



Framing the New Inequality

Reflections on the Politics of Redistribution

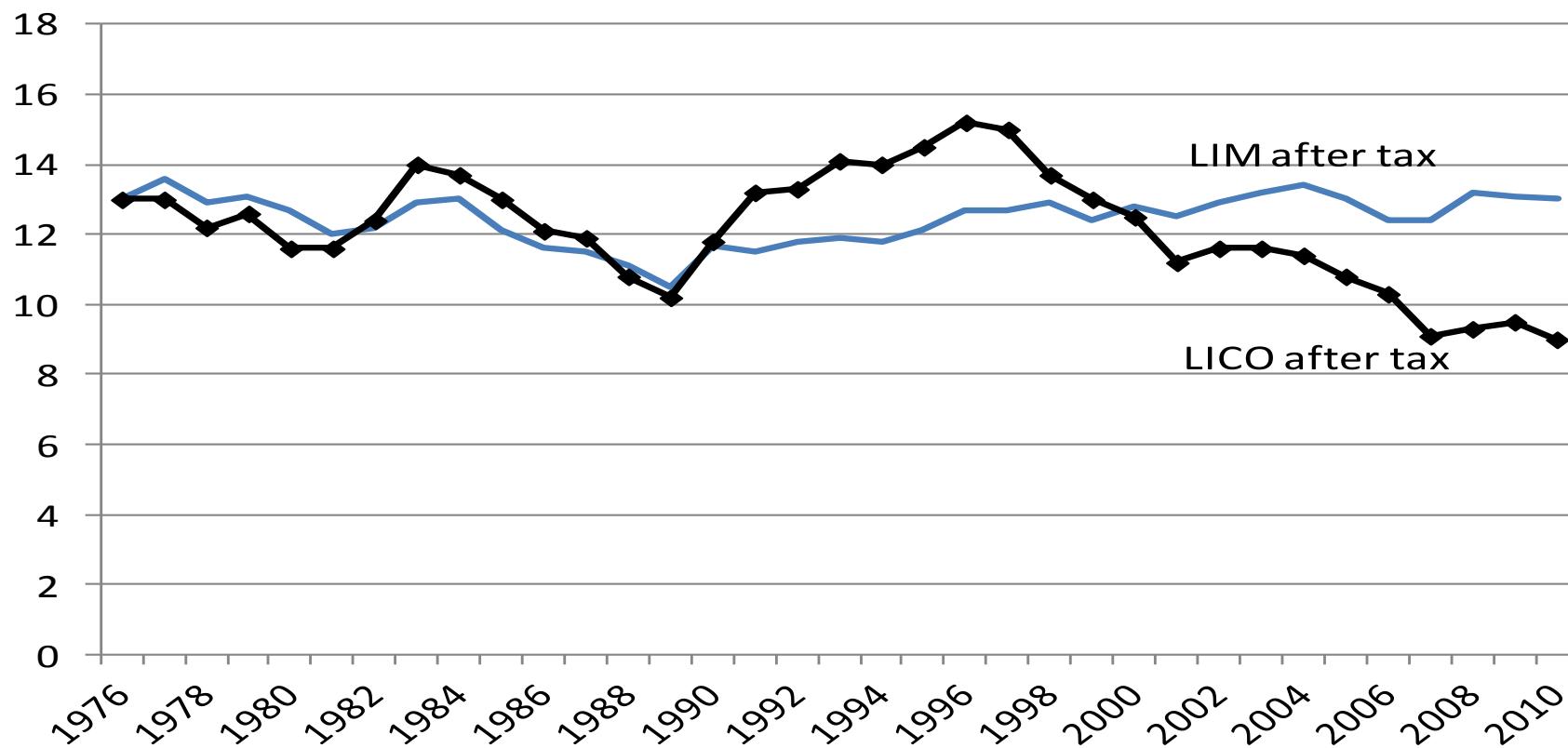
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