Gender Wealth Gap

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3 Points

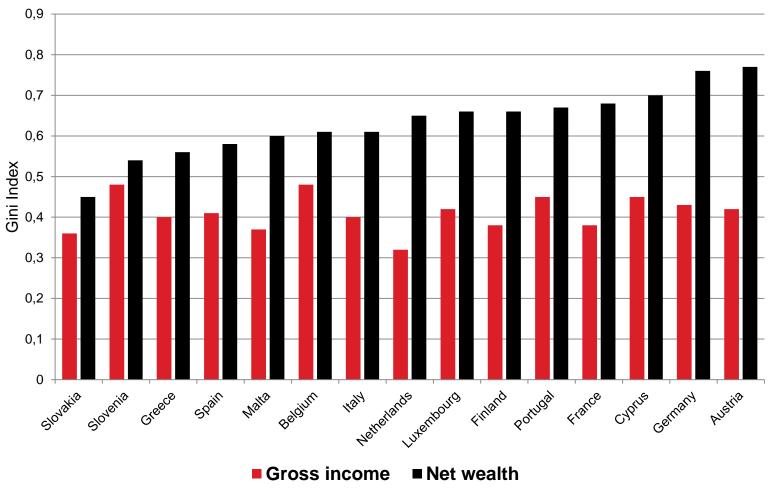
■ Wealth > income inequality

Wealth glass ceiling

Gender wealth gap



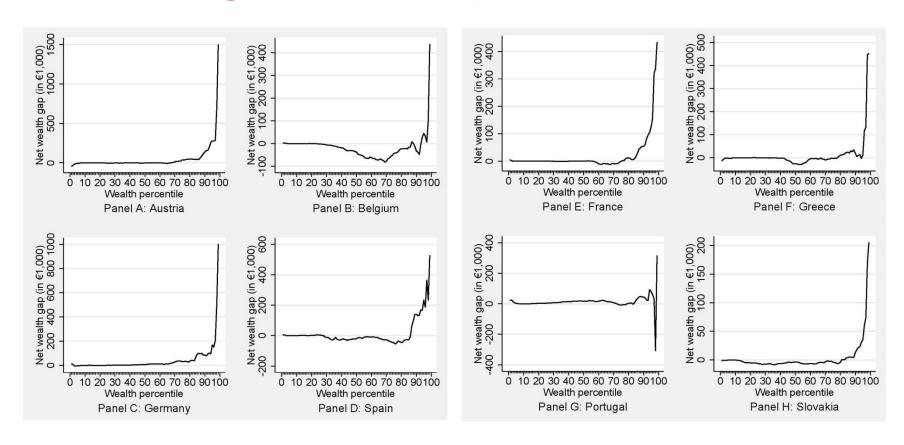
Inequality in wealth greater than income



Source: HFCS 2010; Sierminska and Medgyesi 2013; Holzner, Jestl, Leitner 2015



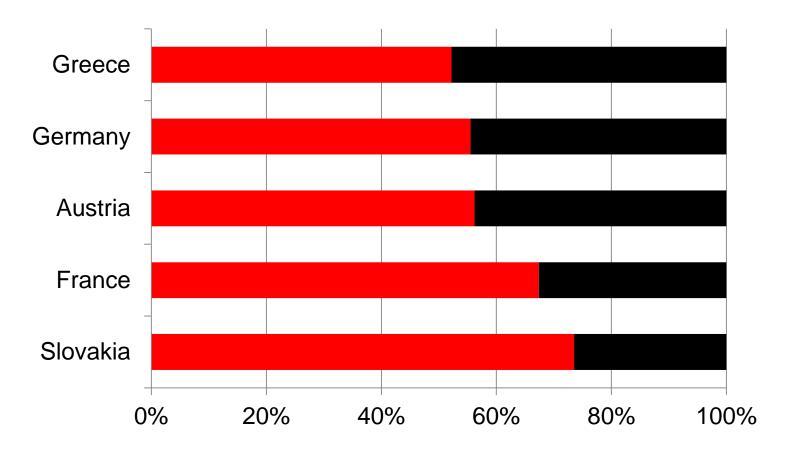
Glass ceiling in wealth: Gender gap at the top



Note: Difference in net wealth between male and female one-adult households (age 25-60) over the unconditional distribution of net wealth of female one-adult households Source: HFCS 2010; Schneebaum, Rehm, Mader, Hollan 2016



The Gender Wealth Gap at the top



Note: Coefficient on female in a quantile regression at the 95th percentil of gross wealth for one-adult households (age 25-60)

Controls: age, education, nr. children in household, marital status, employment status, historical labor market attachment, working hours, ownership of asset and debt categories Source: HFCS 2010; Schneebaum, Rehm, Mader, Hollan 2016



What to do?

- Many policies have wealth effects: housing, pensions, social security
- Wealth policies have gender effects: wealth taxation (incl. FTT)
- Transparency:
 Financial registry (Zucman 2014)



THANK YOU



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