

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**

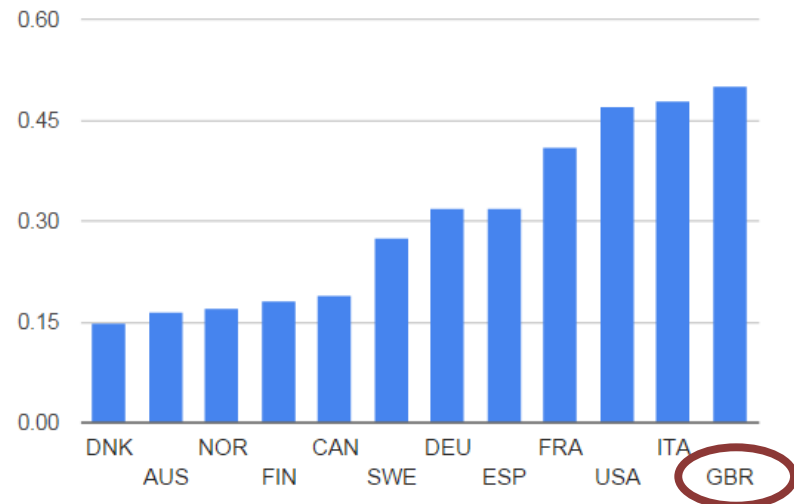
Paige Cunningham, 18, pictured with the US Ambassador in London, Matthew Barzun

Low Social Mobility in Britain

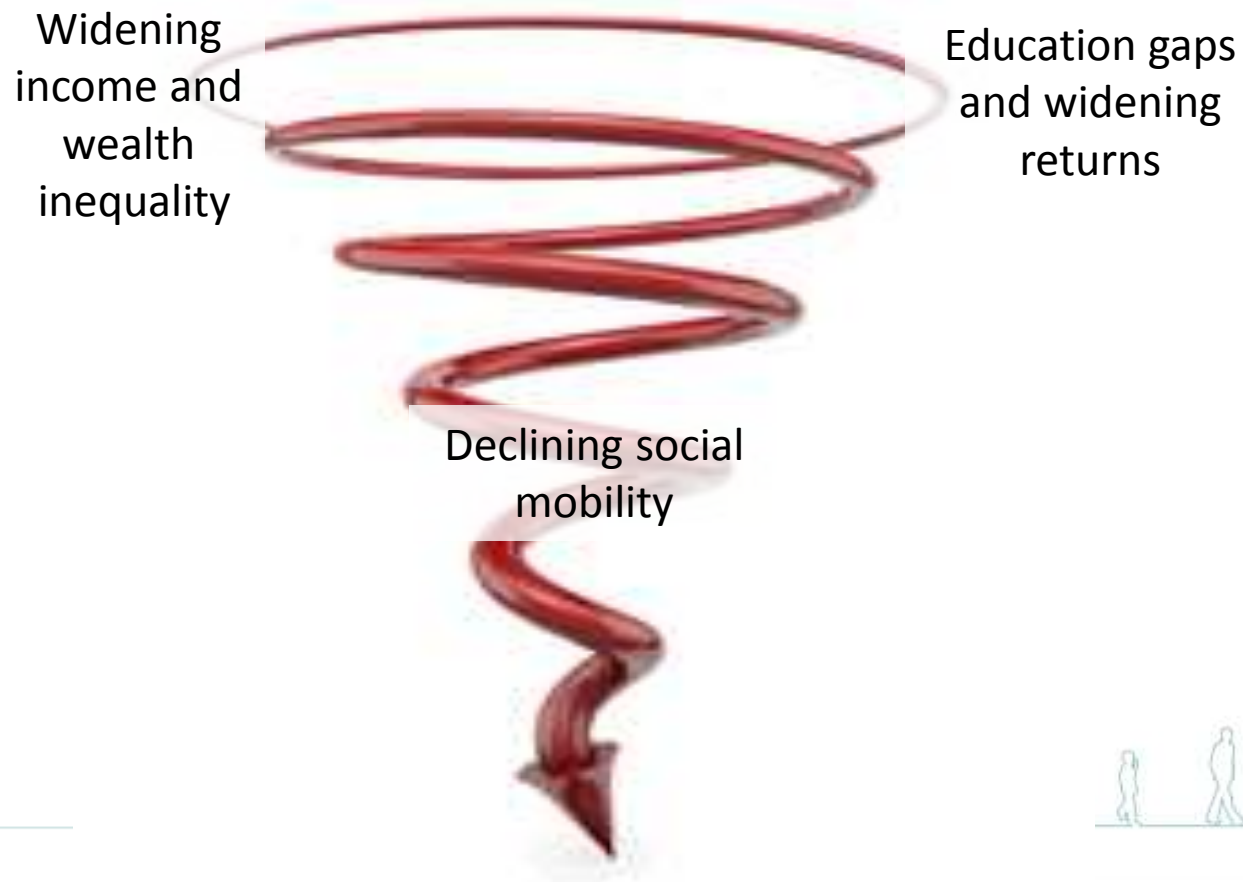
Britain, alongside the United States, has the lowest level of social mobility of any developed country for which there is data.



