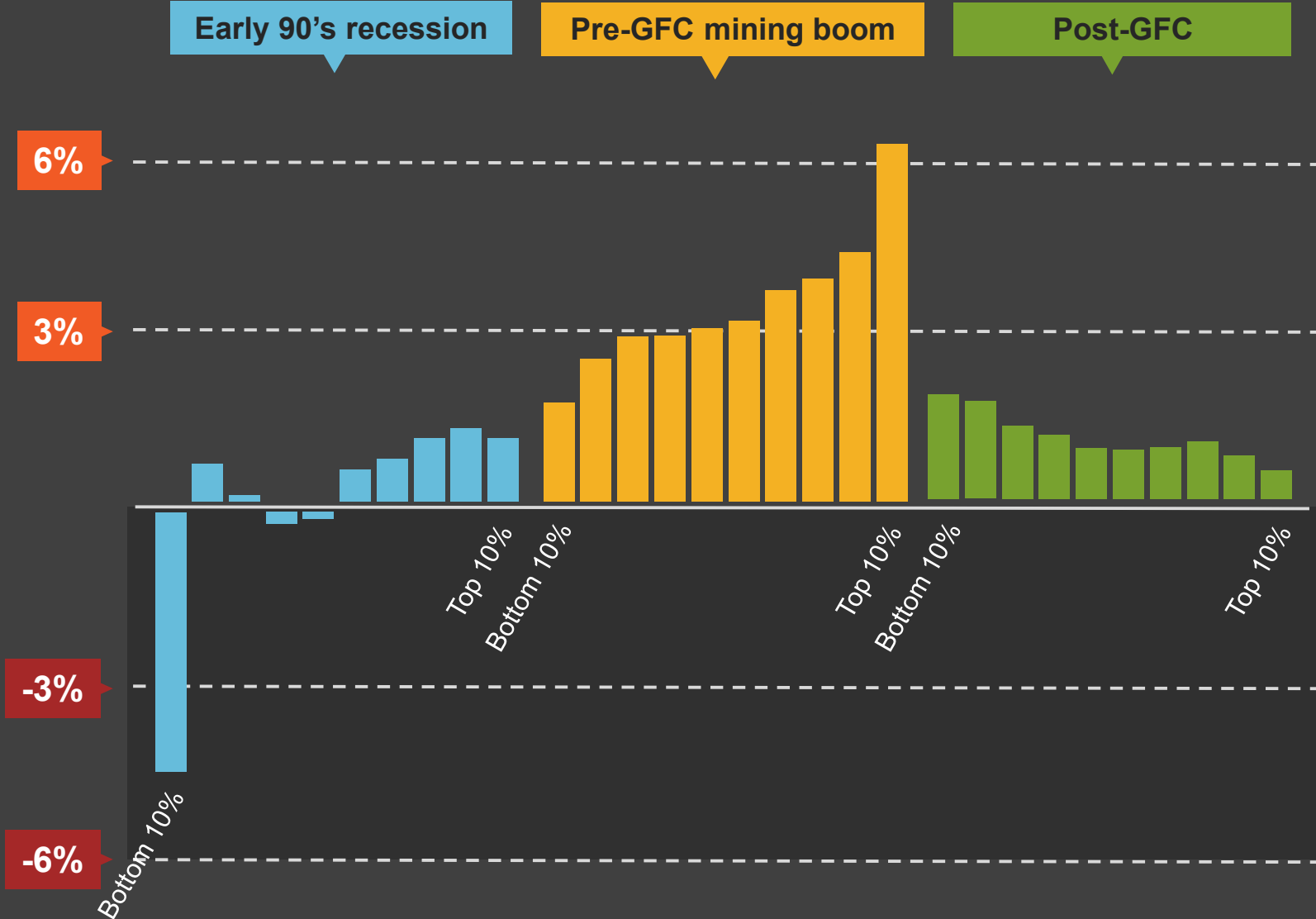


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