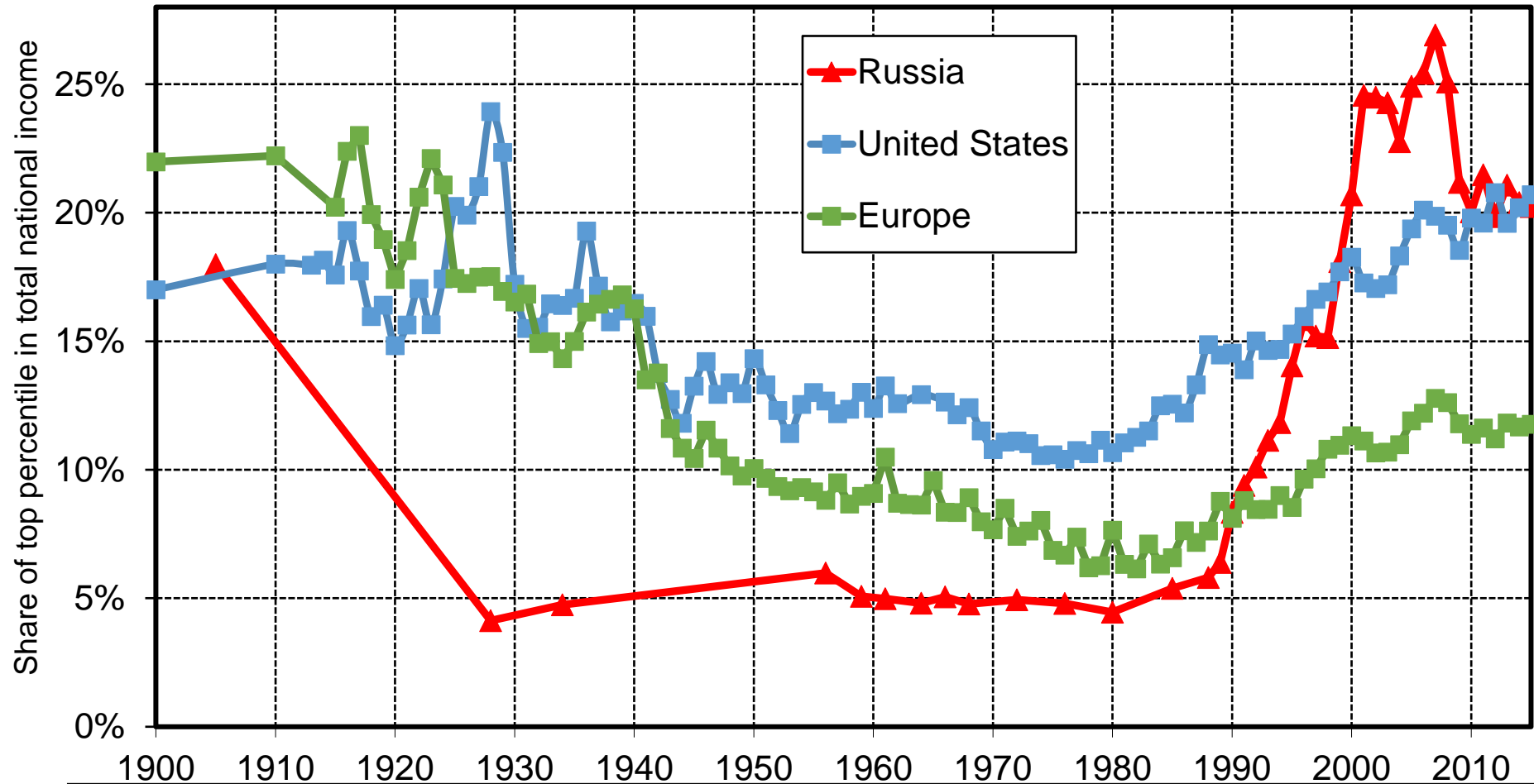


**Figure 12.2. The top percentile in Russia 1900-2015**



**Interpretation.** The share of the top percentile (the 1% highest incomes) in total national income was on average about 5% in soviet Russia, i.e. at a lower level than in Western Europe and the U.S., before rising to 20%-25% after the fall of communism, surpassing both Europe and the U.S.. Sources and series: see [piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology](http://piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology).