

Why is Social Mobility so low and what can we do about it?

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Relative and Absolute Mobility



Paige's story and the benefits of higher mobility

A more healthy
society if talents
fulfilled

Elites and
business
represent
society



Individual
talent
fulfilled

Improved
economic
health

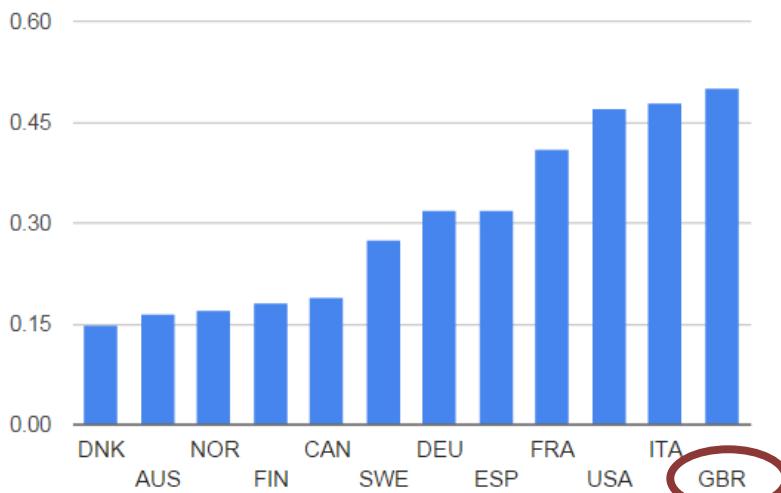
Paige Cunningham, 18, pictured with the US Ambassador in London, Matthew Barzun

Low Social Mobility in Britain

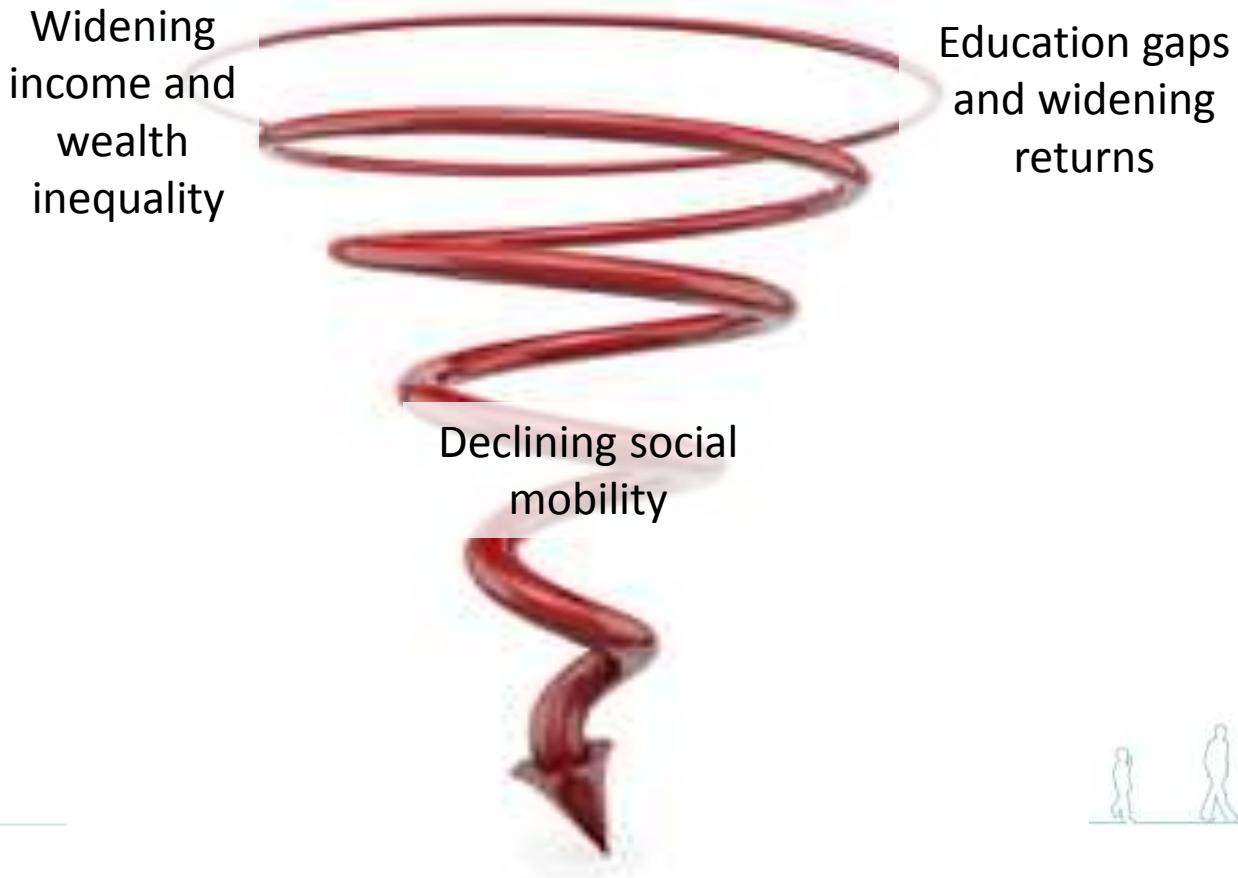
Britain, alongside the United States, has the lowest level of social mobility of any developed country for which there is data.



Britain has the closest correlation between father and son earnings across these countries...



The spiral of declining opportunity



Increasing inequality

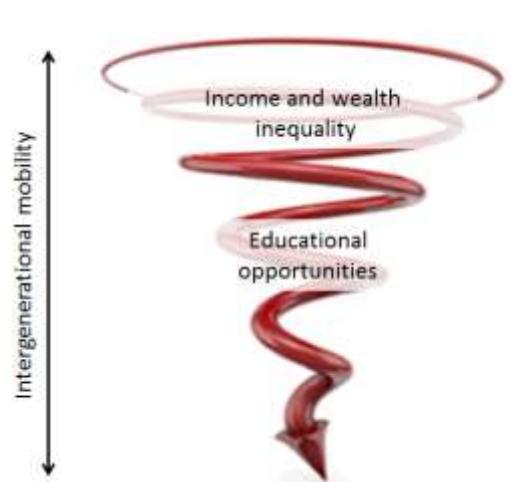
Top 10% incomes ten times more than bottom 10% (Kate Pickett)

Top 1% greater share of national income since 1930s.

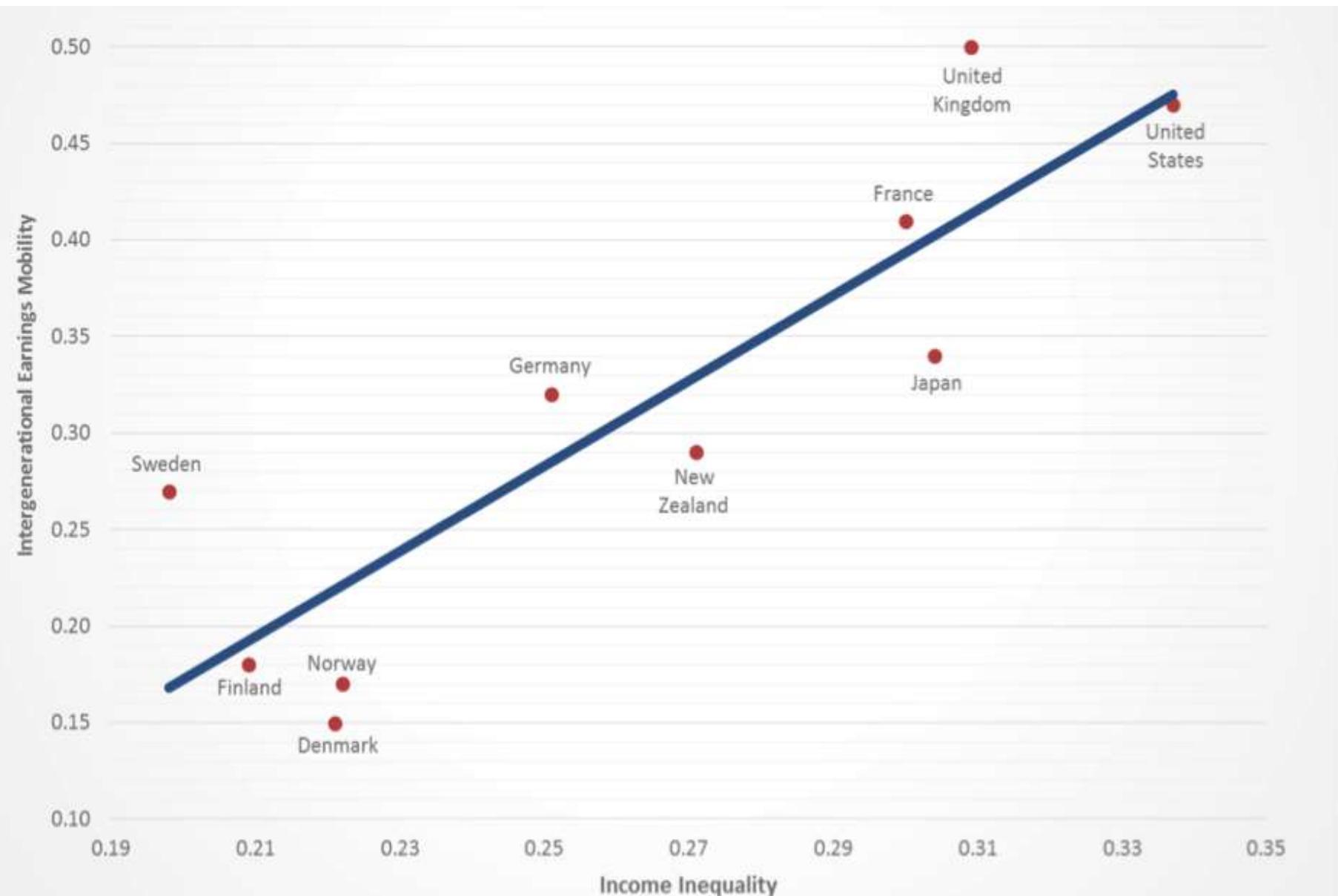
Rising wealth inequality apart from post-war blip, returns on wealth outpacing income growth (Piketty)