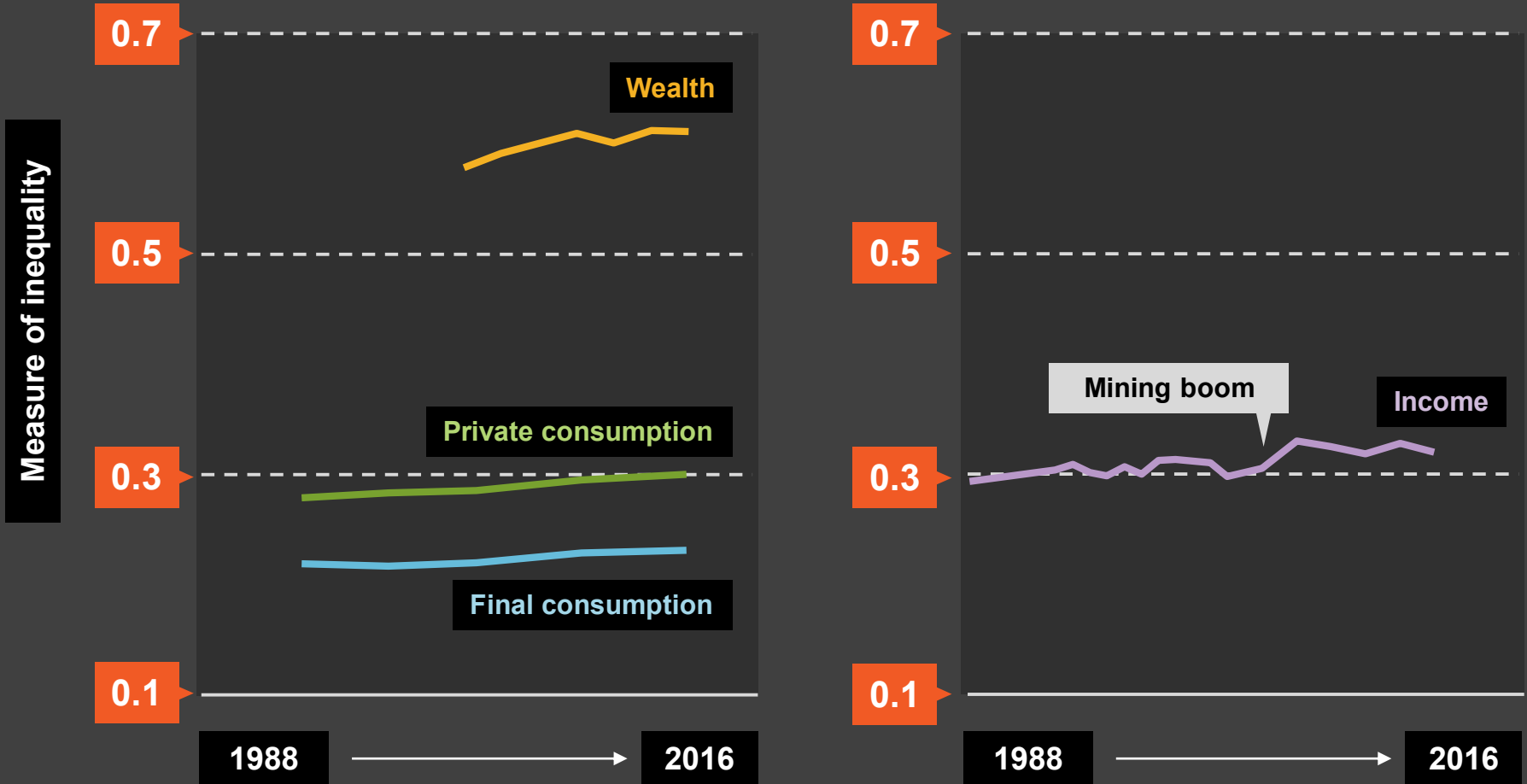
# Australia's 27-year income growth: strong and broadly shared



