



FIGURE 1. Global income inequality, 1820–2020. *Interpretation.* The share of global income going to top 10% highest incomes at the world level has fluctuated around 50–60% between 1820 and 2020 (50% in 1820, 60% in 1910, 56% in 1980, 61% in 2000, 55% in 2020), while the share going to the bottom 50% lowest incomes has generally been around or below 10% (14% in 1820, 7% in 1910, 5% in 1980, 6% in 2000, 7% in 2020). Global inequality has always been very large. It rose between 1820 and 1910 and shows little long-run trend between 1910 and 2020. Sources and series: Chancel and Piketty (2021). See wid.world/longrun.