

Figure 1: The top 1% of Science. (a) Temporal shifts in the share of citations earned by the top 1% of papers published in 1990 in selected journals, based on ISI. (b) The share of citations in a given year received by the top 1% of all previous papers published in Physical Review². Also shown is the fraction of income earned by the top 1% of the population in US³. Data based on the Physical Review corpus of 463,348 papers published between 1893 and 2009.