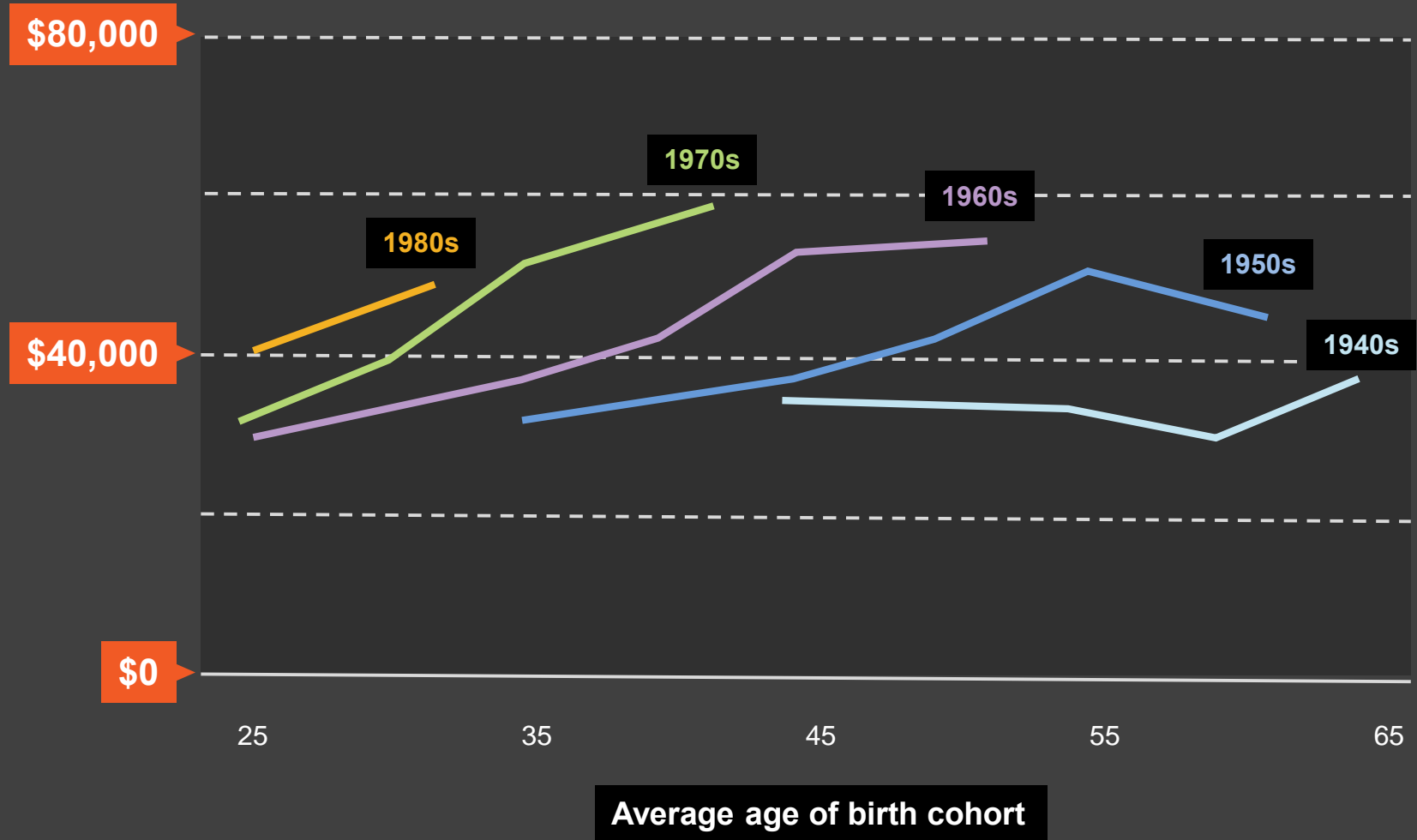
# Growth can favour the top or bottom income groups



