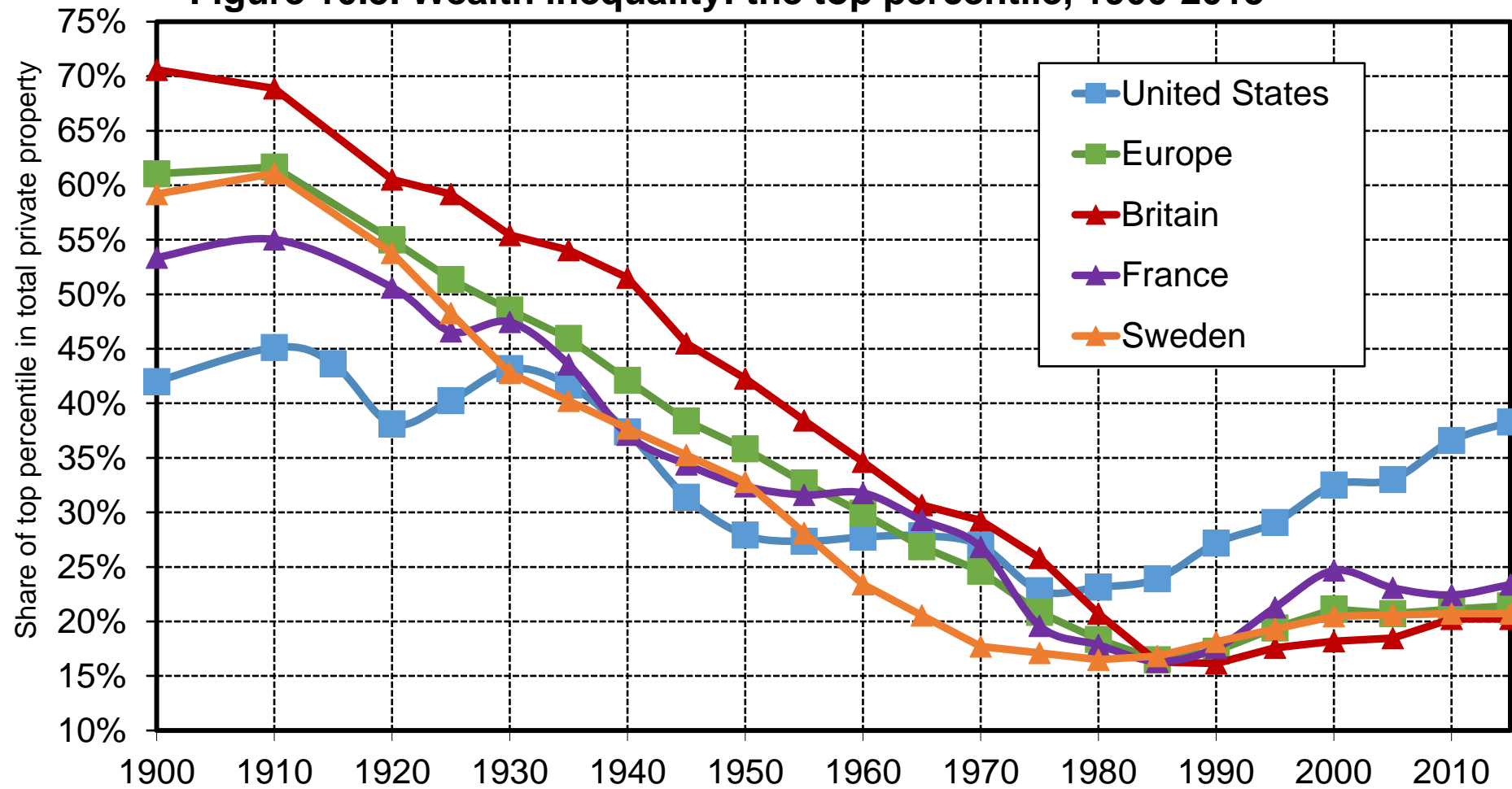


**Figure 10.5. Wealth inequality: the top percentile, 1900-2015**



**Interpretation.** The share of the top percentile (the 1% highest wealth holders) in total private property (all assets combined) was about 60% in Western Europe in 1900-1910 (55% in France, 70% in Britain), before dropping to less than 20% in 1980-1990, and to rise since then. The rebound of inequality was much stronger in the U.S., where the top percentile share approaches 40% in 2010-2015 and is close to the level of 1900-1910. Sources and series: see [piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology](http://piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology).