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Challenges for Changing Times

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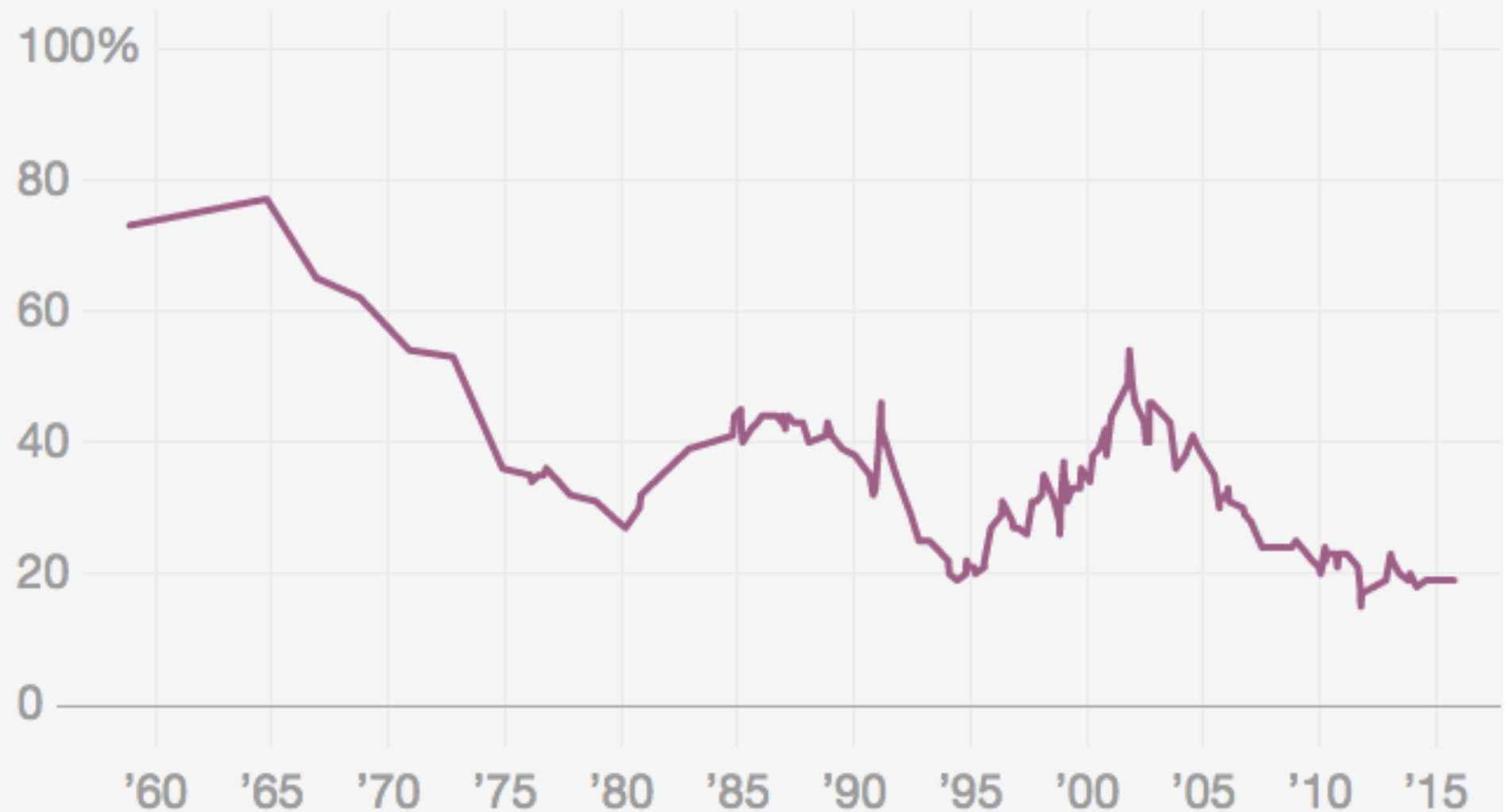
Previous Topics

- Challenges for Changing Times: Work
- Challenges for Changing Times: Inequality
- Being Canadian; Being Courteous
- Meet Dean Duperron:
Founder of predecessor of Acsenda

Future Topics

- Promoting Truth in a 'Post-Truth' society
- Trust: Can we halt its decline?
- The Rule of Law: what does it mean?
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US public trust in government



With the result that the US no longer figures in the 2019 list of the (22) 'full democracies' *EIU*

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*Challenges for Changing Times:
JUSTIFYING INEQUALITIES*

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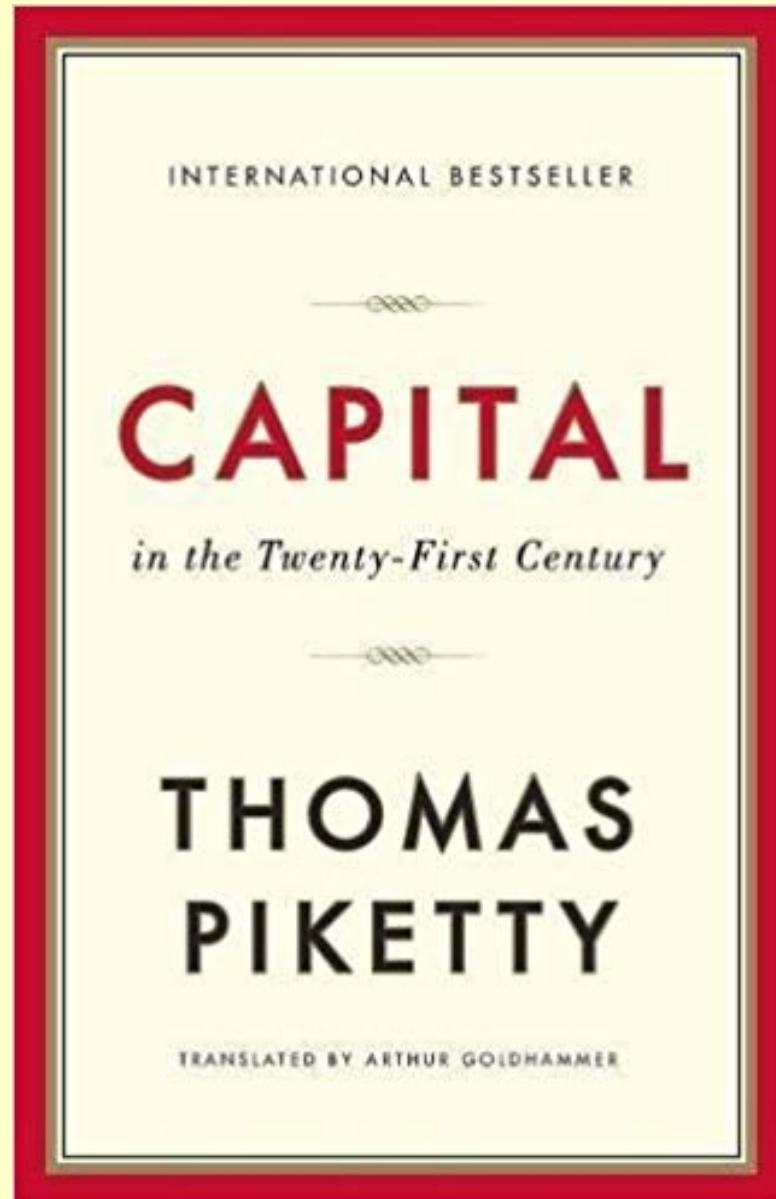


Bernie Sanders – US presidential candidate

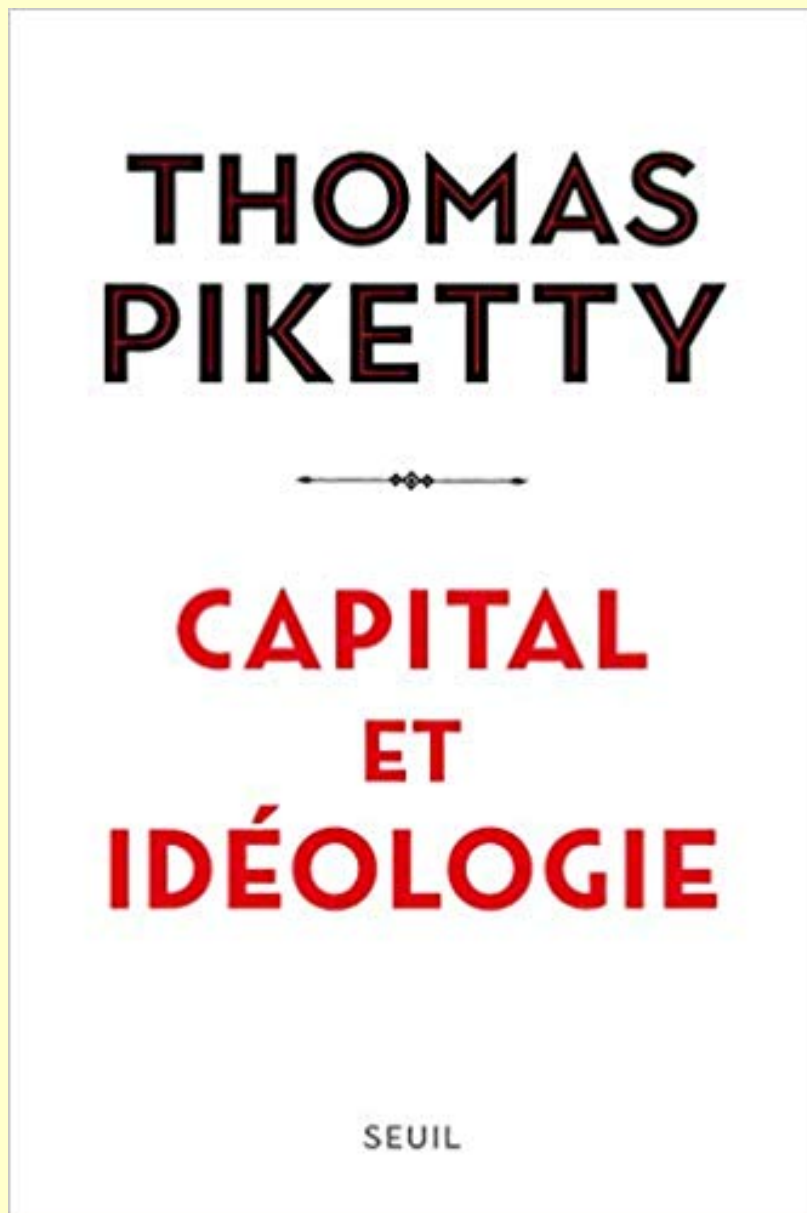
"A nation will not survive morally or economically when so few have so much, while so many have so little."