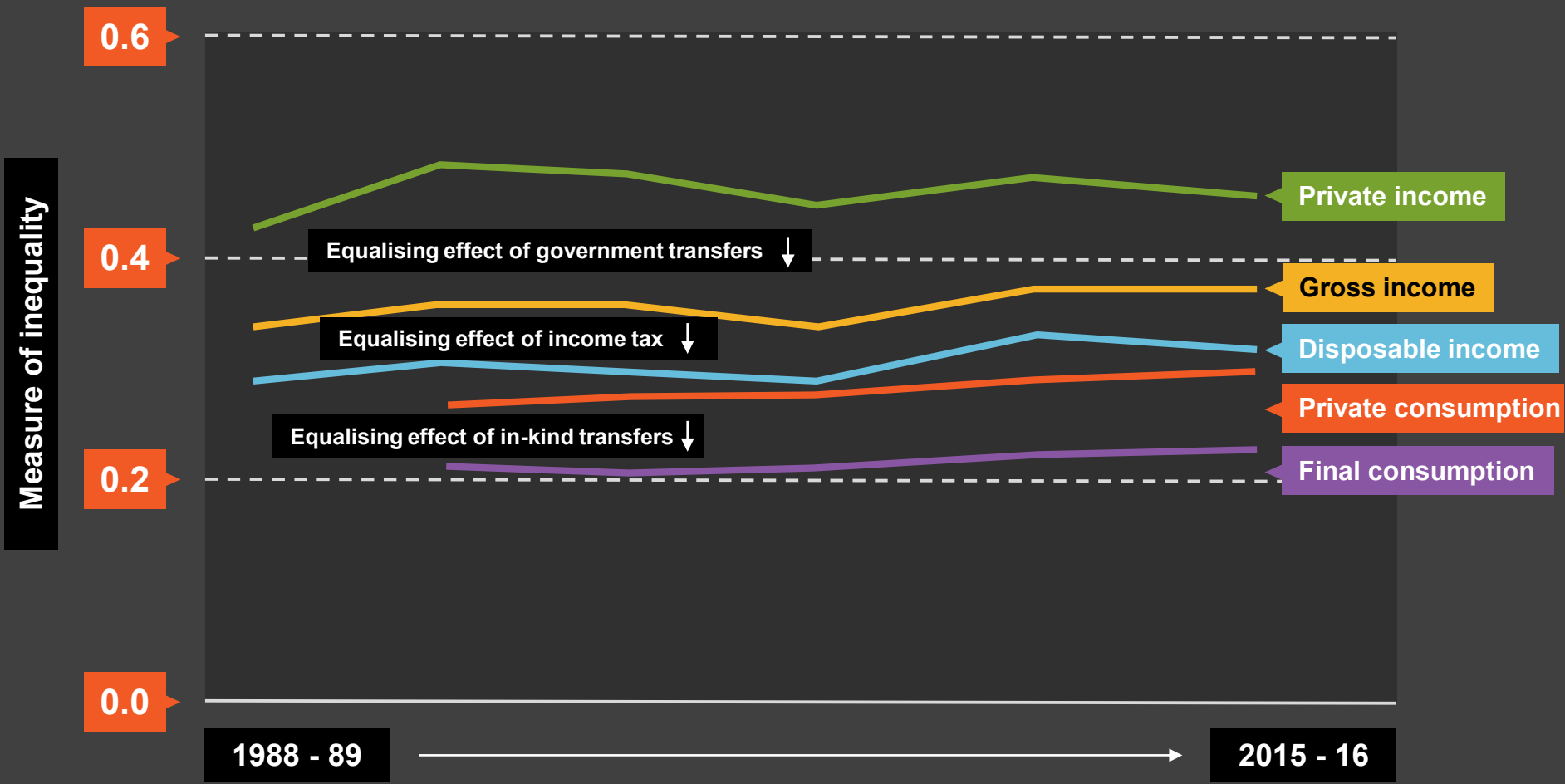
# ▶ Wealth inequality has increased, but the trend in income inequality