Richest parents 4 times more likely than poorest to pay for private tuition

Richest families in US spend 7 times more on enrichment than poorest families, a much bigger gap than 40 years ago.



Great Gatsby Curve



Mobility varies within countries

Intergenerational mobility is strongly **correlated** with:

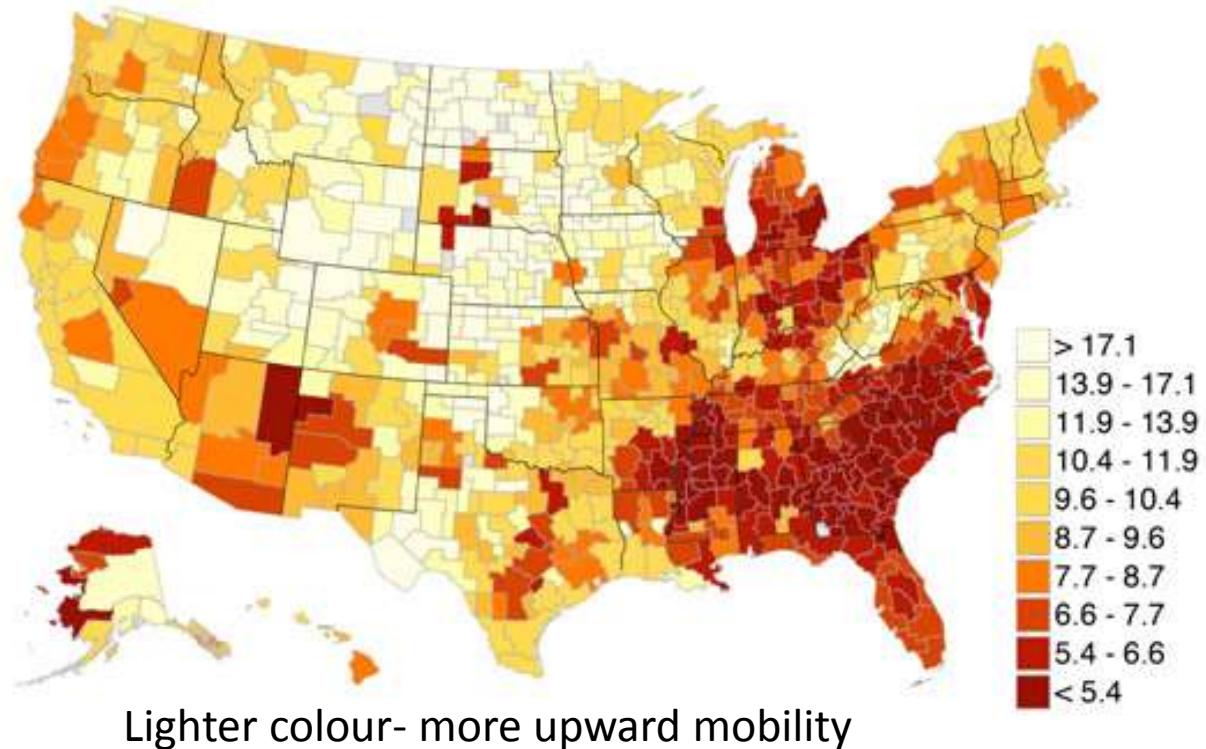
Residential segregation

Income inequality

School quality

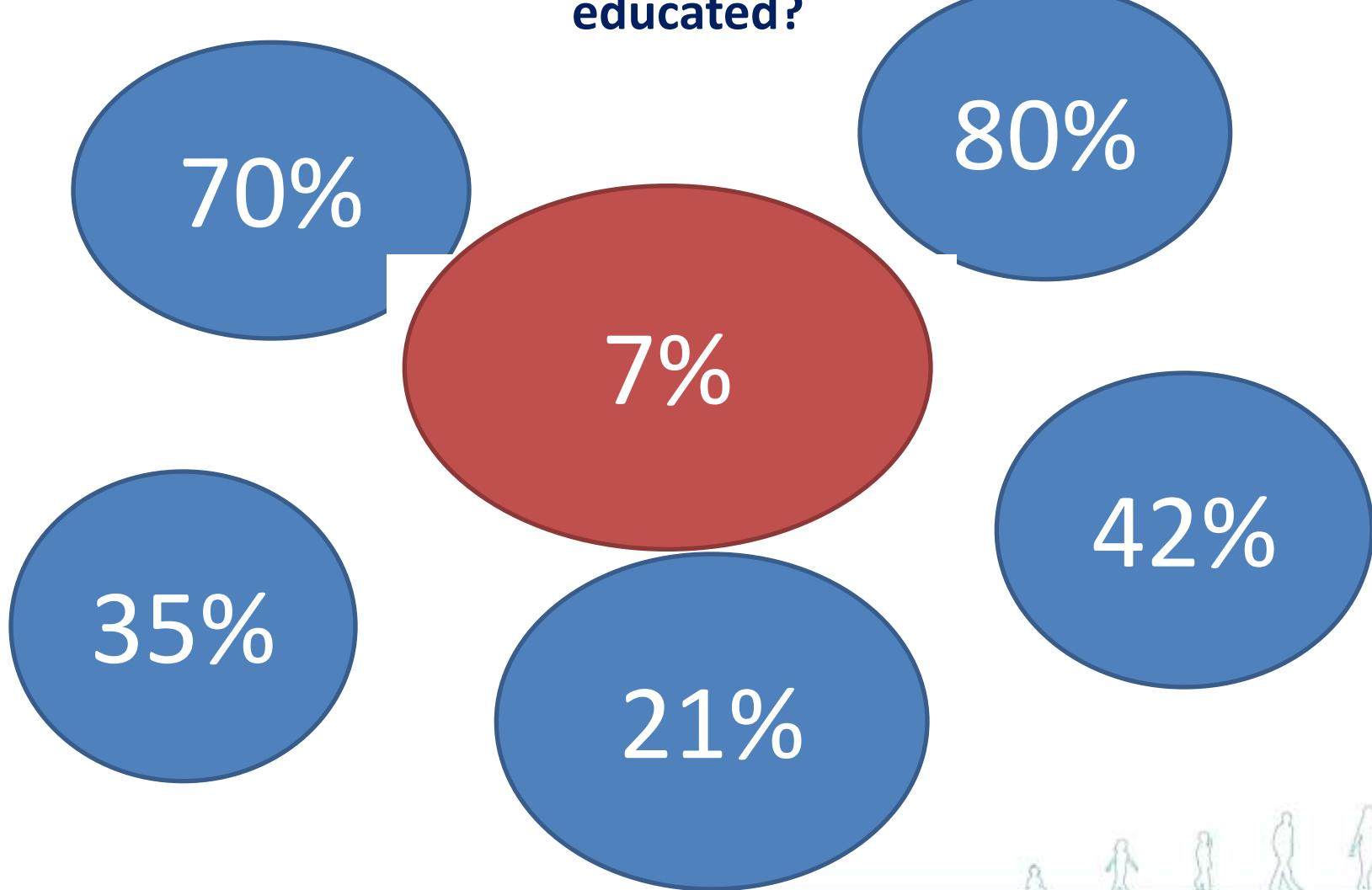
Social capital

Family structure

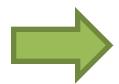


Top professions: for the wealthy?

How many of those in the top professions were privately educated?



The Education Arms Race



Yes ...12% of FSM pupils gained Level 5 or above in English and Maths at KS2 in 2014 (an increased on 10% in 2013 and 9% in 2010).



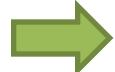
But...the number of non-FSM pupils getting level five has increased faster and currently stands at 29%



Yes ...Over last 10 years, HE participation of most disadvantaged 40% young people increased from 5.3% to 8.5%



But...most advantaged 20% young people over 6 times more likely to attend selective university than most disadvantaged 40%



Yes... State school students with same A-levels more likely to get higher degrees at university.



But... privately educated students gain higher paid graduate jobs even when attainment is lower, and have better access to postgraduate study.

What we do

- **Influencing government**
- **Evidence is everything!**
- **Partnerships with universities**
- **Apprenticeships, housing**



It aint what you spend it's
the way that you spend
it!

Our Impact



15,000

state school students have
benefited from the Trust's summer
schools



3/4

of Sutton Trust summer school
students go on to a leading
university – fifty percent higher
than students with similar
academic and socio-economic
profiles



150

Over 150 research studies

\$27 million

Dollars accessed in financial aid
by students on our US
programme



Education
Endowment
Foundation

93 trials in

4,700 schools with
600,000 pupils



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Education secretaries

Discussion and Questions

