

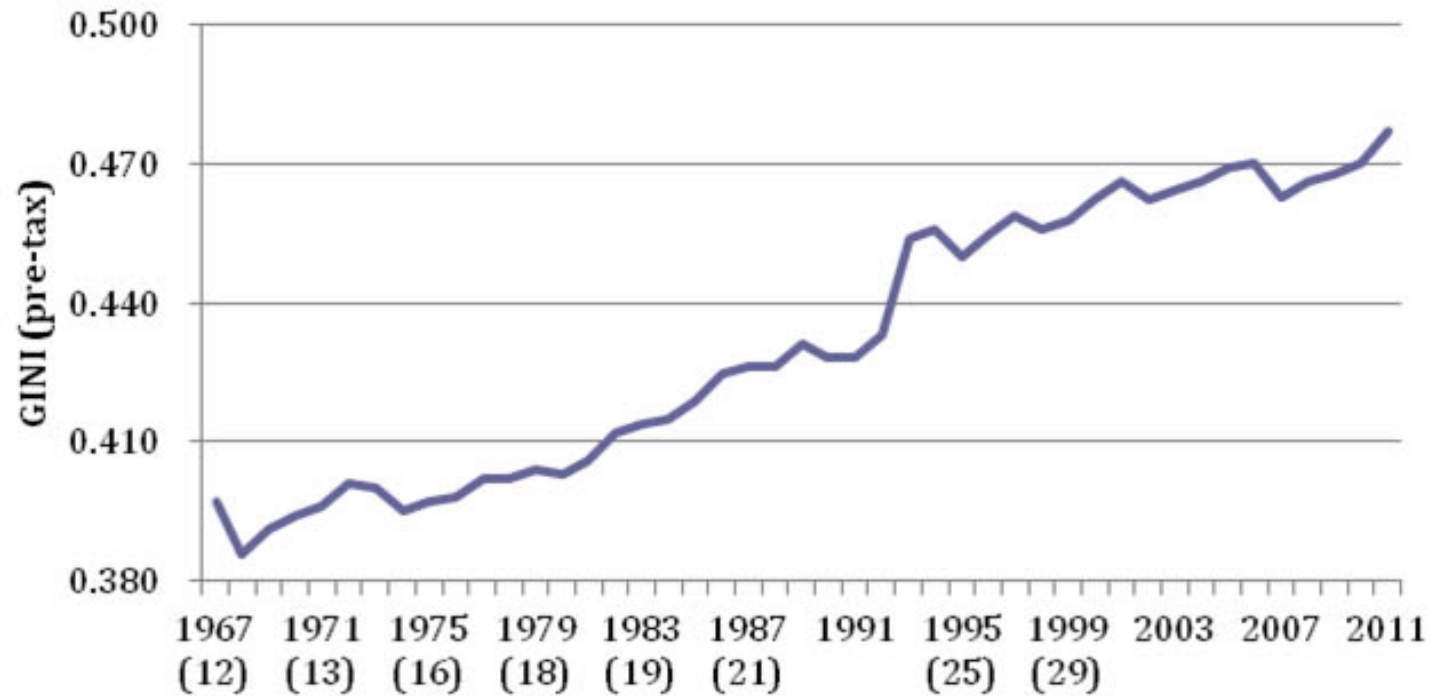
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US Inequality has been rising

