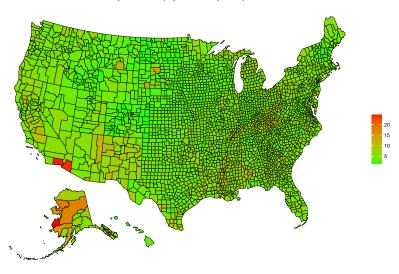
# Panel Discussion: Economic Justice and the American Dream

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# The Headline Unemployment Rate looks





## But The Labor Force Participation Rate is Declining...

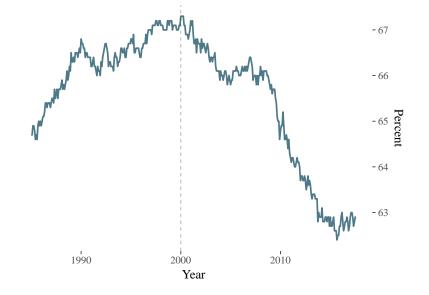


Figure 2: Series ID: CIVPART LNS11300000

#### ... which is not due to Baby Boomers retiring.

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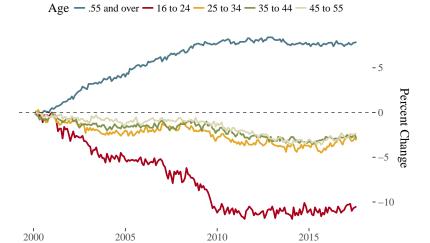


Figure 3: Change in Labor Participation Rate Since 2000, by Age

Year

### Also Real Median Household Income has been stagnate

Recent gains are promising, but are the first increase since 1999

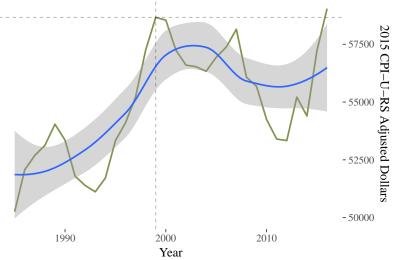


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#### The Economy is lagging behind its potential

Potential Computed by Hamilton-Leff Approach

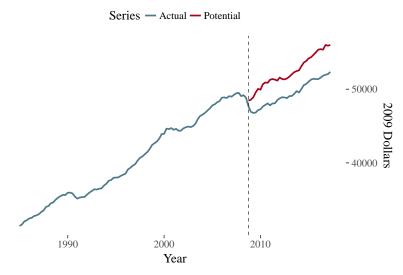


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#### Real Government Expenditures/Investment in decline

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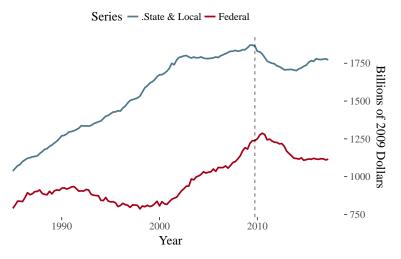


Figure 6: Real Federal and Local Spending, 1985-Present

## Long-Term Earnings Per Share are high but...

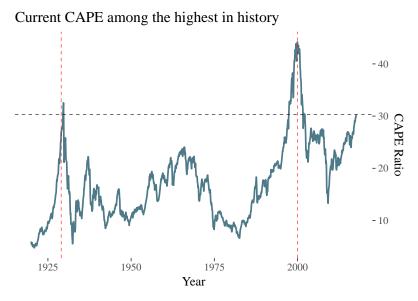


Figure 7: Robert Shiller: Cyclically Adjusted PE Ratio (CAPE Ratio)

#### ... Actual Revenues Per Share have been stagnate

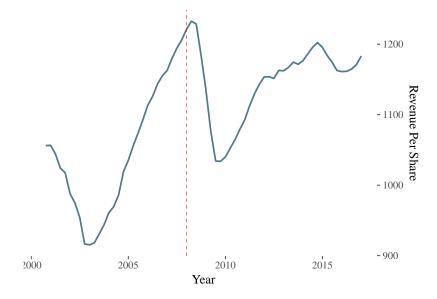


Figure 8: Real 12-Month S&P 500 Sales Per Share

### Real Minimum Wage has continued to decline as well

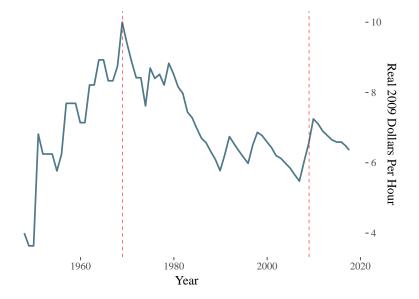
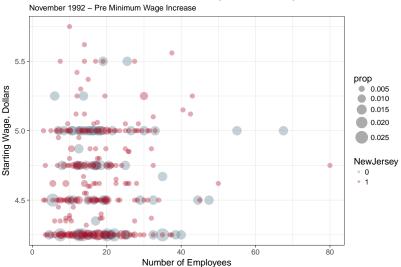


Figure 9: Series: FEDMINNFRWG, transformed by author

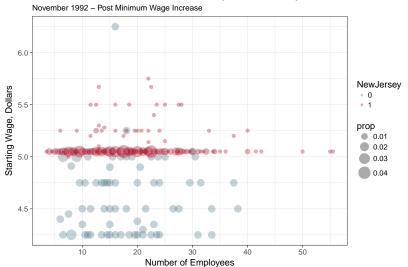
#### Card and Krueger: Minimum Wages and Employment

#### 410 Fast-food restuarants in New Jersey & East Pennsylvania



#### Raising Minimum Wages didn't increased Unemployment

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#### Thank You!

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