

Radicals

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Market
Austerity
Customers

Commons
Abundance
Citizens

**Elite Plus Super
Diamond Platinum**

Library Card

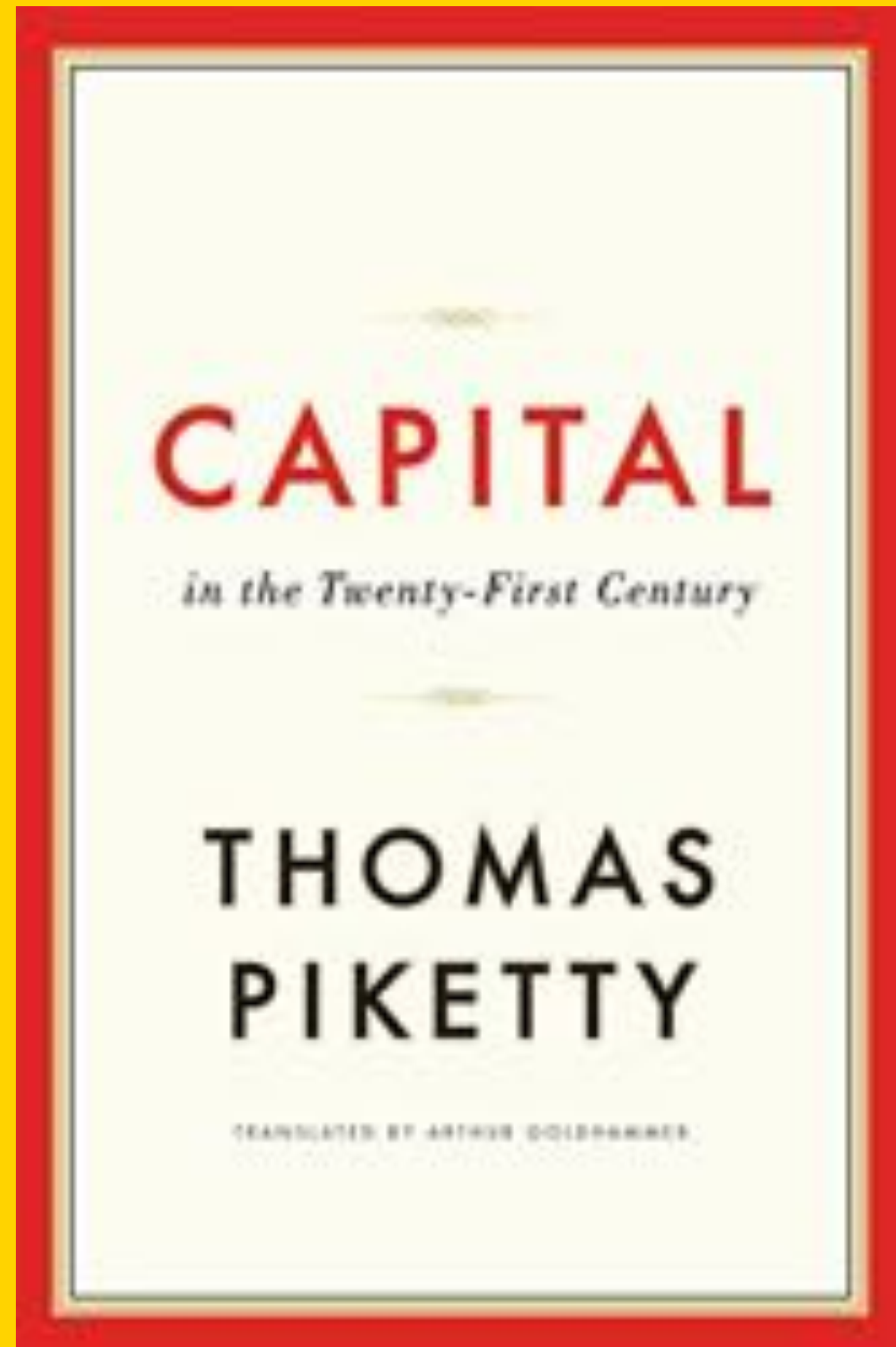
FastTrack

Priority Check-out
Members Only

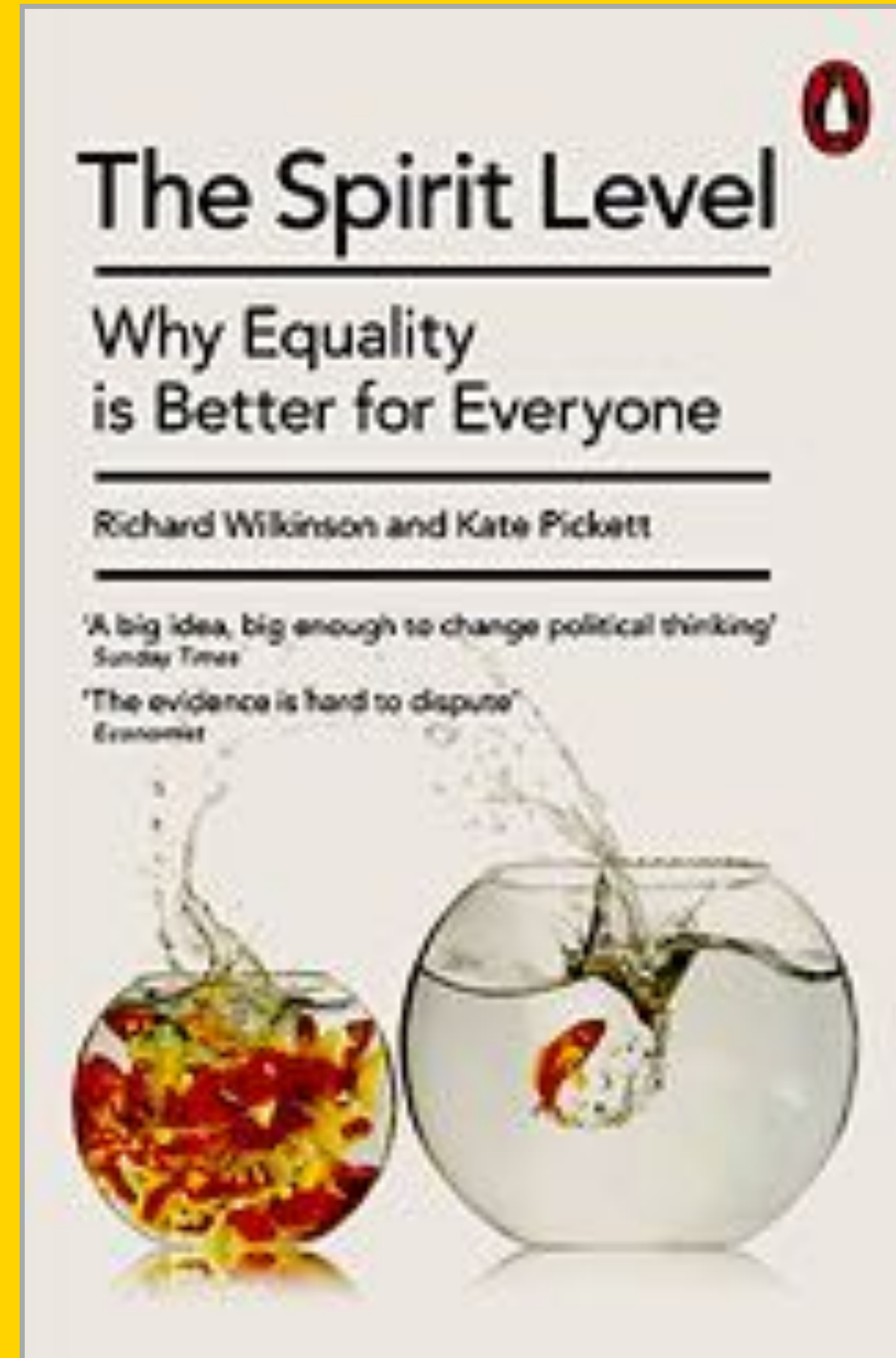
Audacious



Democracy is
under pressure

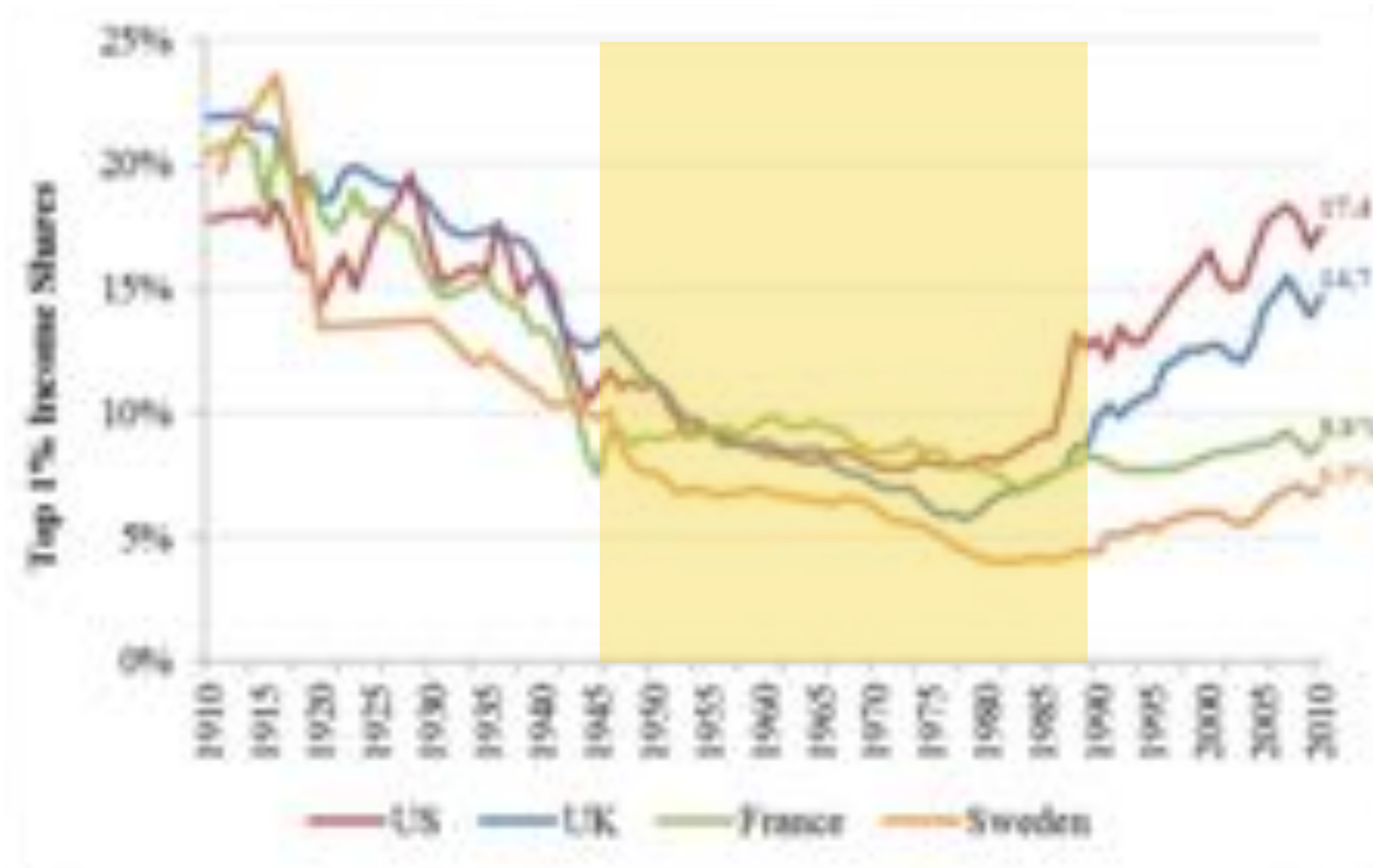
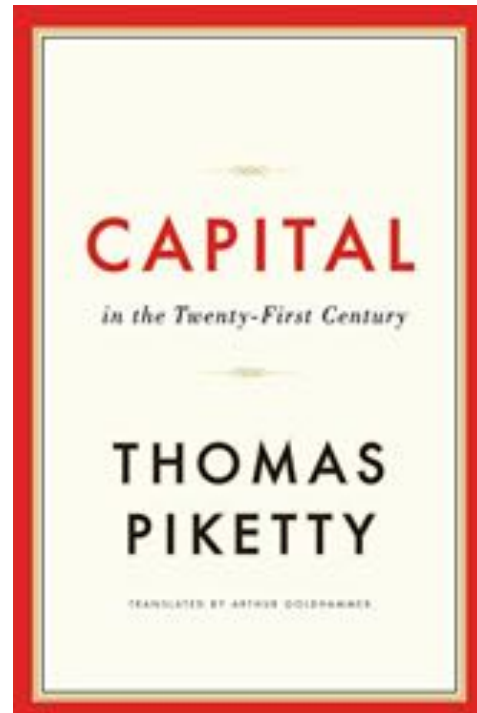


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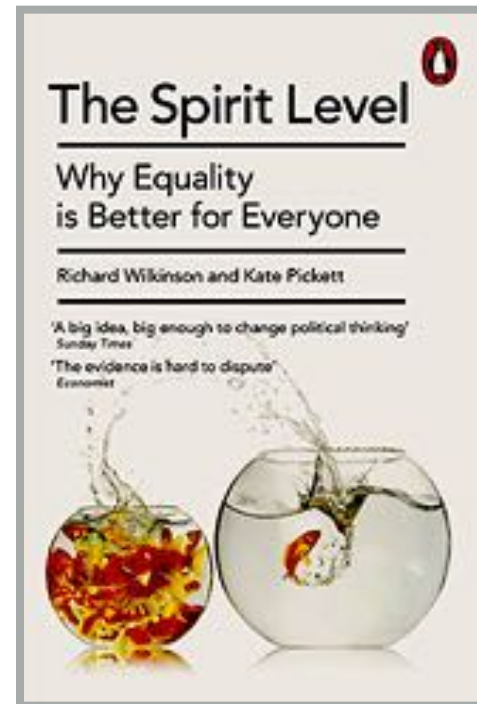
2008

Top 1% income share (1910-2010)



Source: Thomas Piketty

Health and social problems are worse in unequal countries



- Index includes:
- Life expectancy
 - Maths & literacy
 - Infant mortality
 - Homicides
 - Imprisonment
 - Teenage births
 - Trust
 - Obesity
 - Mental illness (inc. drug and alcohol addiction)
 - Social mobility

Inequality
Anxiety
Belonging
Technology
Climate
Terror
Sense-making

“Generalized form of social cancer”

Doubled in British teenagers over 30 years

Social capital in decline

Steal our jobs

Crash our future

Defenceless

Unions, churches, media, service clubs

Democracy

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Majoritarian
Elitest
Populist
Partisan
Short-term
Formal
Zero-sum

Polarized
Volatile
Emotional
Ill-informed

Public

Polarized
Volatile
Emotional
Ill-informed



Risk

Risk → Resource

Legitimacy

Trust and cohesion

Better decisions

Public

Caring
Reasonable
Purposeful
Curious

Democracy

Problem-solving
Collaborative
Empathic
Practice

Democracy

Learning

Winning

Democracies are learning societies

Democracies need libraries

Organize knowledge communities

What should everyone know?

What are our vital signs?

What challenges can we solve together?

What decisions can we make together?

4 Ideas for libraries

What should everyone know?



What should everyone know?