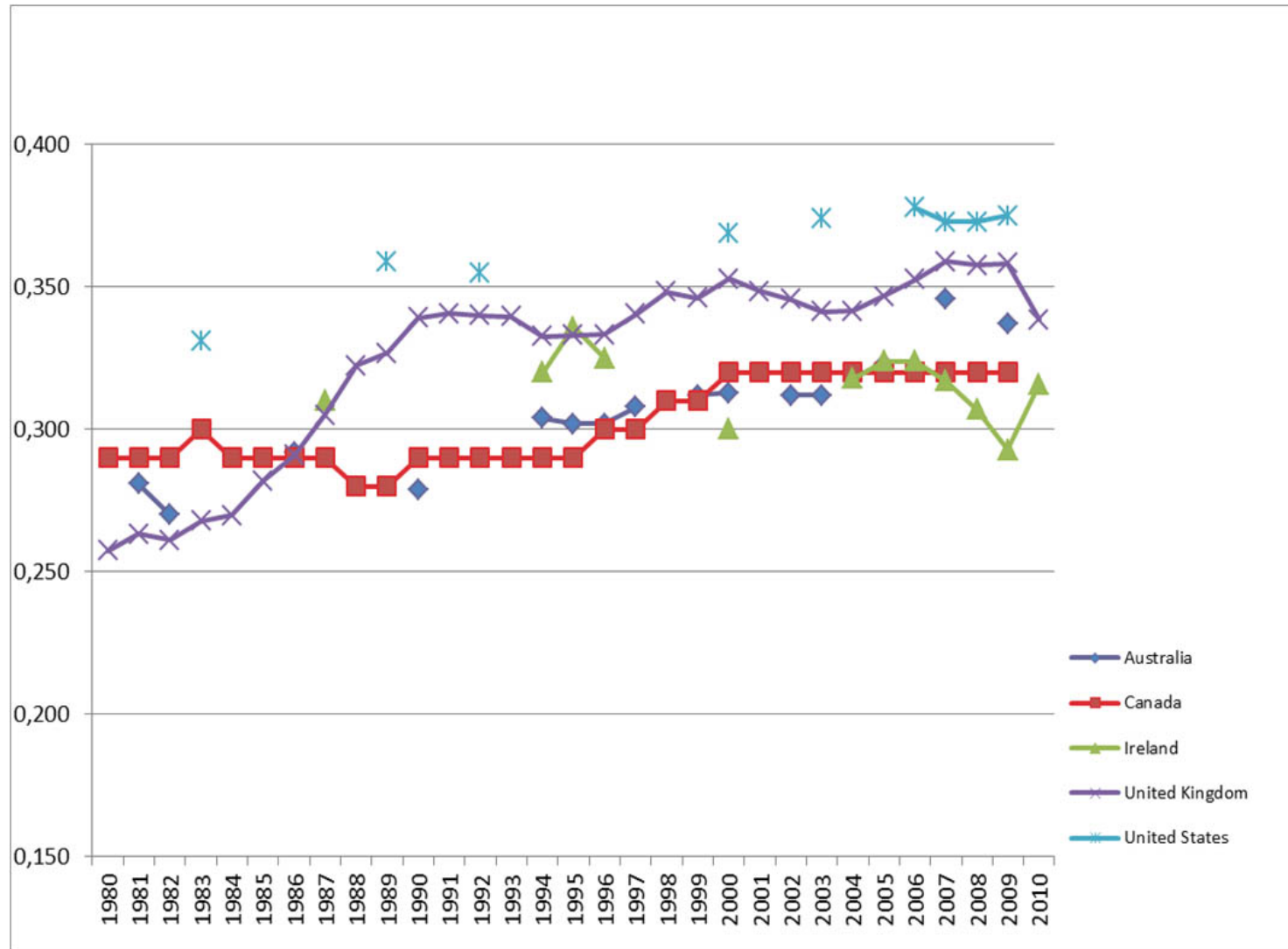
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey

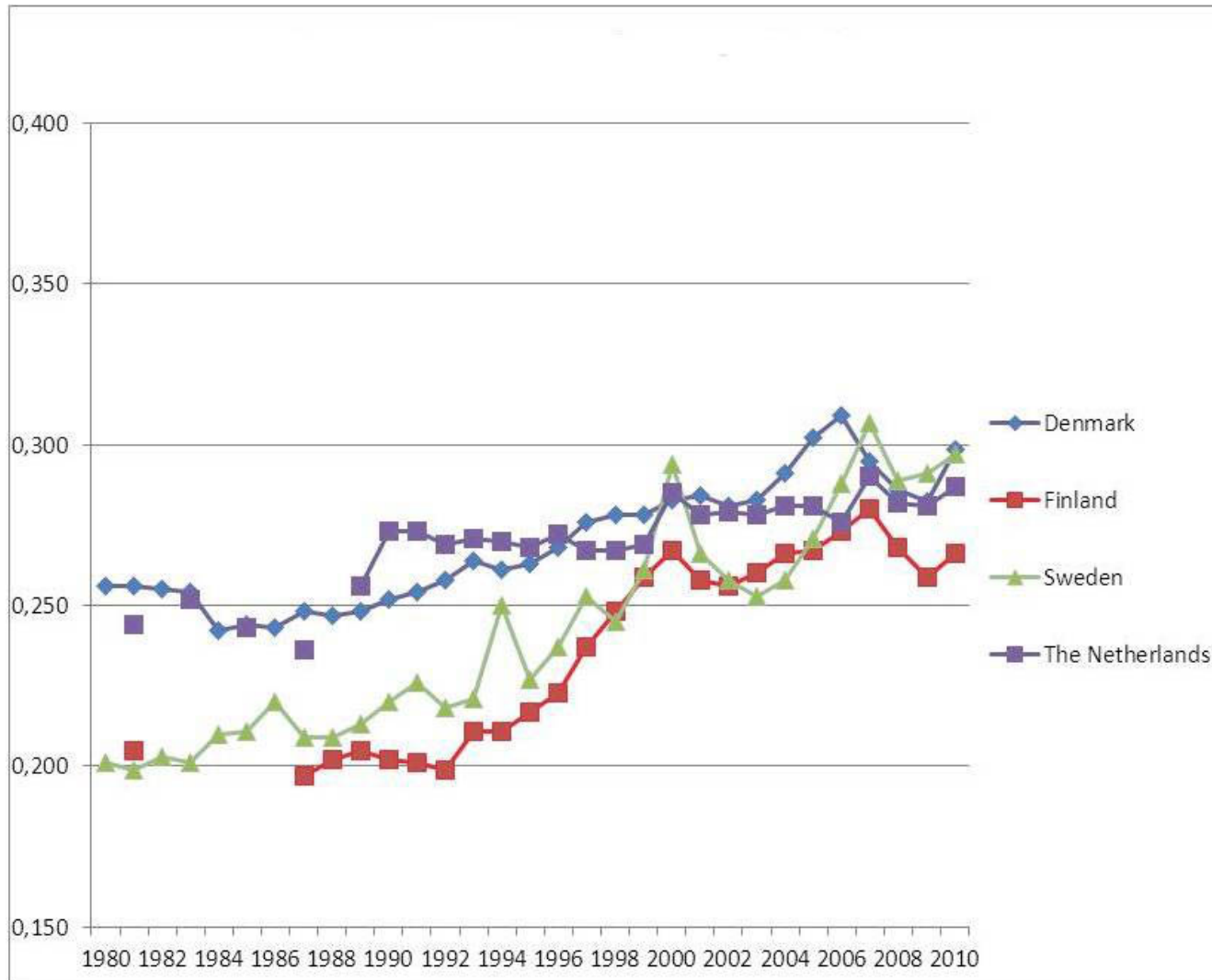
And in other Anglophone countries

Source: *István György Tóth*, "Zooming in the Grand Narrative of Growing Inequality: Comparative Lessons from Inequality Trends in 30 Countries," Tables 4 and 5



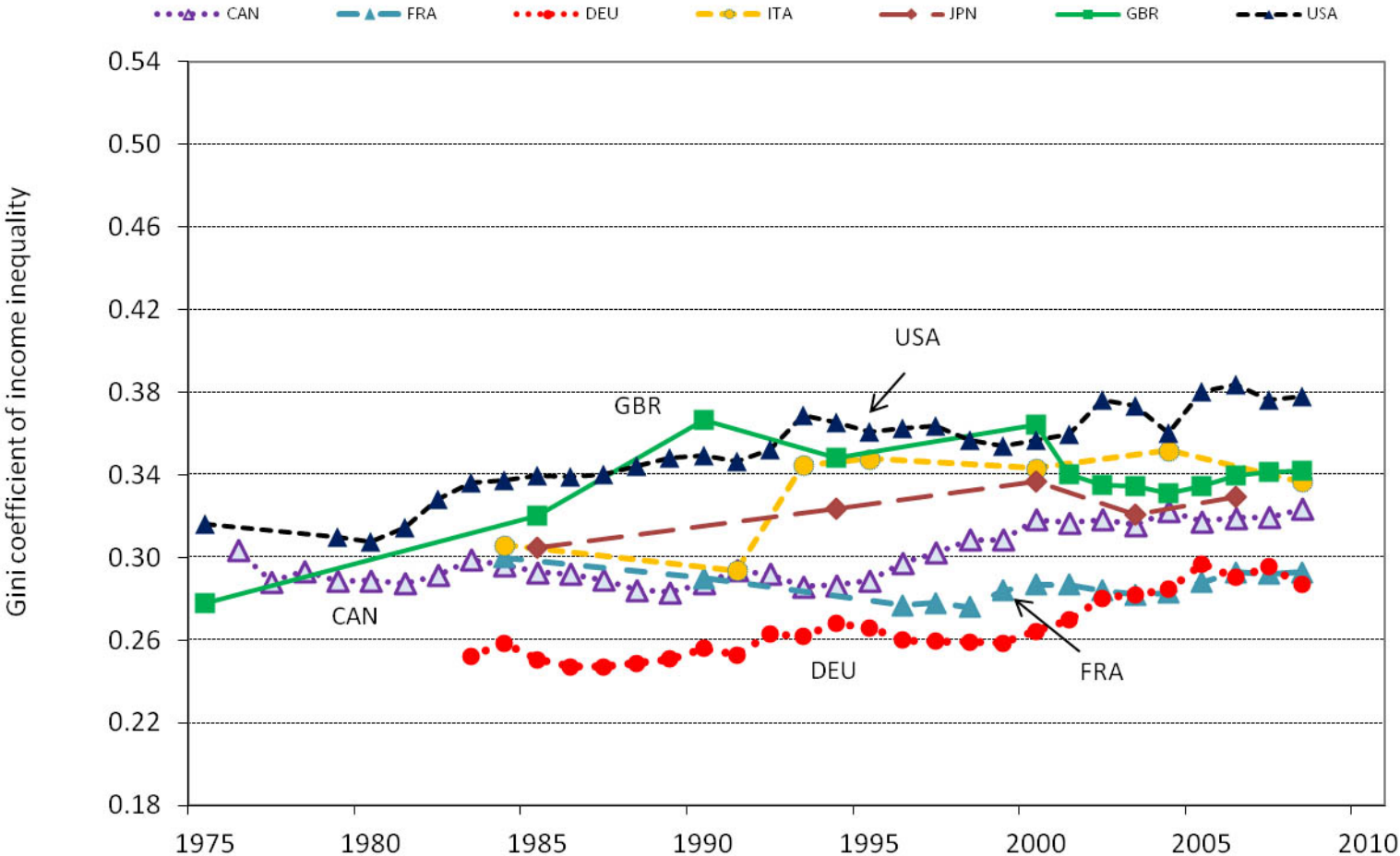
But also in some large welfare-state countries

Source: Tóth



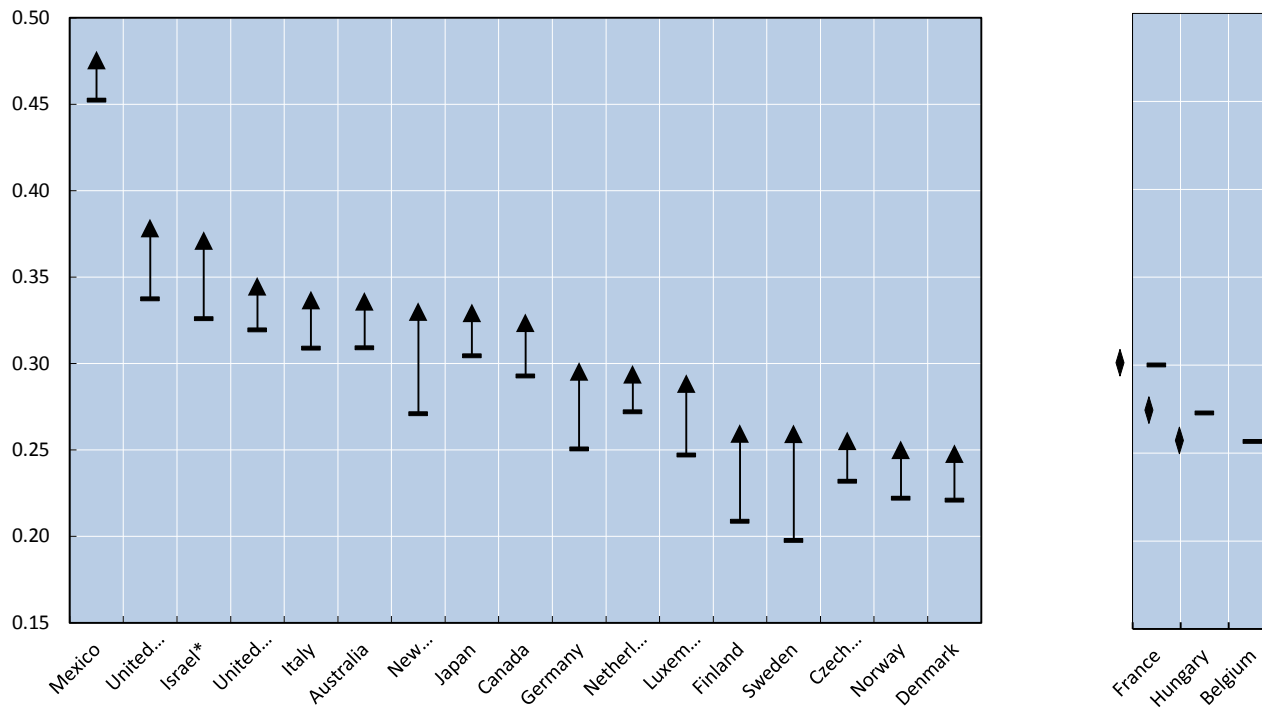
Inequality in G7 Countries

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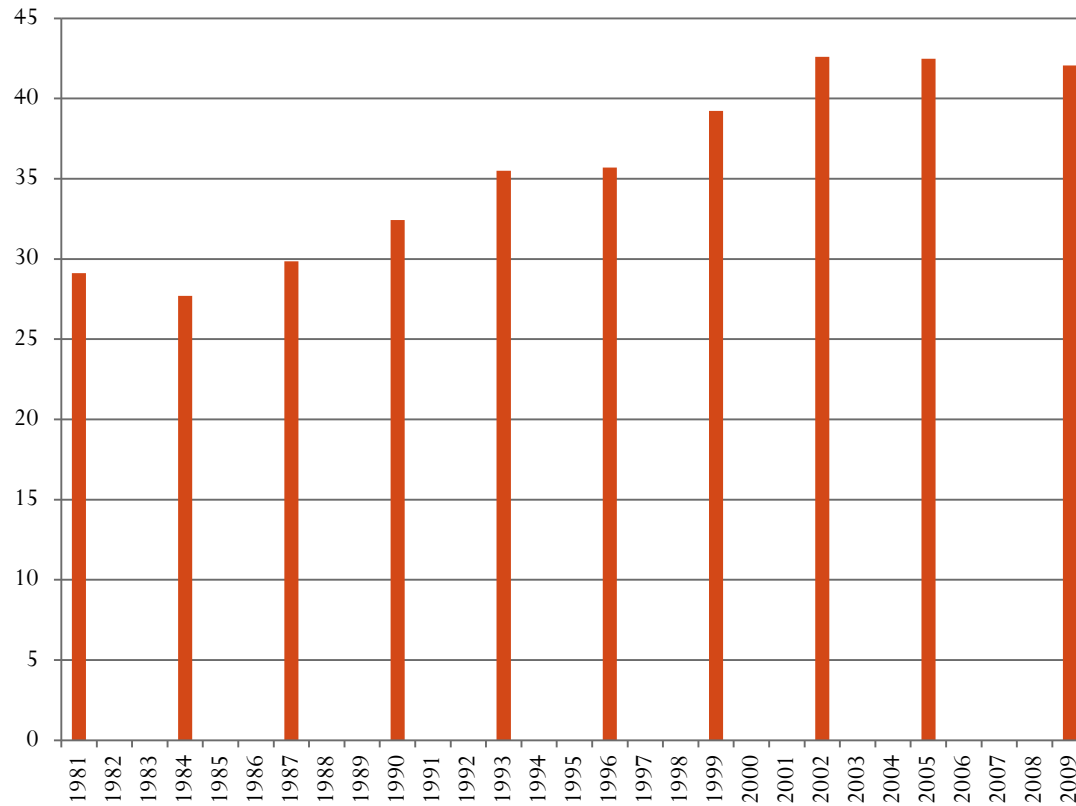
Rising Inequality has been a general Rich Country Phenomenon

Changes in Gini indexes, mid-1980s-late 2000s, select OECD countries. Source: *Tóth*



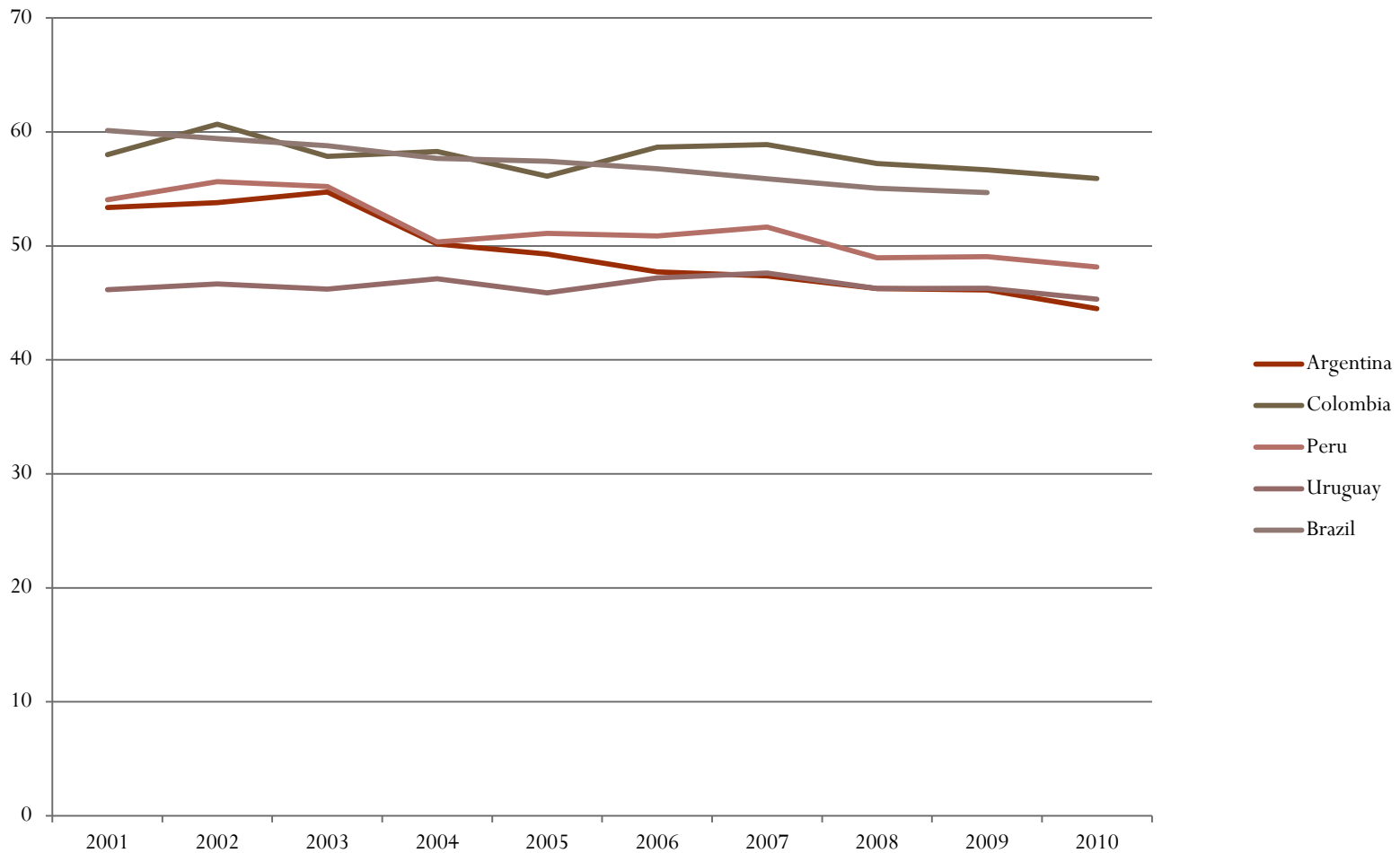
As well as in China

Source: World Bank (databank.worldbank.org/data/home.aspx)



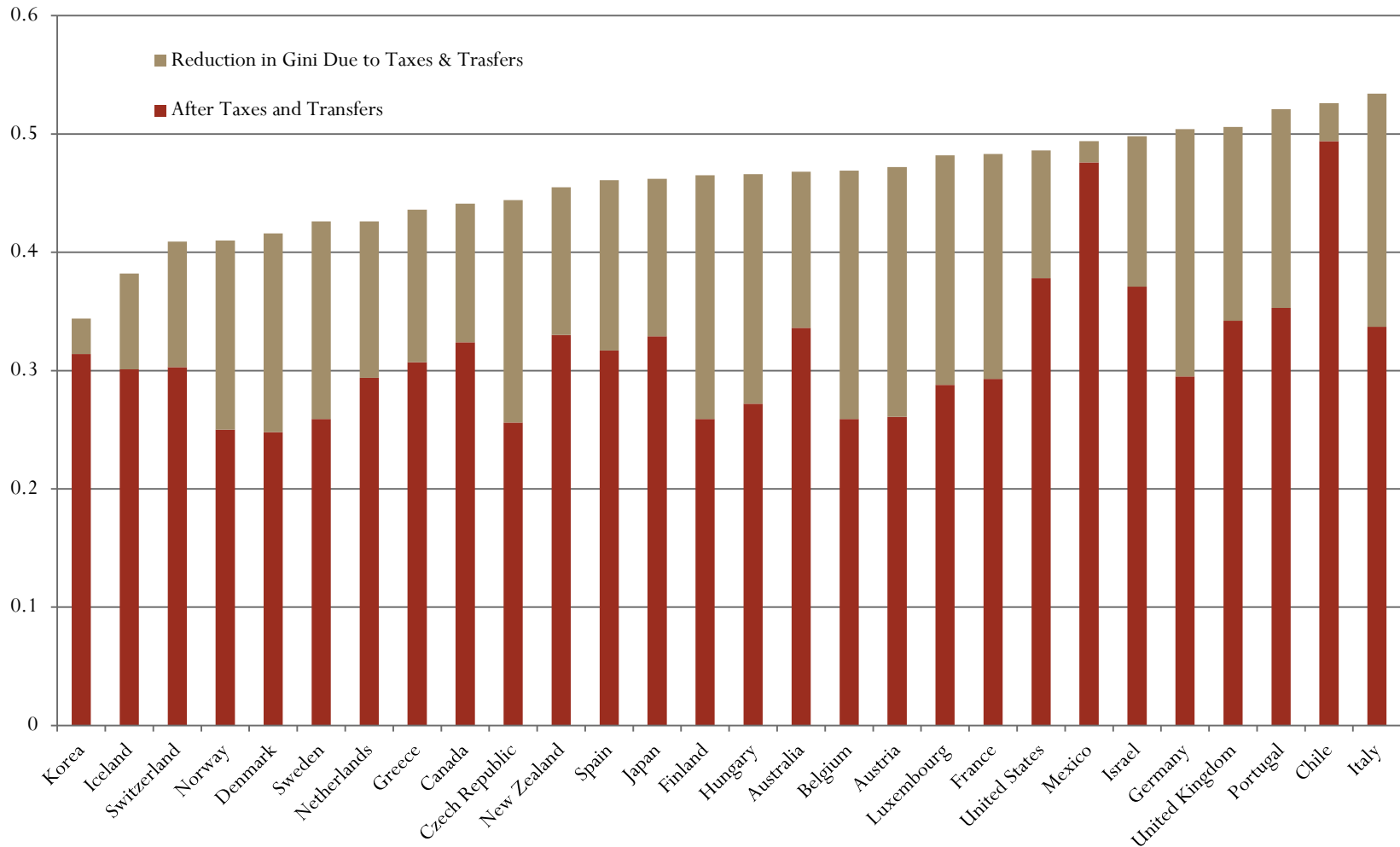
Only Latin America has bucked this trend