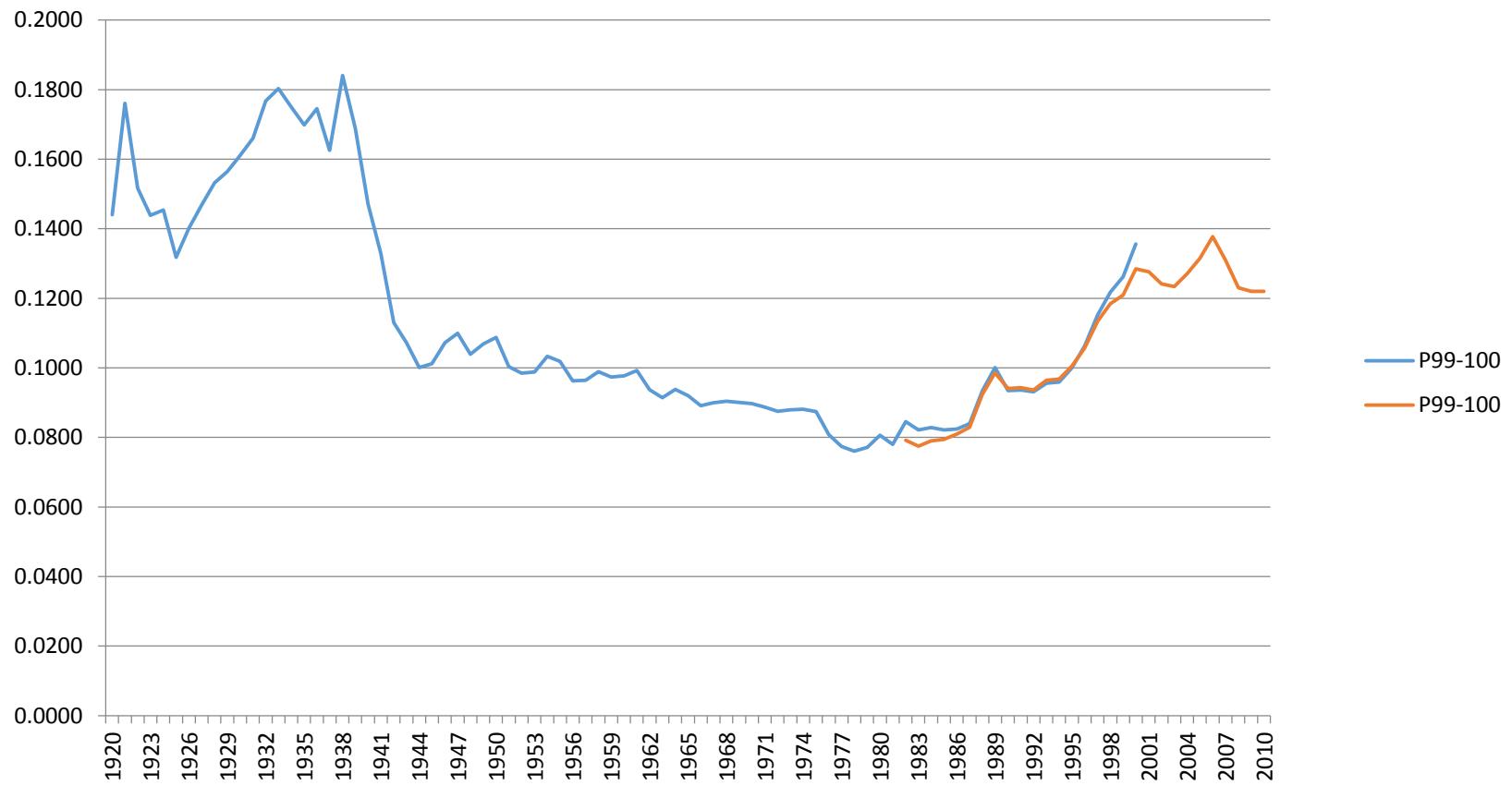
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Inequality: the anti-poverty frame

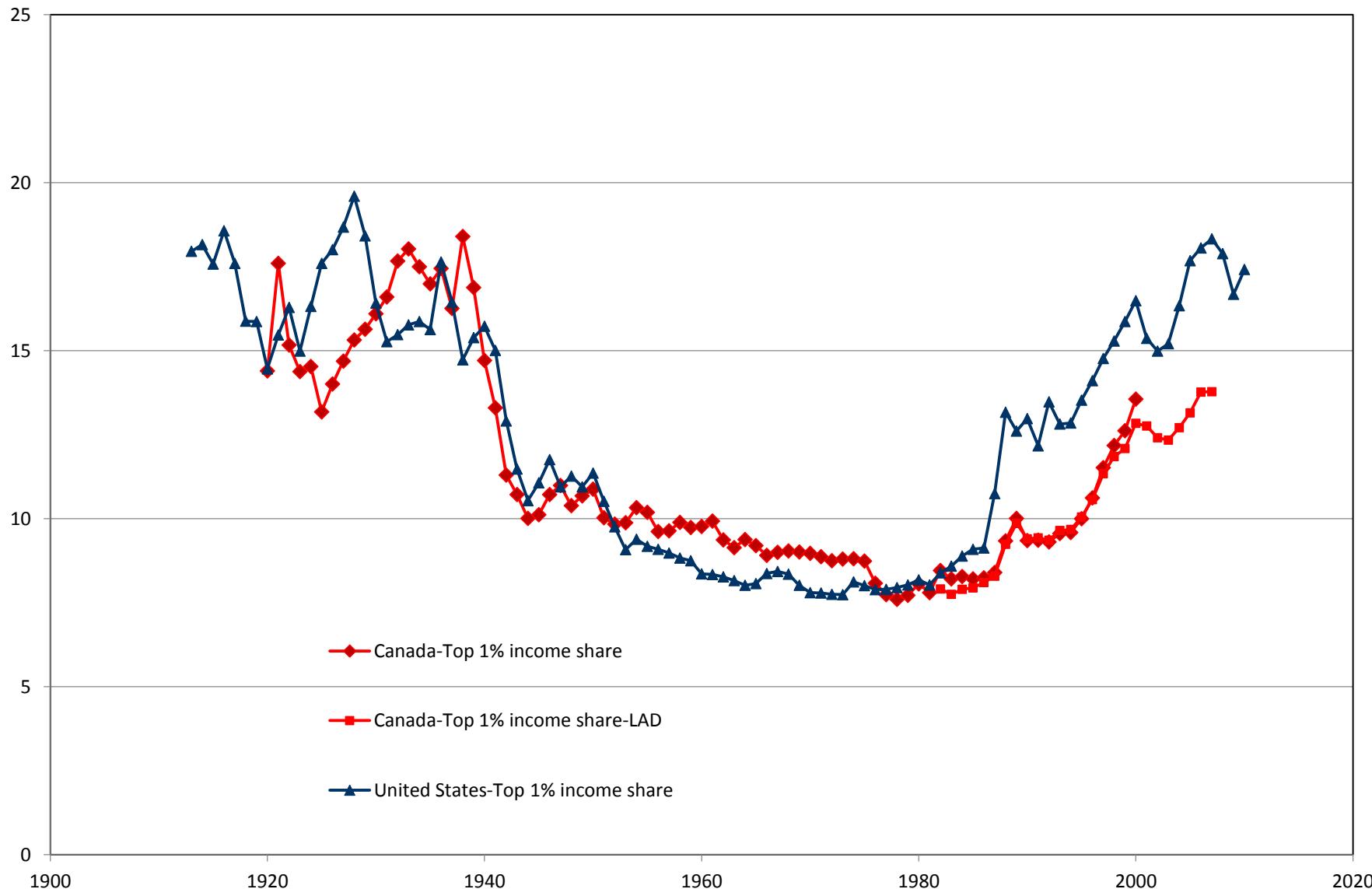
Figure 1. Low income rate, 1976-2010



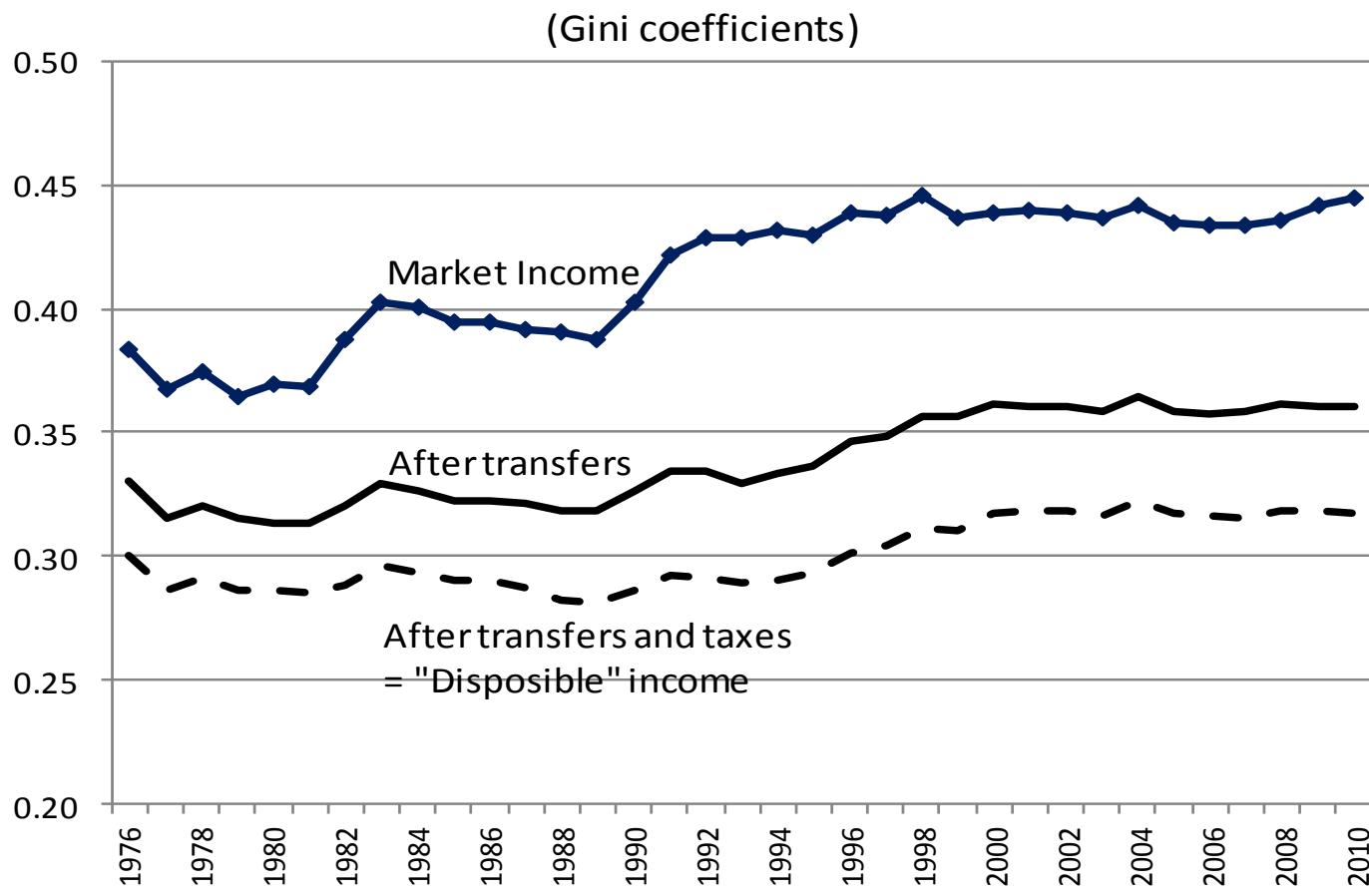
Inequality: the 99/1 frame



Inequality: The 1% Frame



