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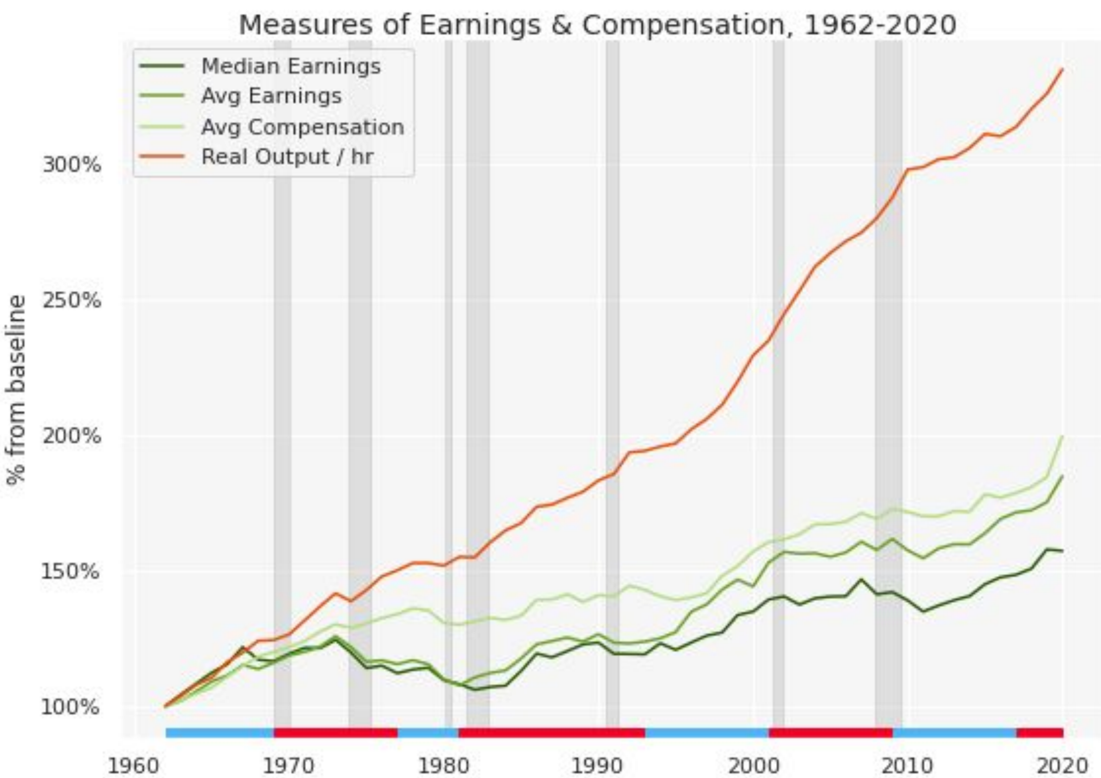
Follow the Money

An investigation into the American employee's share of total output

Since 1962, technological revolutions and new industries have enabled individuals to become more efficient, leading to unprecedented economic growth in the form of a higher **employee output.** Ideally, this increase would lead to an equal growth in **employee compensation.**



Data retrieved from the St. Louis FRED & the CPS Monthly Survey. Earnings & compensation are deflated to 1962 dollars using the CPI

American workers' real output per hour has increased

234%

since 1962...

...while median income has increased by

57%

in the same period

This data can show us two important conclusions:

1. Over the course of the last 60 years, real output has outpaced median employee compensation by roughly **a factor of five.**
2. Average and median earnings diverged since 1994, indicating a **rightward skew in the income curve**, indicating an increase in **wealth inequality** during that period.

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