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



The spiral of declining opportunity



Increasing inequality

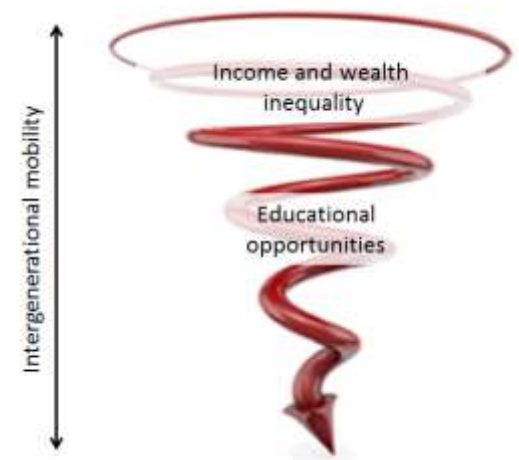
Top 10% incomes ten times more than bottom 10% (Kate Pickett)

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

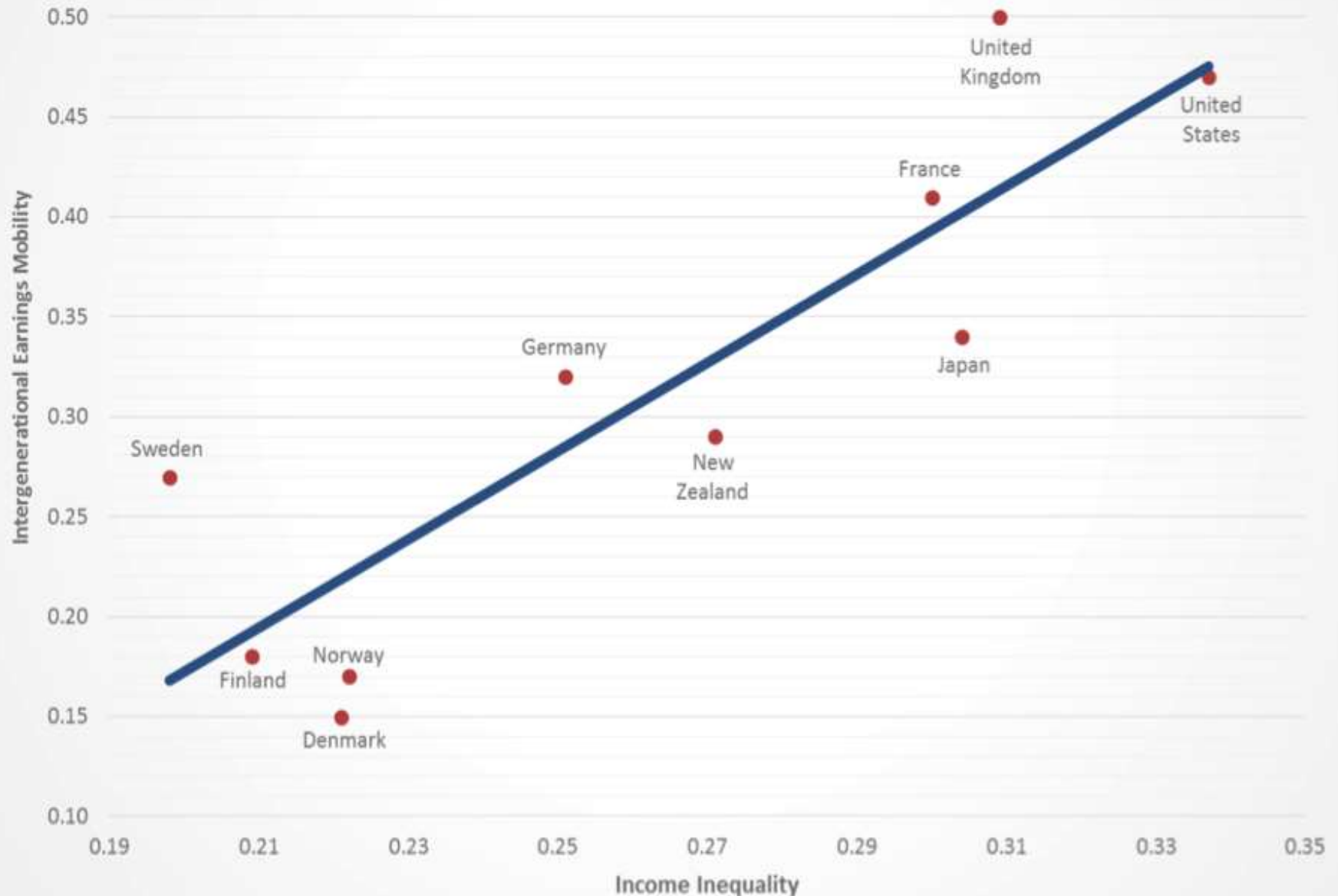
Rising wealth inequality apart from post-war blip, returns on wealth outpacing income growth (Piketty)