Inequality: The Middle Class Frame



Trend in social spending

Total Public Social Expenditures as Percent of GDP

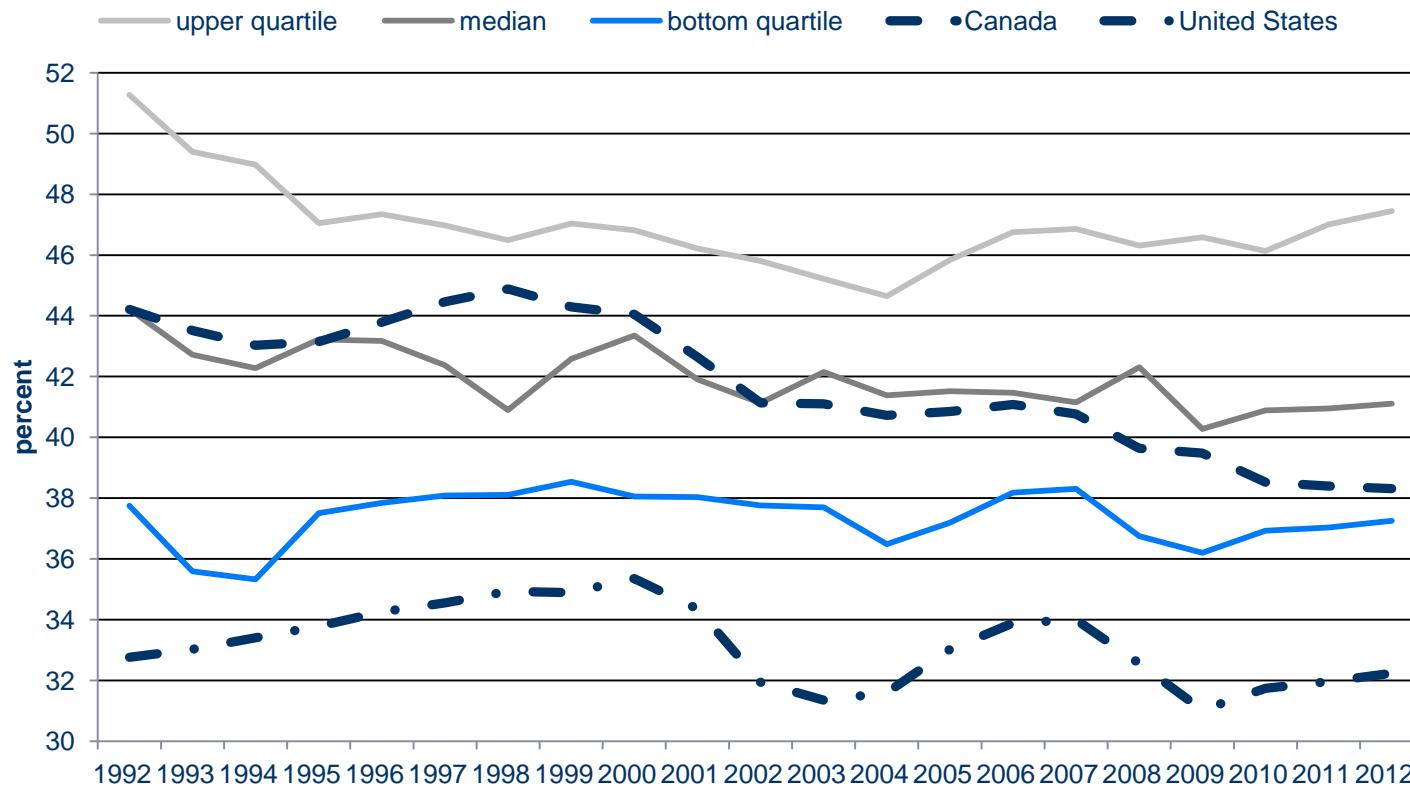
	1990	2000	2010	2014
Sweden	28.5	28.2	27.9	28.1
France	24.9	28.4	31.7	31.9
Germany	21.4	26.2	26.8	25.8
Canada	17.6	15.8	17.9	17.0
United States	13.1	14.2	19.3	19.2

Notes: Includes public expenditures on health care and income transfers.

