Figure 15.2. Democratic vote by diploma in the U.S. 1948-2016 80% ■ Primary ■ Secondary ■ Higher education (BA) ■ High (MA) ■ High (PhD) % vote for democratic candidate by diploma **70%** 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 58% 16% 59% 19% 11% 31% 44% 9% 0% 1948 1992 1960 2016

Interpretation. In 1948, the democratic candidate (Truman) obtained 62% of the vote among voters with primary education (no high school diploma) (63% of the electorate at the time) and 26% among voters with advanced higher education degrees (1% of the electorate). In 2016, the democratic candidate (Clinton) obtained 45% of the vote among voters with secondary degrees (56% of the electorate) and 75% among those holding a PhD (2% of the electorate). Like in Fance, we see a full reversal of the educational cleavage between 1948 and 2016.

Note: BA: bachelor degree or equivalent. MA: master & other advanced degrees (law/medical school). PhD: doctorate. Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology.