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**Summary:** New research by federal government economists Gerald Auten and David Splinter show that after making many sensible corrections and adjustments and considering taxes and government benefit programs, top income shares are now about the same as in the early 1960s. When one also considers strong evidence that the top one percent group is not static, but that there is substantial mobility into and out of various income groups over time, and that, contrary to Picketty's result that the after-tax and transfer income of the bottom half of the income distribution remained unchanged, but that, rather, according to Auten and Splinter, it increased by two-thirds, similar to the higher income groups, the case for yet more redistribution efforts, such as increasing Social Security benefits, is considerably weakened. Related: Income Inequality in the United States: Using Tax Data to Measure Long-Term Trends and Elon Musk Today Claims Wealth Equal to 2.5 Million Times Median Household Income; His Predecessor Daniel Ludwig in 1982 Claimed Only 85 Thousand Times and The Economics of Inequality in High-Wage Economies

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