Source: OECD SocX database.

Trend in public revenues

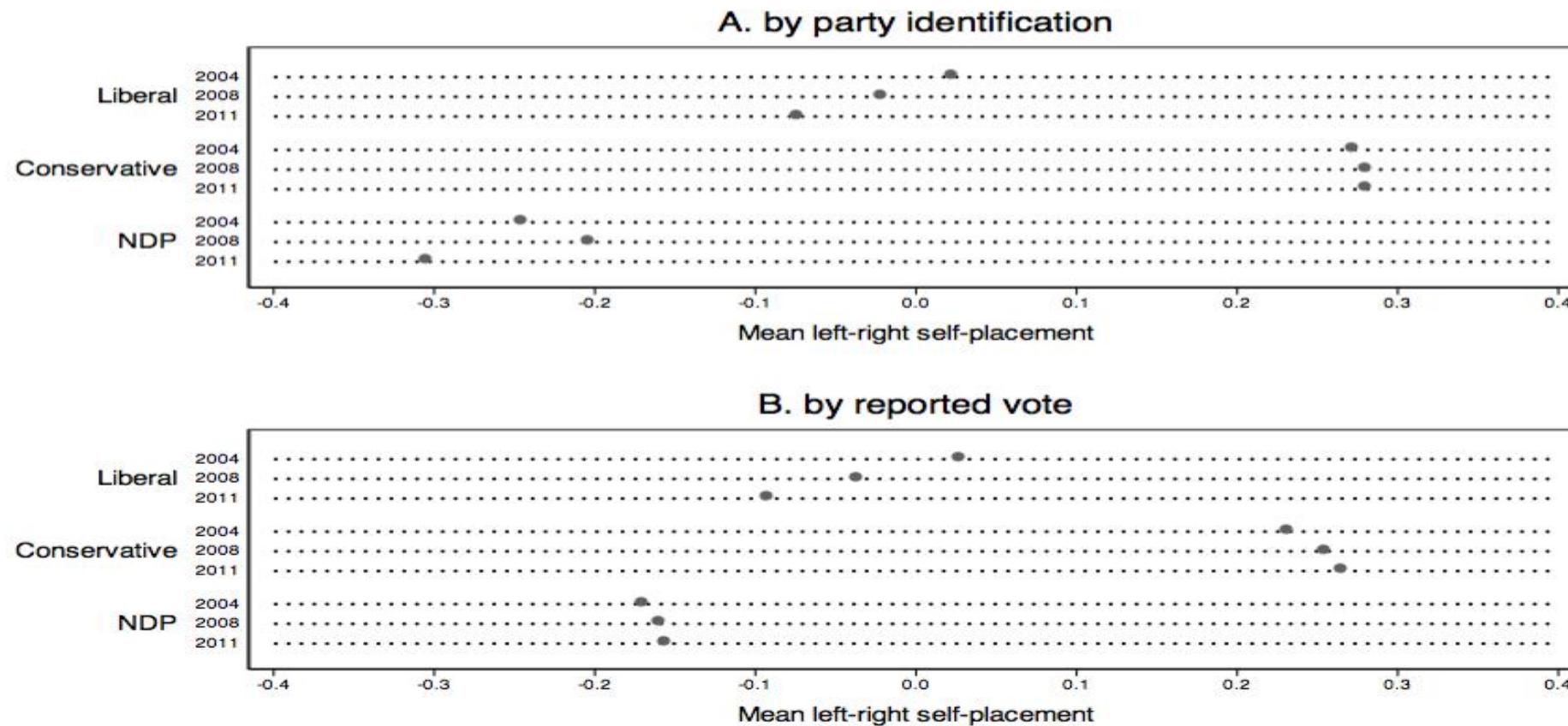
**Government Tax plus Non-Tax Revenues as Share
of GDP, Quartiles for OECD Member States,
Canada and United States, 1992 - 2012**



Sorting of the Electorate

Left-right self-definition of voters by party, 2004-2011

Polarization of Partisans - Canada 2004-11



Data from Canadian Election Studies