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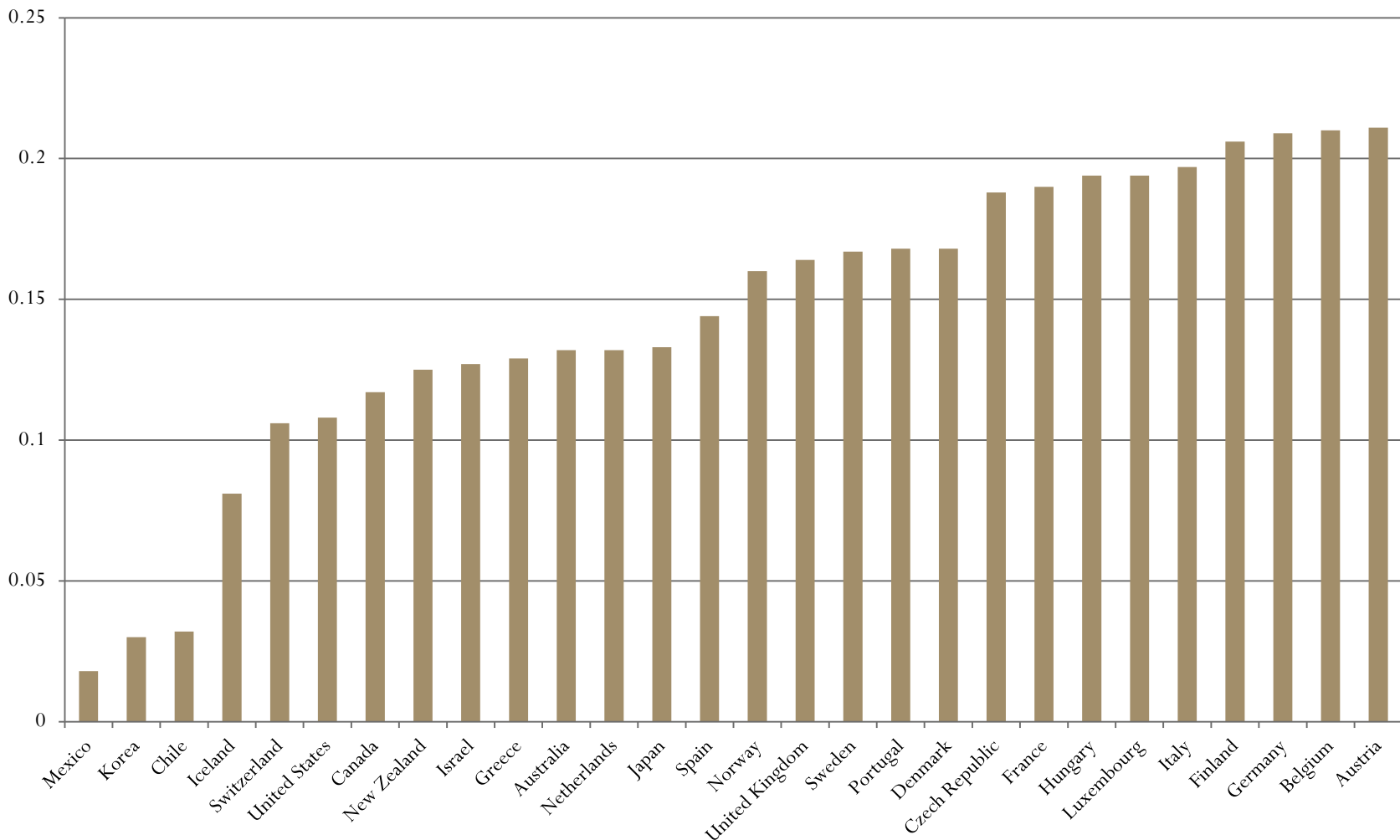
All Countries Redistribute Income

Source: S. Morelli, T. Smeeding, J. Thompson, "Post-1970 Trends in Within-Country Inequality and Poverty" HID Vol. 2, Chapter 9, Draft, March 26, 2013, Table I3



Reductions in Gini due to Taxes and Transfers

Source: Morelli, Smeeding, Thompson



Daniel Carpenter: Health Politics is Different

"Is Health Politics Different?" *American Review of Political Science* 15, 2012: 287-311.

- Equality
 - Health access is regarded as a right, and more basic than most other social goods
- Identity
 - Diseases often correlate with markers of identity
- Role of Expertise and Technology
 - Health sector more heavily dependent on expertise and technology than other parts of public sector