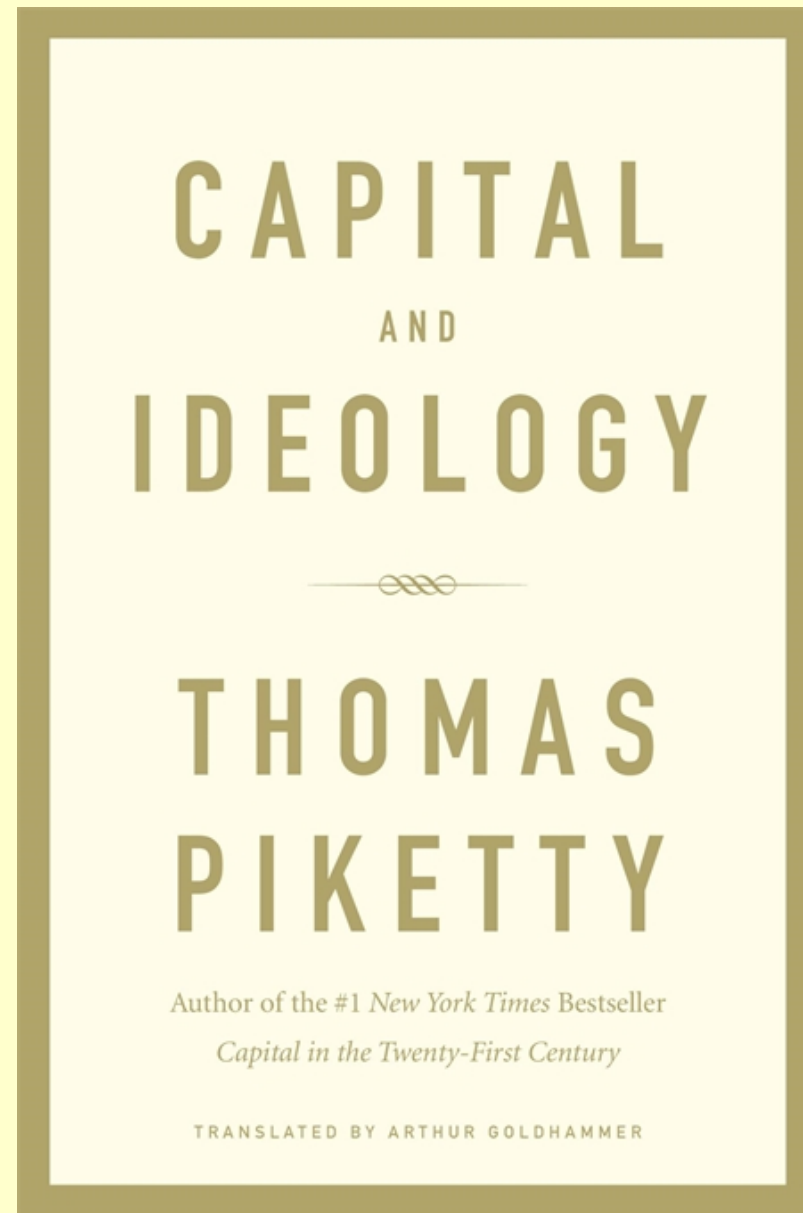
Thomas Piketty – French economist



Published 2013



French: 2019



English: March 2020

“Each human society must justify its inequalities: it must find reasons for them, otherwise its whole political and social structure will face the threat of collapse...”

