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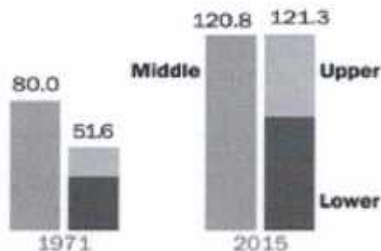
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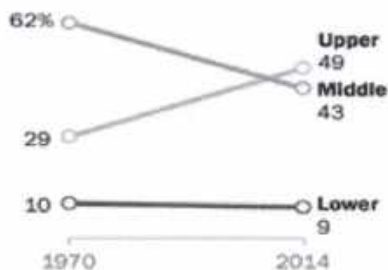
Middle-income Americans are no longer in the majority ...

Adult population by income tier (millions)



... and share of aggregate income held by middle-income households has plunged

% of U.S. aggregate household income



Note: The assignment to income tiers is based on size-adjusted household incomes in the year prior to the survey year. Shares may not add to 100% due to rounding.

They're used to seeing their lives on the rise.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of the Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements, 1971 and 2015

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