

The Gender Wealth Divide:

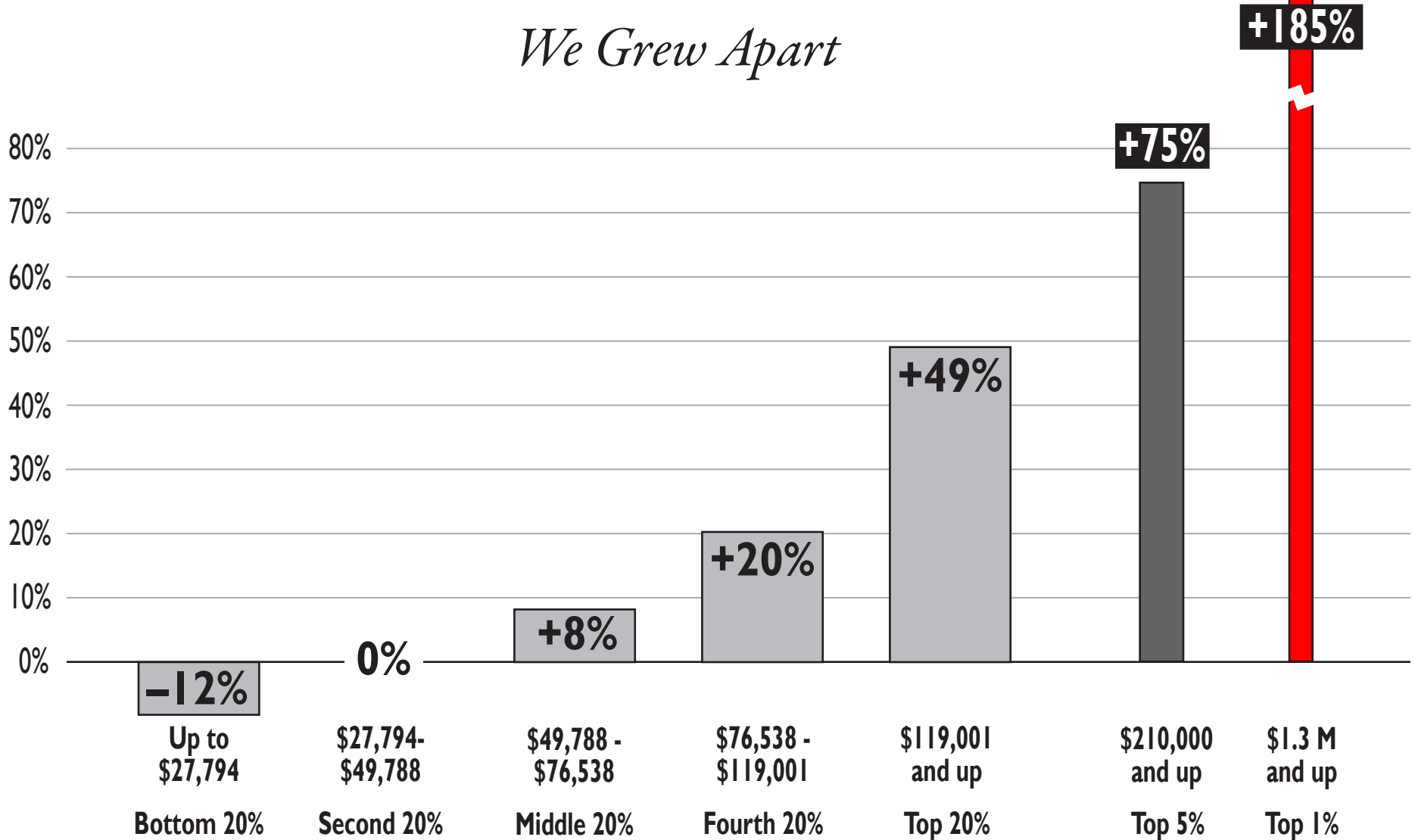
Building a joint-analysis with fellow activists and organizers



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Real Family Income Growth by Quintile & for Top 5% & Top 1%, 1979 - 2012

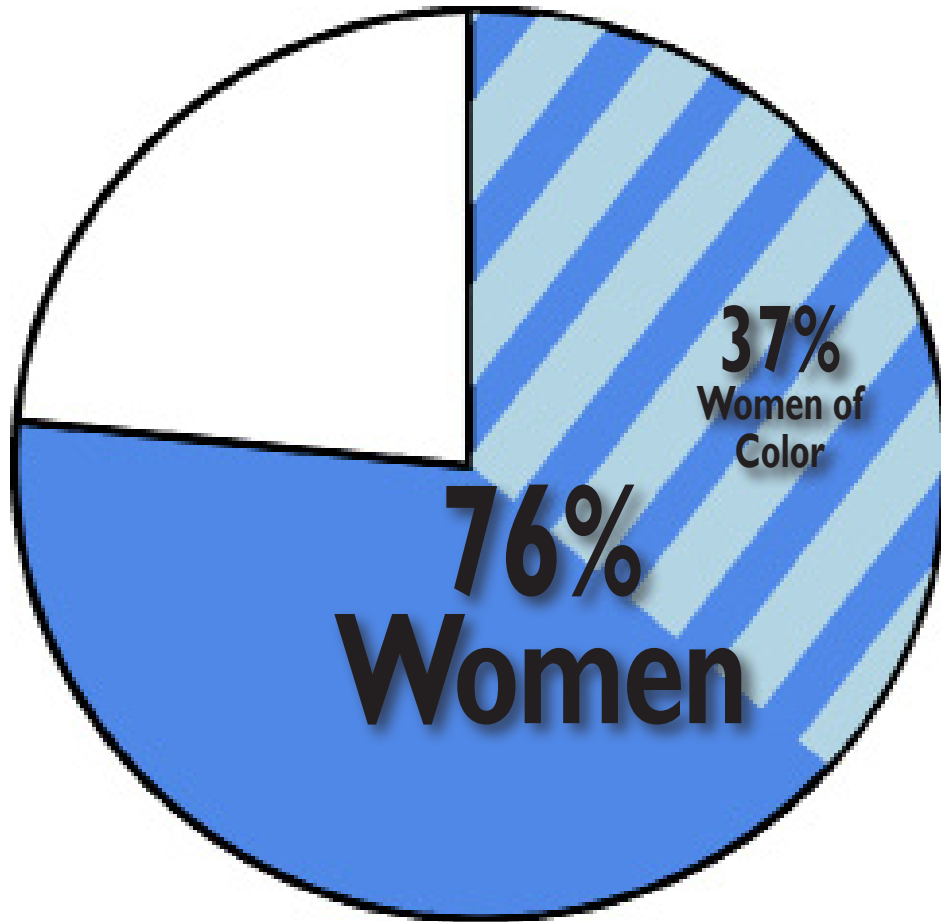
We Grew Apart



Source: Family Incomes by quintile from US Census Bureau and Economic Policy Institute. Data for the top 5% and top 1% from Piketty and Saez, <<http://scalar.usc.edu/works/growing-apart-a-political-history-of-american-inequality/index>>



