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Rising inequality linked to drop in union membership

Times of strong unions see a smaller share of income going to the elite, study finds

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Frances O'Grady, general secretary of the TUC. Photograph: Linda Nylind/The Guardian

The sharp fall in trade union membership since Margaret Thatcher came to power in 1979 has directly contributed to the high levels of income inequality that the current prime minister, Theresa May, has denounced and promised to tackle, according to a new study.

The analysis, which looked at the effect unions have had in combating inequality and improving pay and working conditions in the UK and other countries, found that, where membership had fallen and union influence had decreased in workplaces, income inequalities had risen.

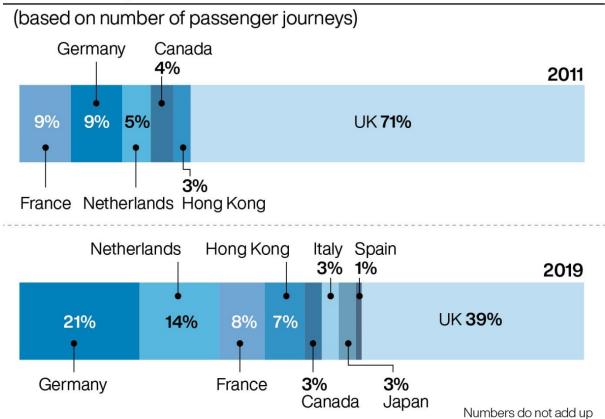
At the same time, wealth had become concentrated more and more in the hands of the richest 1% in society. Conversely, during periods when union membership had grown and in countries where unions were strong, pay inequality had declined.

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Ownership of Britain's rail services

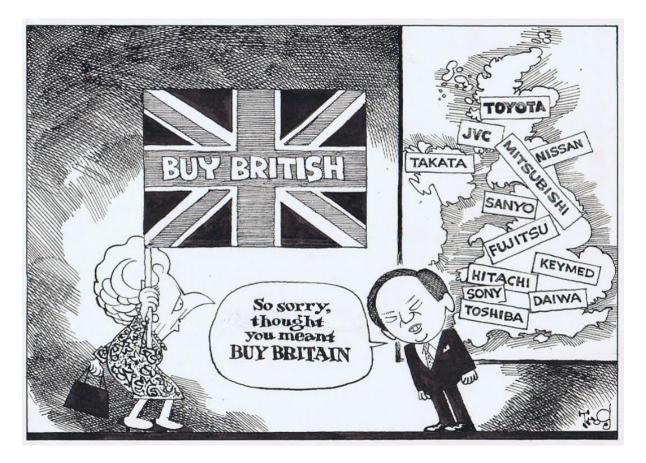
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Brixton riots 1981: What happened 40 years ago in London? - CBBC Newsround

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This April marks the 40th anniversary of an important event in black British history - the Brixton riots

It took place in 1981 at a time when racial tensions meant that many of Britain's inner cities were divided.

This led to big fights called riots taking place, first in London but then quickly spreading to many cities across the UK.

What were the Brixton riots?



Why did people riot?



Many people in the black community felt the country was divided.

There was high unemployment, racial tensions and, in many places, the country's black population had poor relationships with the police.

Many young black people believed that police officers treated them badly, unfairly and used the 'stop and search' law as one of the ways to do it.

Under this law, the police could stop anyone to search them if they thought they might be planning to commit a crime.

Many black people involved in the riots felt that they were being targeted for these searches just because of the colour of our skin.

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