KEY FEATURES

- Goes back in history
- Worldwide focus
- Increasing inequality NOT inevitable

The Ternary Society



Nobles

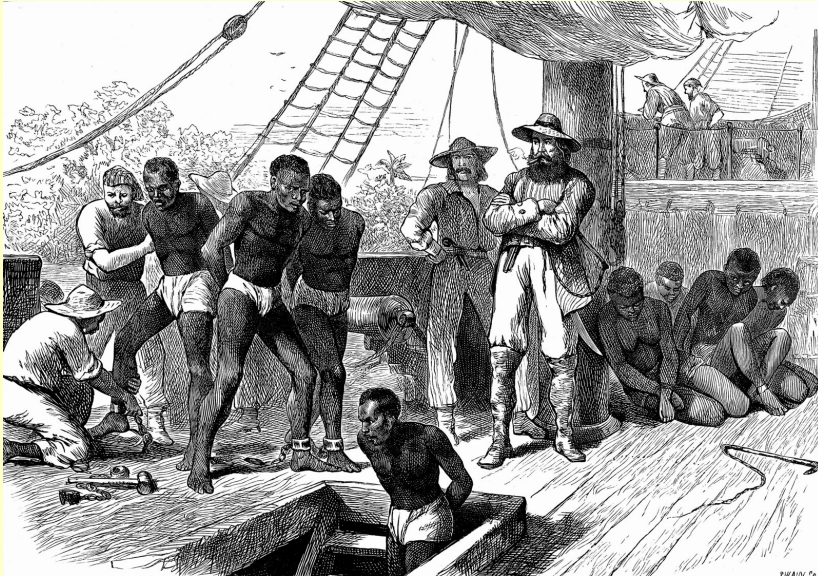


Priests



Workers

Slavery and Colonial Rule



Transatlantic slave trade



Colonial rule in Peru

India's Caste System

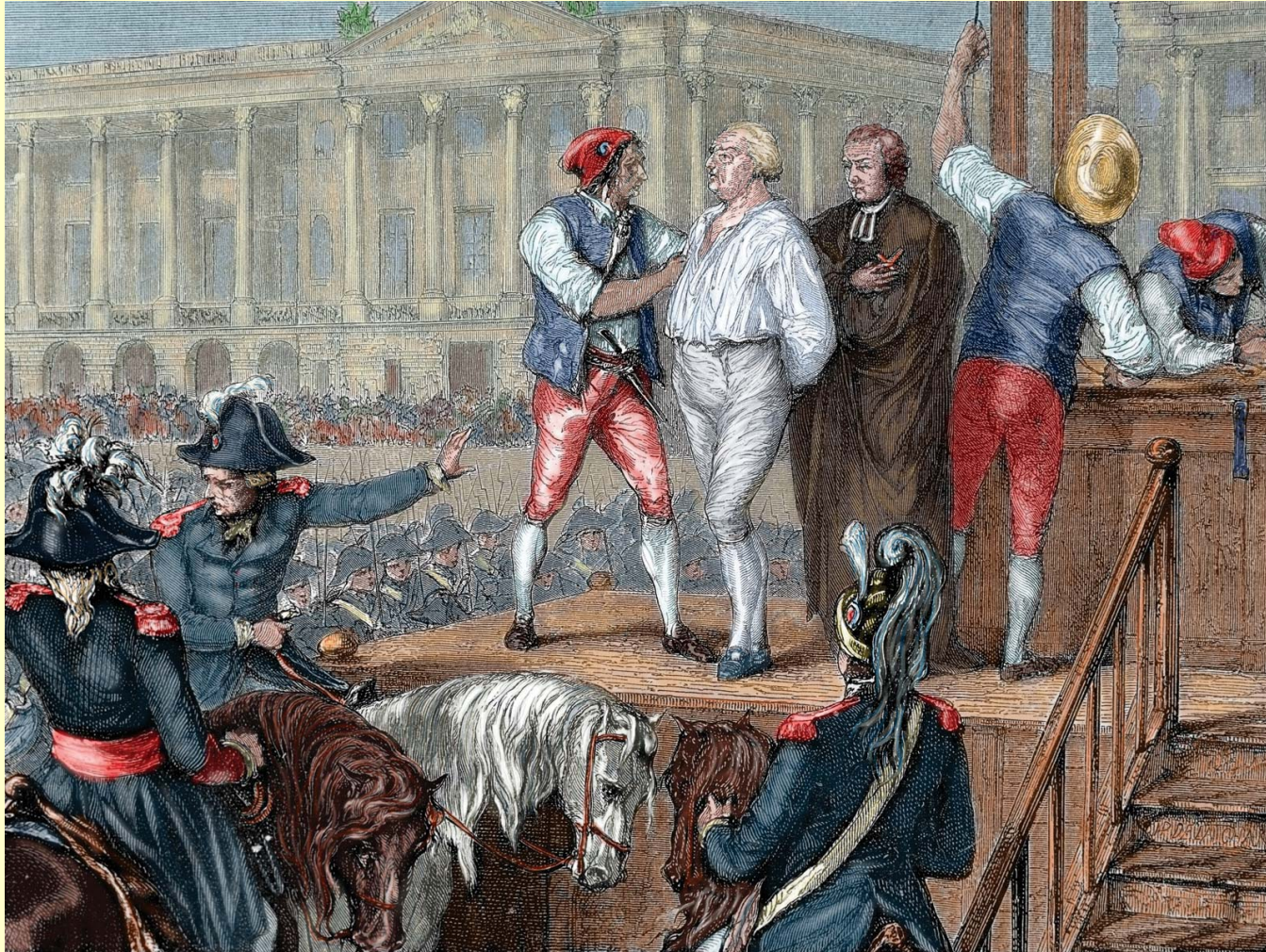
Brahma and the origins of caste



Source: Alamy

BBC

The French Revolution - 1789



Societies of Owners – US billionaires

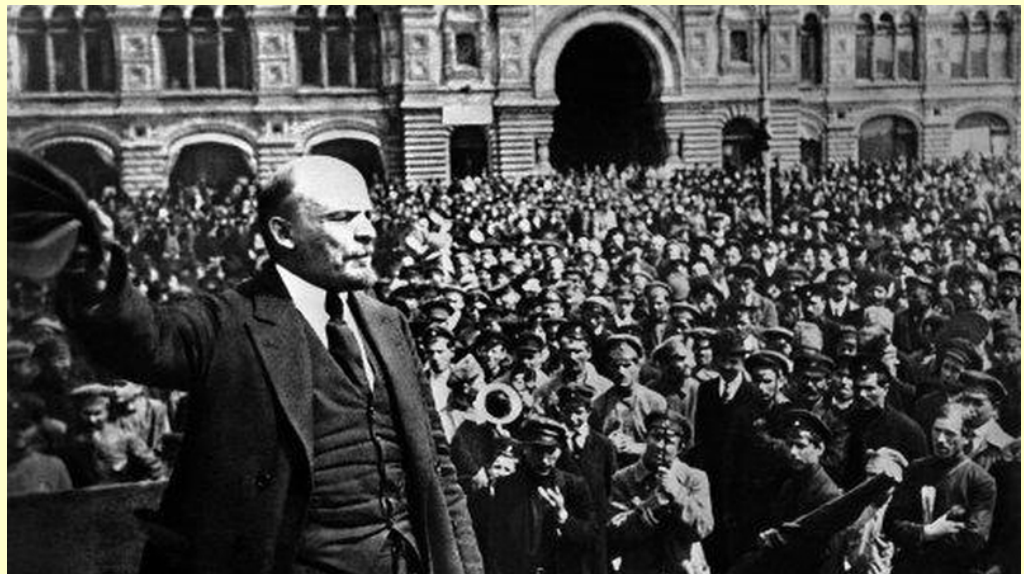


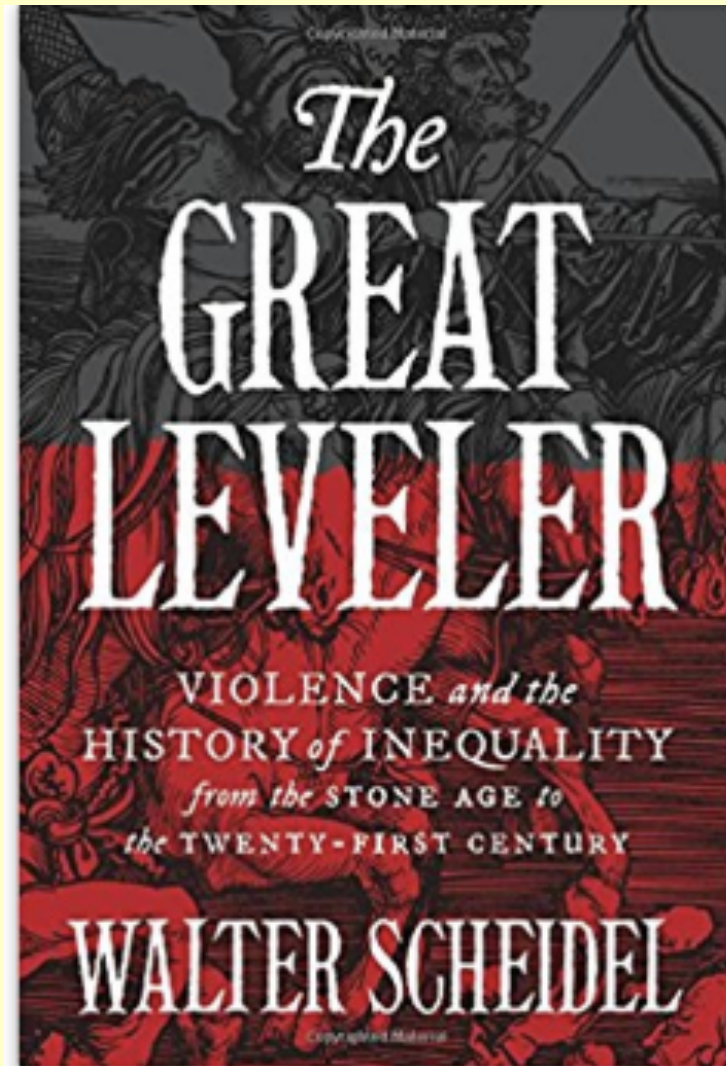
20th Century Cataclysms



First
World War

Russian
Revolution





Reducing inequality (The Four Horsemen)

- Mass mobilisation warfare
- Transformative revolutions
- State failure / system collapse
- Severe epidemics





Black Death
14th century
Europe

Coronavirus
21st century
China



1950 – 1980

- High taxes on the rich in US and Europe

BUT

- Strong economic growth



Thatcher & Reagan
were wrong!

Low taxes on the rich do not promote
economic growth!



Gilets jaunes



Thank you

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OVER TO YOU

How do the countries that you come from justify the inequalities in your societies?

What do you think should be done to increase equality?

What trends so you see in world politics today and how do they address the challenge of inequalities?