Low-Wage Workforce by Gender and Race, 2013

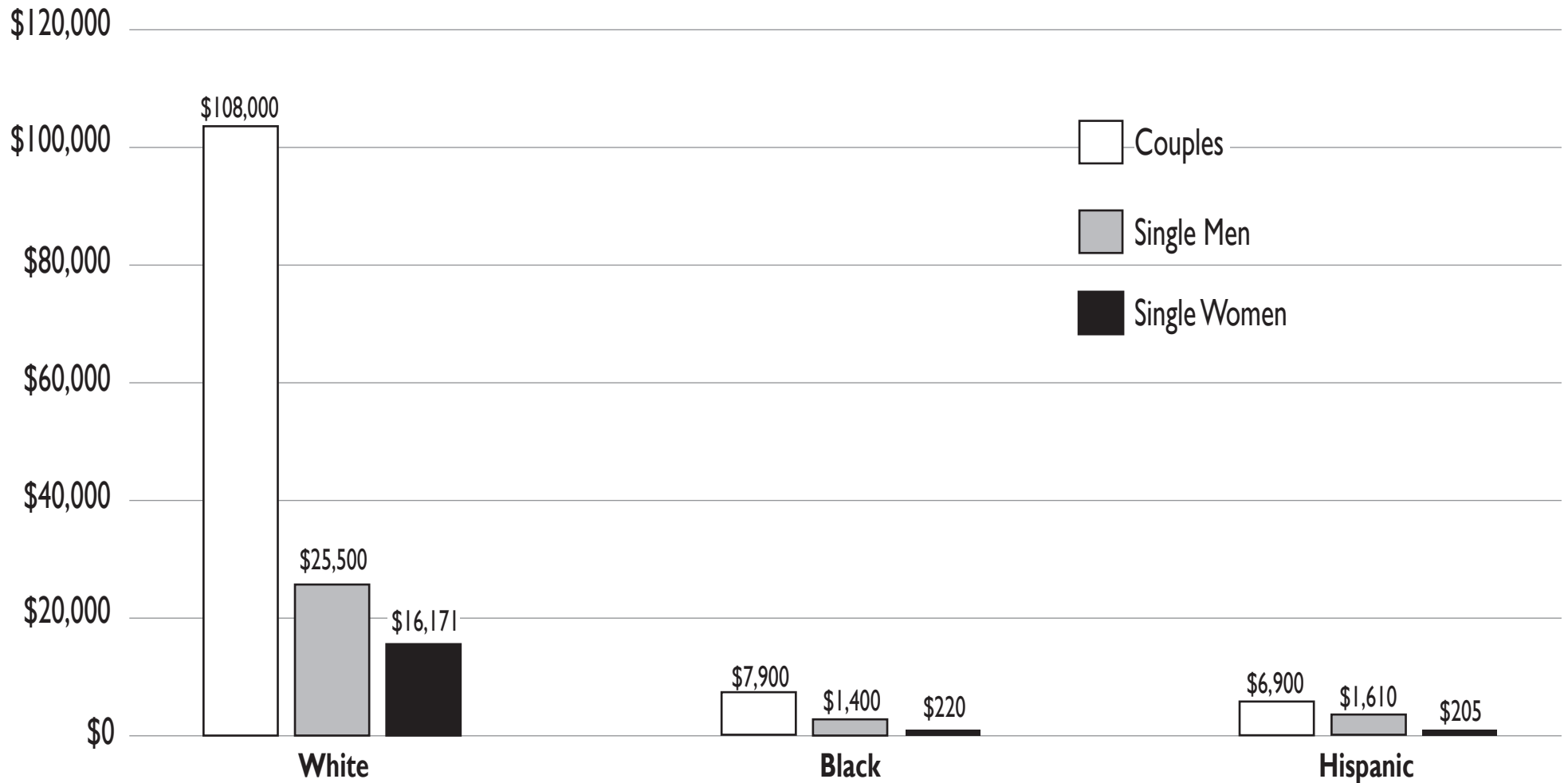


- Women are only 46% of the total workforce **but make up THREE-QUARTERS of LOW-WAGE workers.**
- Women of color are only 16% of the total workforce **but make up 37% of LOW-WAGE workers.**

Low-Wage Workforce

Source: National Women's Law Center calculations based on IPUMS-CPS (2013). The "low-wage workforce" is defined as the 10 largest low-wage occupations with median wages of less than \$10.10 per hour per BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics.

Median Wealth by Race and Family Composition, 2010*



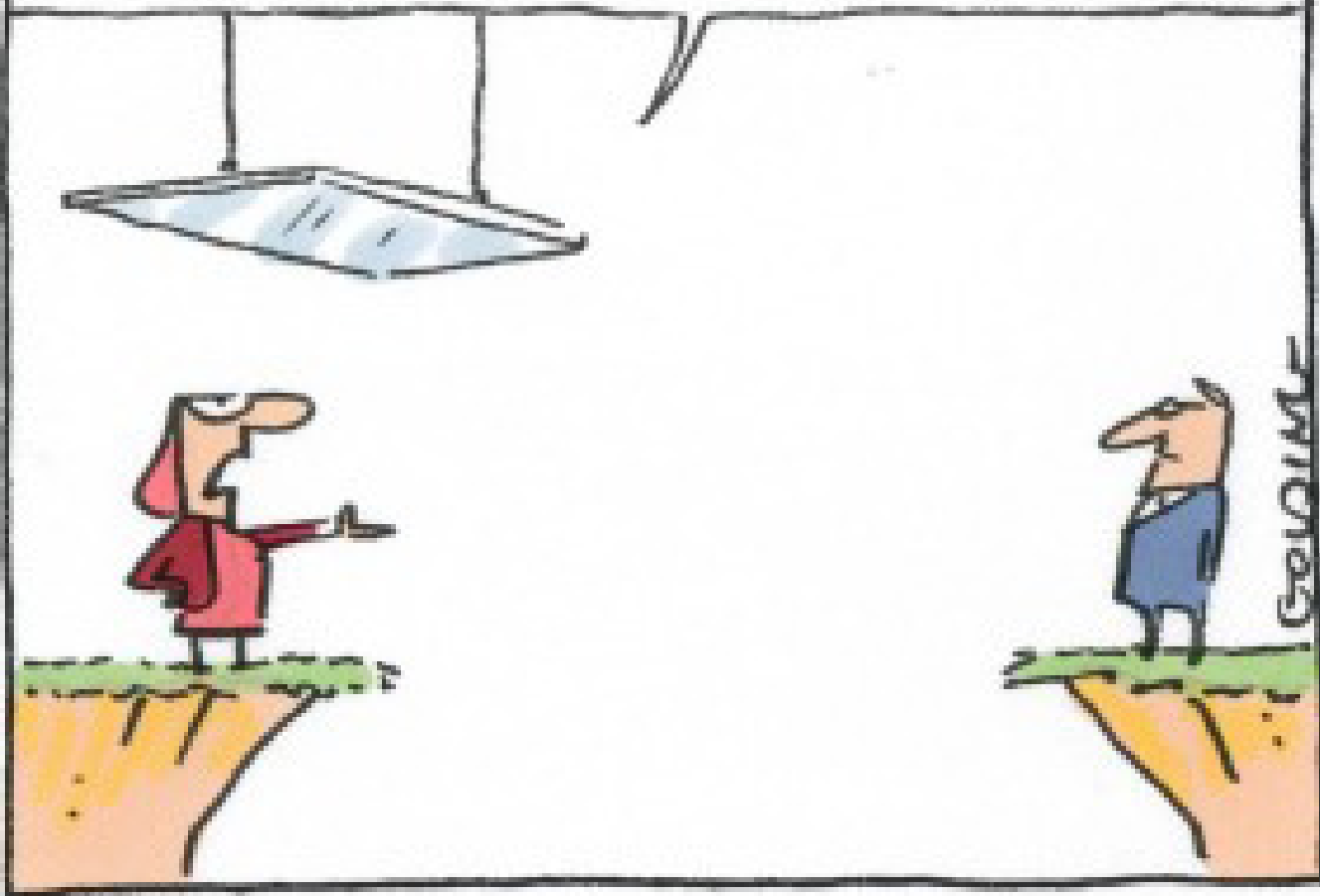
Notes: *for ages 18-64

Sources: Mariko Lin Change (2012), "Median Wealth of Single Men, Single Women, and Couples (Married and Cohabiting), by Race/Ethnicity, Ages 18-64, 2010." Cited in The Wealth Inequality Reader edited by Linda Pinkow, Sam Pizzigati and the Dollars & Sense Collective.



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Rule Changes Since the 1970s

Policy changes reflect and reinforce the power shift.

Unions: Anti-union climate weakens the power & voice of workers.

Trade: Global treaties benefit corporations, not workers or communities.

Taxes: Taxes shifted from big investors and corporations to workers.

Budget: Public services cut. Corporate subsidies expand.

Minimum Wage: Not raised to keep up with inflation & increased cost of living.

Privatization: Government outsourcing plus no-bid contracts hurts taxpayers, workers, and public safety.

State Violence: People of color targeted, keeping racial wealth divide in place.