is less clear



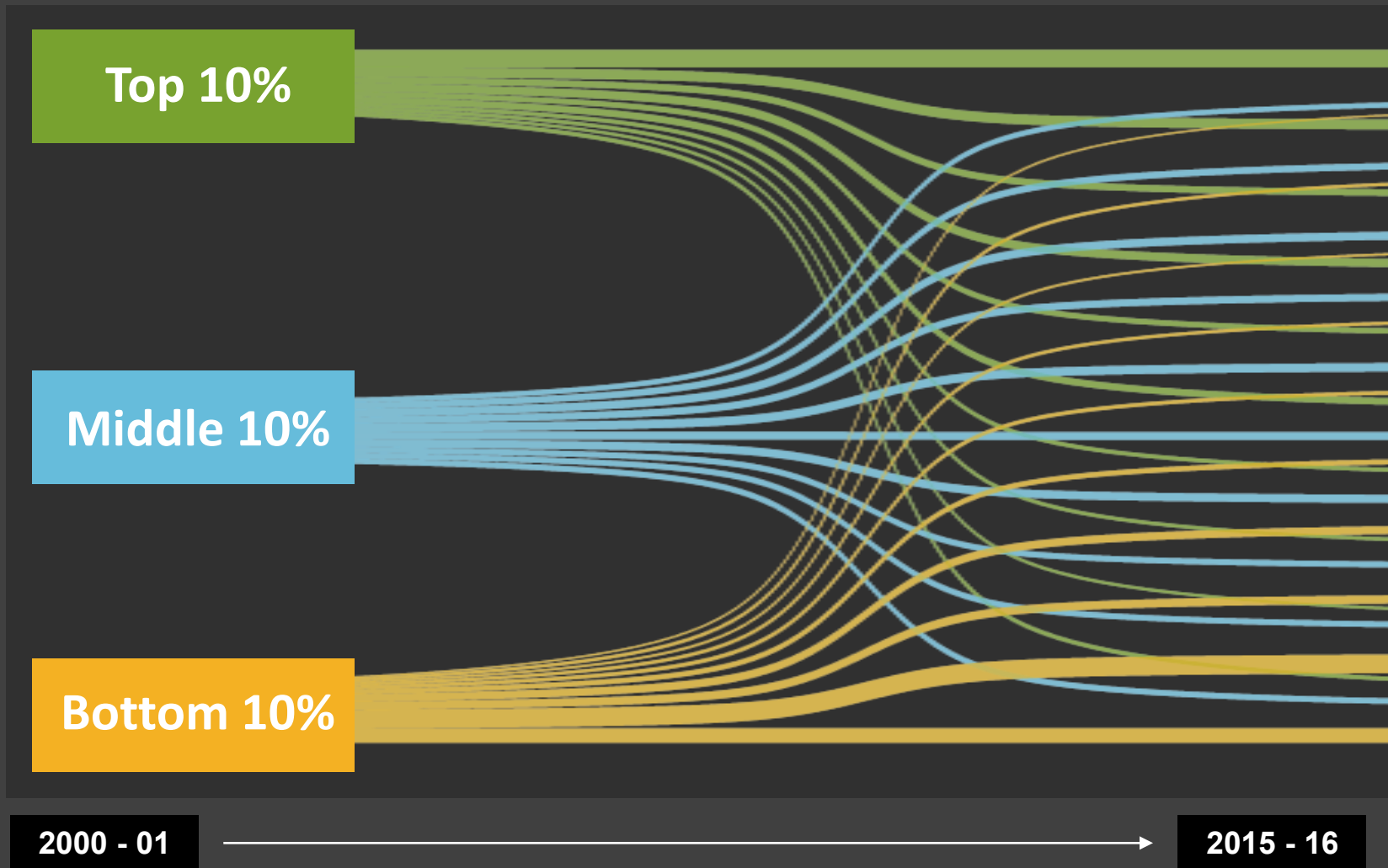
# ▶ Each generation has earned more than the last



