80% 70% Share in total national income **Top 10% Top 10%** 60% 50% **Top 10%** 40% 30% Next 40% 20% Next 40% **Bottom** 10% **Bottom** Next 50% **Bottom** 50% 40% 50% 0% France 1910 Algeria 1930 Haïti 1780

The Distribution of Income in Metropolitan France and Its Colonies

Interpretation. The share of the top 10% highest incomes in total income exceeded 80% in Saint-Domingue (Haïti) in 1780 (then made of about 90% slaves and less than 10% Europeans settlers), vs close to 70% in colonial Algeria in 1930 (then made of about 90% local population and 10% European settlers), and about 50% in metropolitan France in 1910. Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/equality (figure 13)