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:

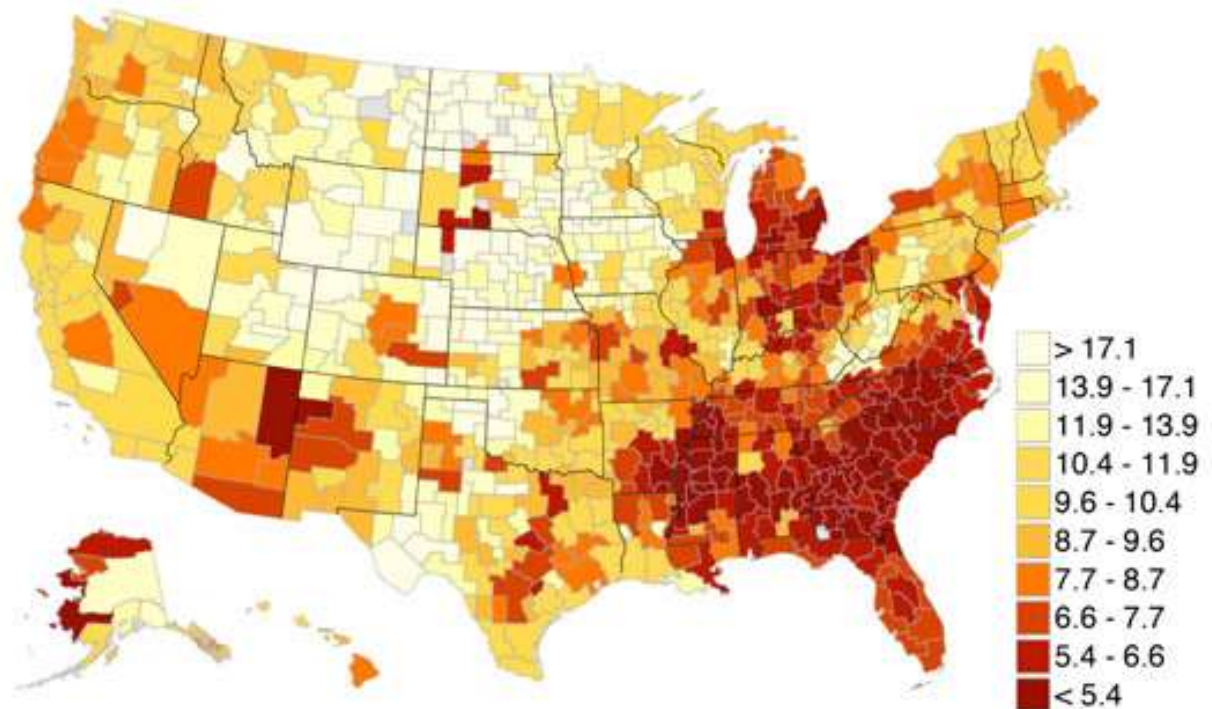
Residential segregation

Income inequality

School quality

Social capital

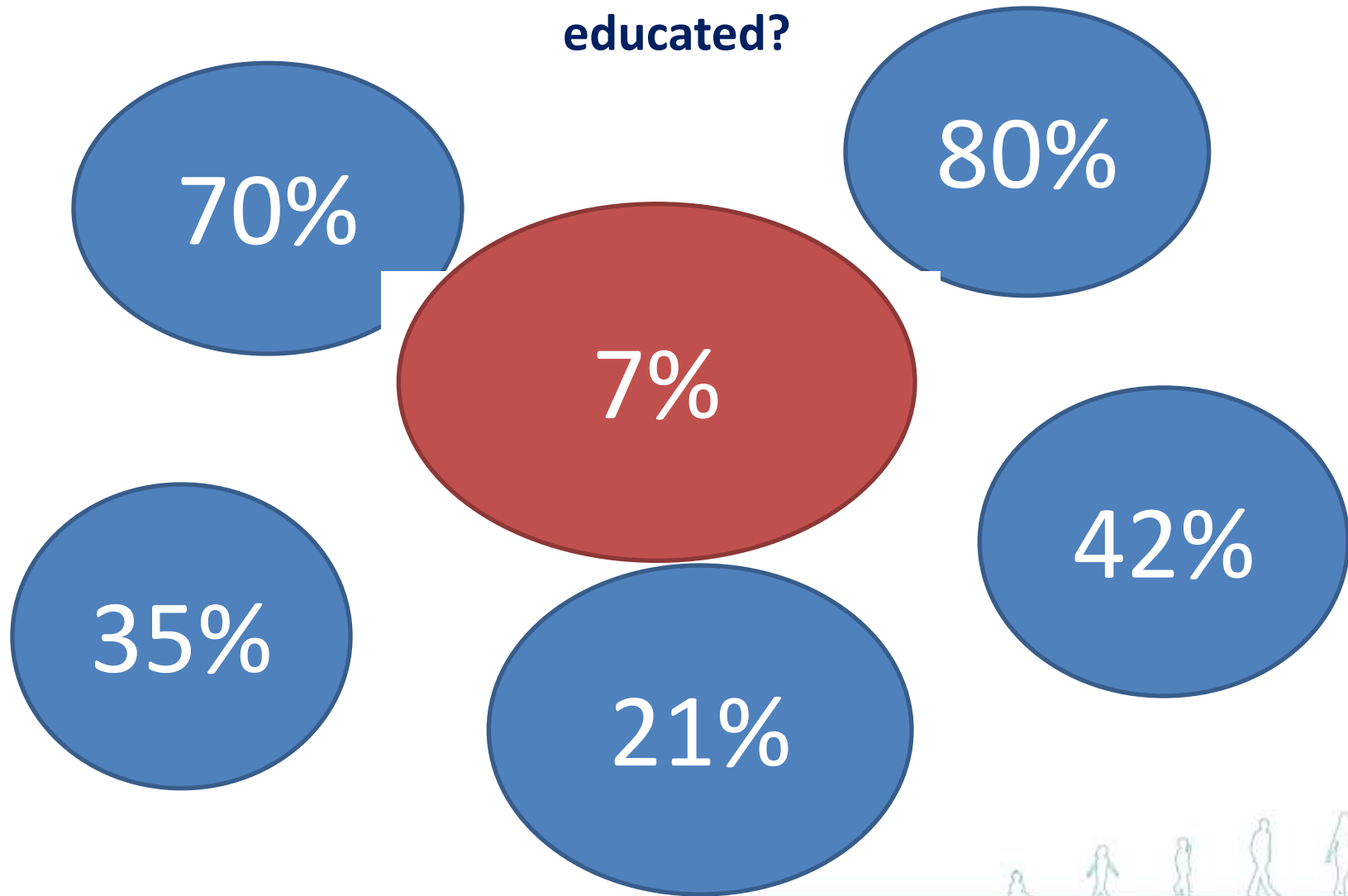
Family structure



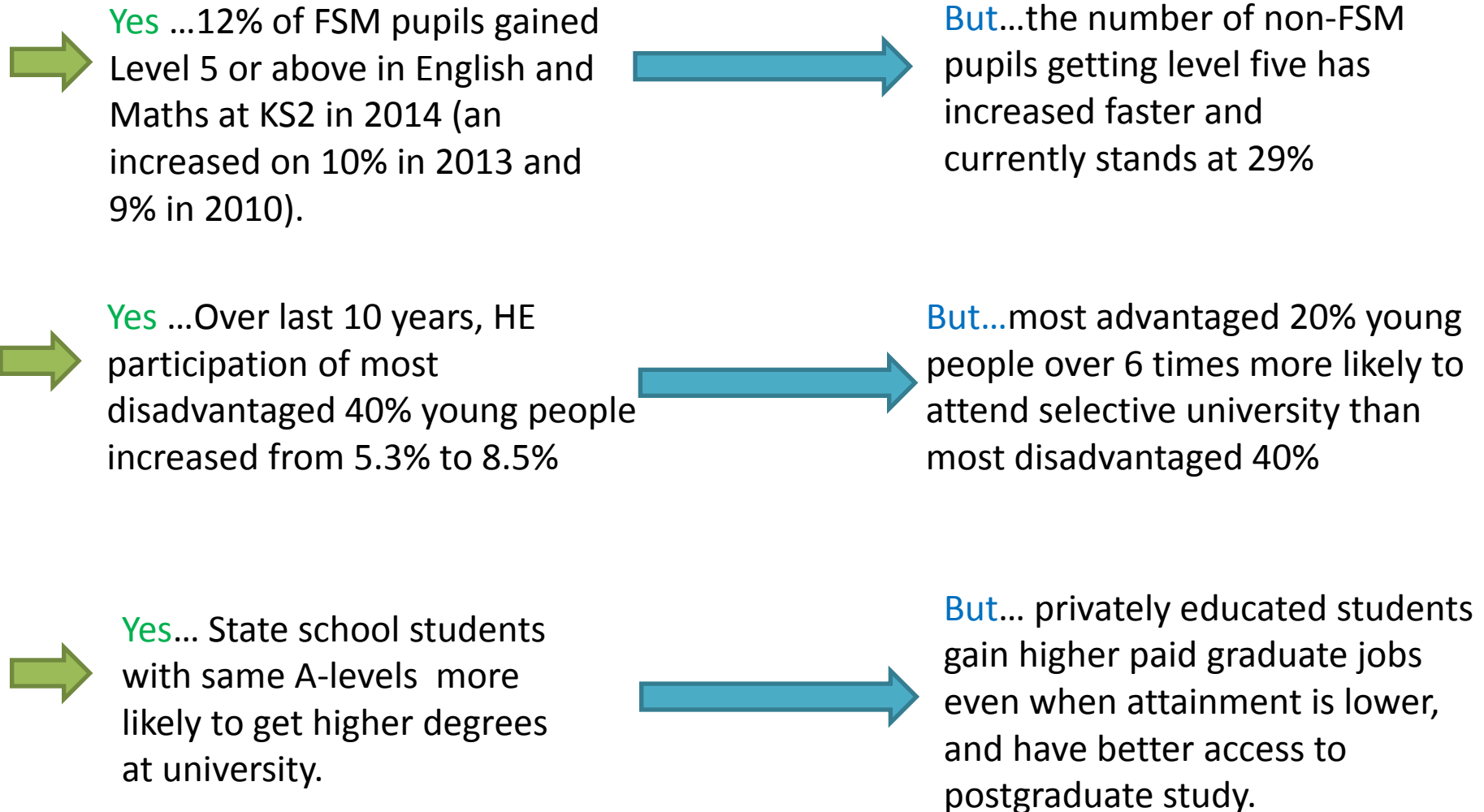
Lighter colour- more upward mobility

Top professions: for the wealthy?

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



The Education Arms Race



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

\$27 million

Dollars accessed in financial aid by students on our US programme



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

93 trials in



4,700 schools with

600,000 pupils



150

Over 150 research studies



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Education secretaries

Discussion and Questions

