Not Since the 20's Roared

The very wealthiest Americans — the 145,000 or so taxpayers whose incomes start at $1.6 million and put them in the top 0.1 percent — have pulled away from everyone else in recent decades, an analysis by The New York Times shows.

GROWTH IN INCOME

The share of the nation's income earned by the taxpayers in the top 0.1 percent has more than doubled since the 1970's, and in the year 2000 exceeded 10 percent, a level last seen in the 1920's.

GROWTH IN WEALTH

Even after adjusting for inflation, there are five times as many households as there were two decades ago with a net worth of more than $10 million. Not all have high incomes.

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