Create a Civic Curriculum

Accessing public services

Local history

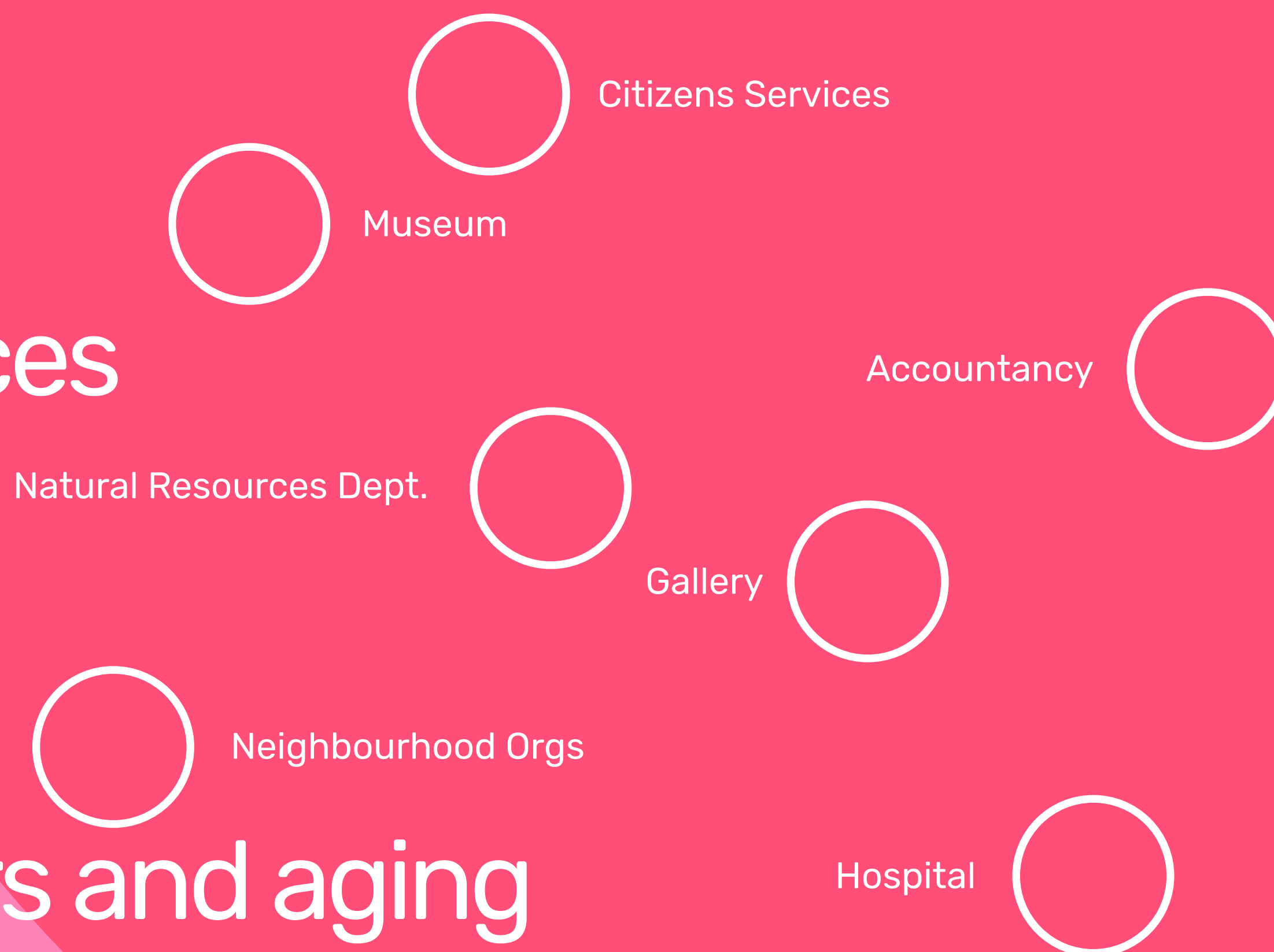
Public and personal finances

Environment and climate

Arts and culture

Social welfare

Personal health, early years and aging



What should everyone know?

	Community Score	Annual change
Accessing public services	4/10	-1
Local history	6/10	+2
Public and personal finances	3/10	-3
Environment and climate	7/10	+2
Arts and culture	5/10	+1
Social welfare	3/10	-1
Personal health, early years and aging	4/10	-2

What are our vital signs?

Does this city work for everyone?

**Does it work
for you?**



What are our vital signs?

Host a Civic Observatory



Leadership



Demographics



Health and wellness



Transportation



Learning



Arts and culture



Economics



Environment



Housing



Work



Safety



Income inequality



What are our vital signs?

Host a Civic Observatory

How is the city's population growing?

Are immigrants still choosing here to live, work, and play?

How can the city keep up with the demands on infrastructure and services?

Can the "sharing economy" have a positive impact on our society?

What new public health challenges have emerged?

How are inequities impacting health and wellbeing?

How safe is our city?

Is there a disconnect between our police and the communities they serve?

Who is working and who isn't?

What challenges can we solve together?



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Launch Annual Civic Challenges



What challenges can we solve together?

Clear objective, with a start and finish

Personal and group initiative

Visceral impact

Public-Civic Partnership

Operating at scale



What decisions can we make together?



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Only 12,000 households in Toronto have been randomly selected to receive this invitation

We need you to volunteer for the City of Toronto's new Planning Review Panel

Resident of
#2-400 Roncesvalles Ave
Toronto, ON M6R 2Z0

**Deadline
October 6
Respond Today**

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OCTOBER 6

What decisions can we make together?

Create a civic interface

Who's in the room and how did they get there?

Are you asking for their opinion or to represent the views of others?

Is there a real task?

What learning needs to occur?

What decisions can we make together?

Create a civic interface

Balanced hospital budgets

Shaped housing legislation

Reinforced privacy regulations

Set politicians' salaries

Initiated municipal amalgamation

People want a say, but they're also willing to serve.

The problem isn't that we've been asking too much of people, but too little.

Civic Curriculum

Observatory

Challenges

Interface

= Next Library

Civic Literacy

Knowledge and context

Democratic fitness

Agency, efficacy, imagination, voice

Making code

Making things

Making citizens

We need radicals

Democracy needs libraries

Citizens need you