# Income taxes and transfers drive inequality lower

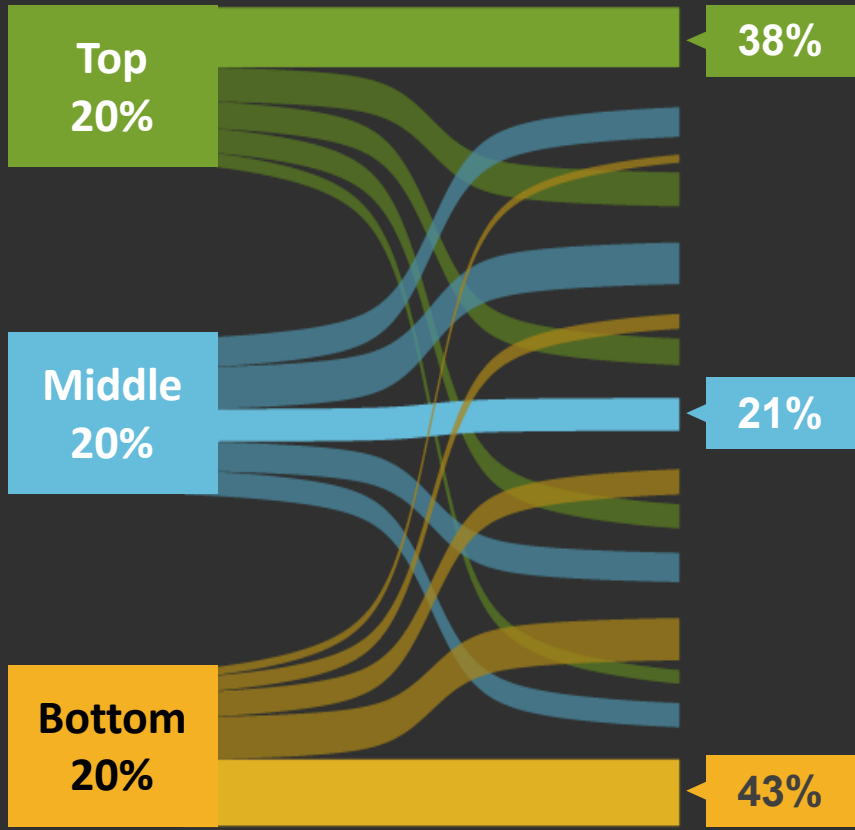


▶ People tend to move income brackets through their life



# Income mobility: Australia v United States

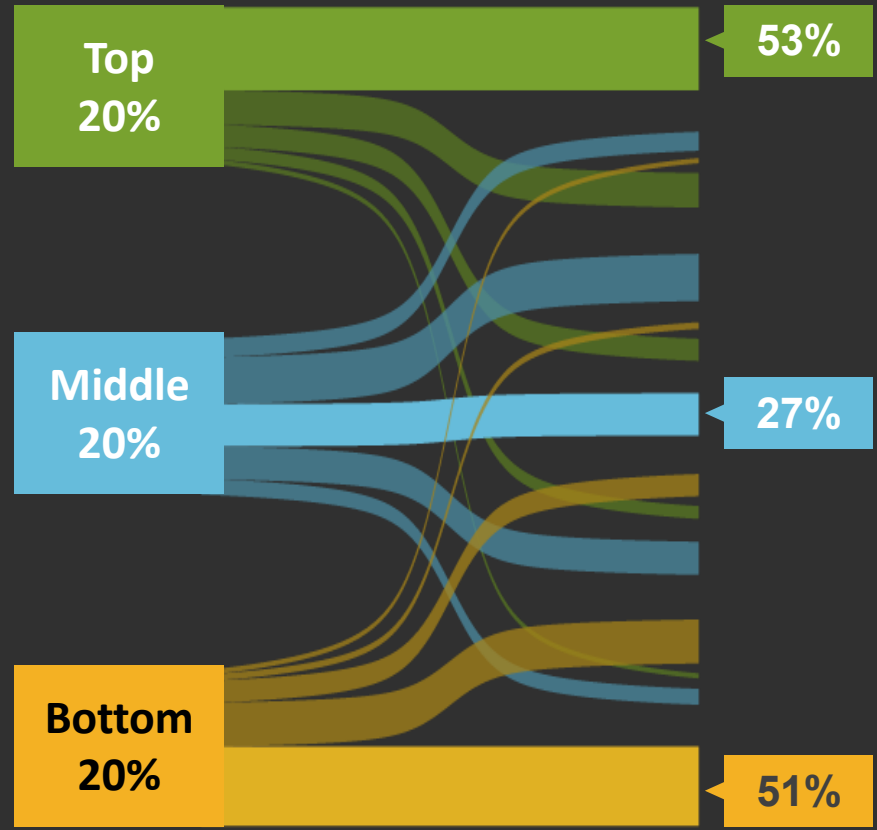
## Australia



2000 - 01

2014 - 15

## United States



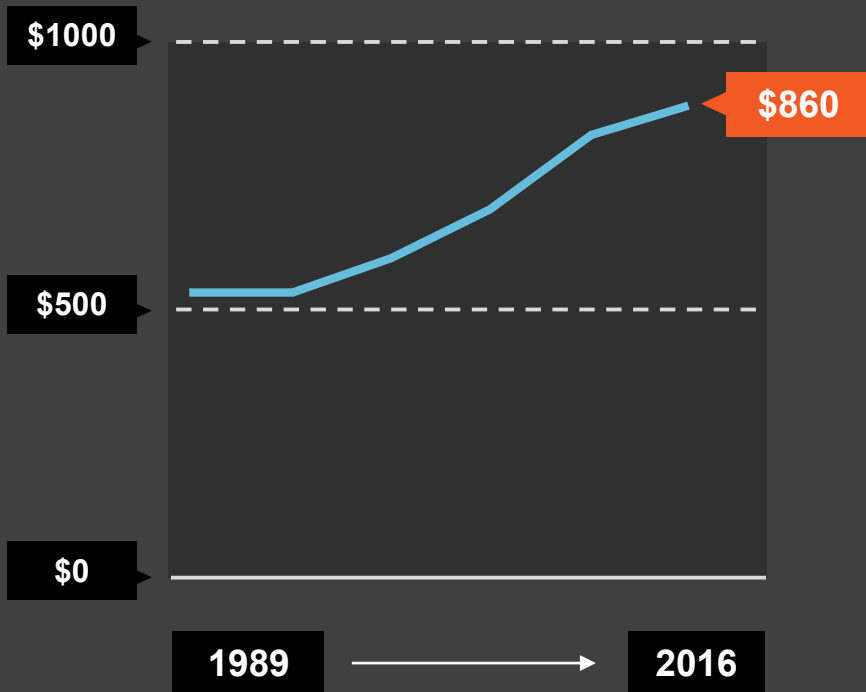
1998 - 99

2012 - 13



# ▶ 27 years of continuous growth but unchanged poverty rate

### Median weekly income



### Relative poverty rate

