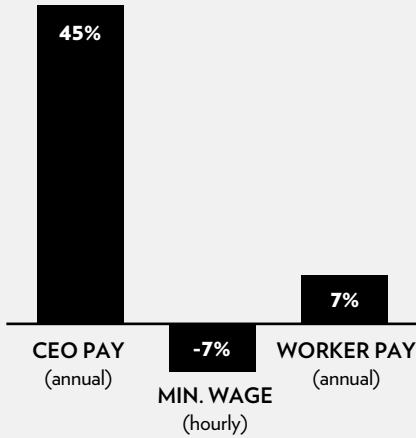


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Increase in CEO Pay, Worker Pay, and the Minimum Wage¹

1997-2007 (adjusted for inflation)



Includes minimum wage increase to \$5.85 in 2007.

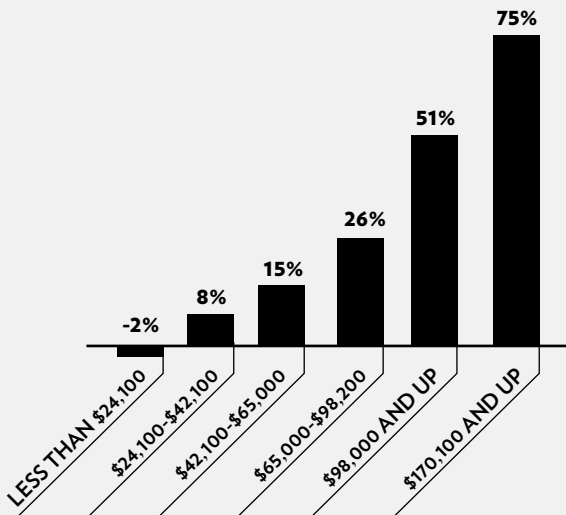
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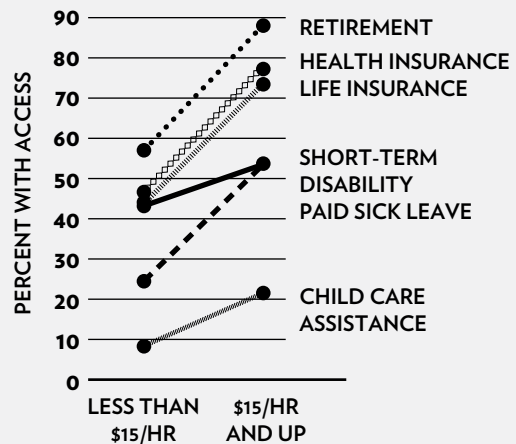
Increase in Workers' Earnings & Productivity³



Between 1979 and 2003, Income Growth for Families Making...⁴



Access to Employer Benefits⁵



In 2007, the median hourly wage for U.S. workers was \$15.17, which means that half of workers likely fell into the "Less than \$15 an hour category."

¹From *Executive Excess*, <http://www.faireconomy.org/files/ExecutiveExcess2007.pdf>

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