

THE OBSCENE GRAPH

Wealth in America, to scale. 18 pages of Letter paper. Assembled, it stands 14 feet tall. Every bar is 1% of American households. 1 inch = \$250,000. The median household is 0.8 inches tall.

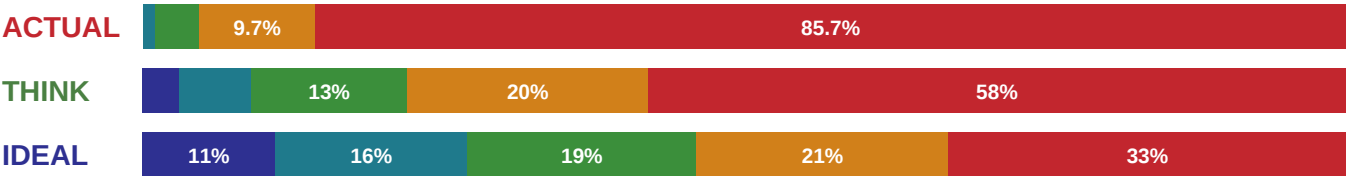
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How to hang it

1. Print every page at 100% / "Actual size". Do not use "Fit to page" or the pages will not line up.
2. Trim each page along the dashed CUT line at its bottom edge. (Leave page 1 untrimmed.)
3. Put page 1 at floor level. It has \$0, the debt line, and everyone up to the median.
4. Lay page 2 over the top margin of page 1 so its cut edge sits exactly on page 1's ALIGN line. Tape. Repeat, counting upward.
5. Keep going. You will run out of wall before you run out of graph. That is the point.
6. Take a photo and share it with #ObsceneGraph.

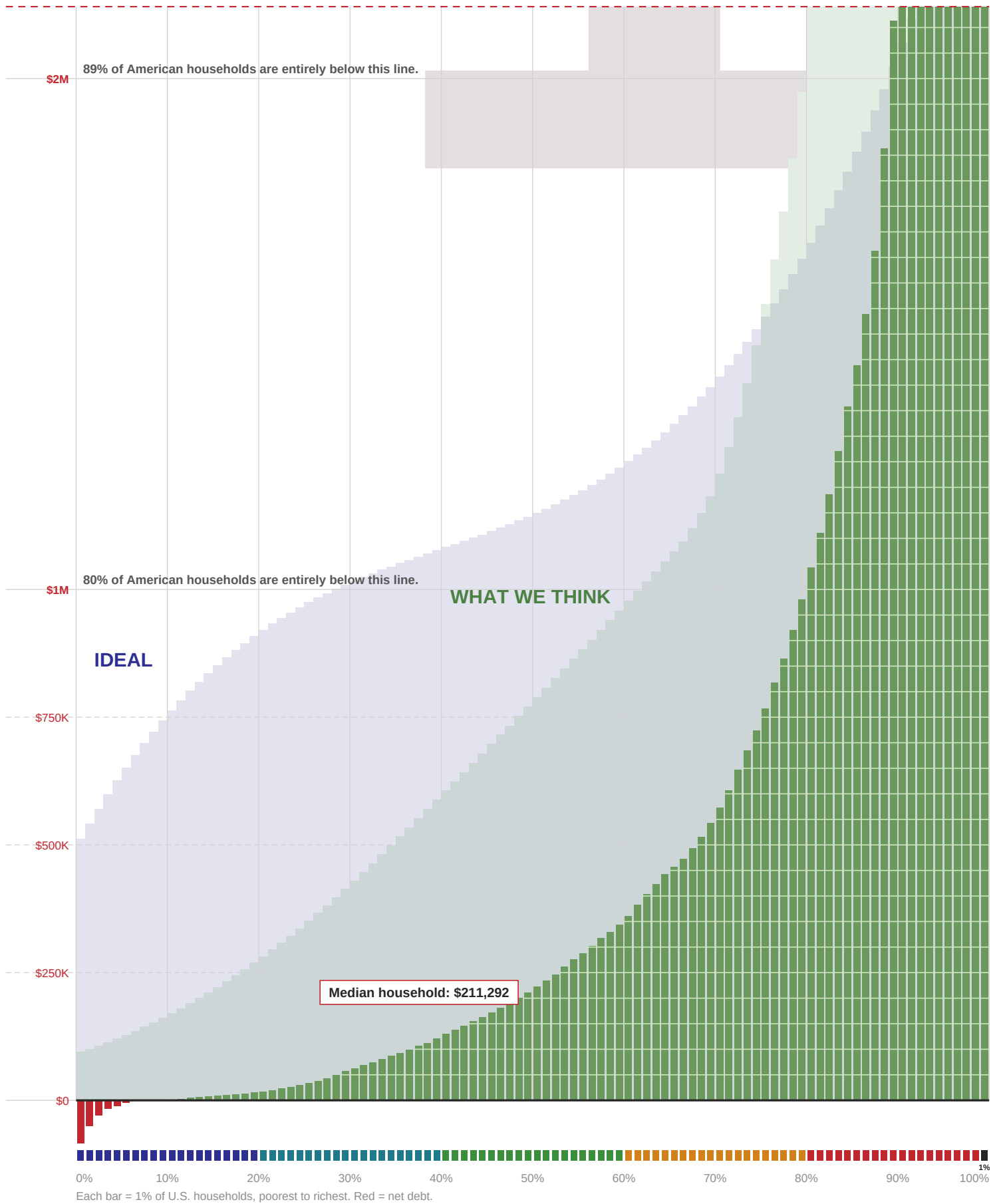
Who owns America?

Share of all wealth held by each fifth of households, bottom 20% to top 20%.

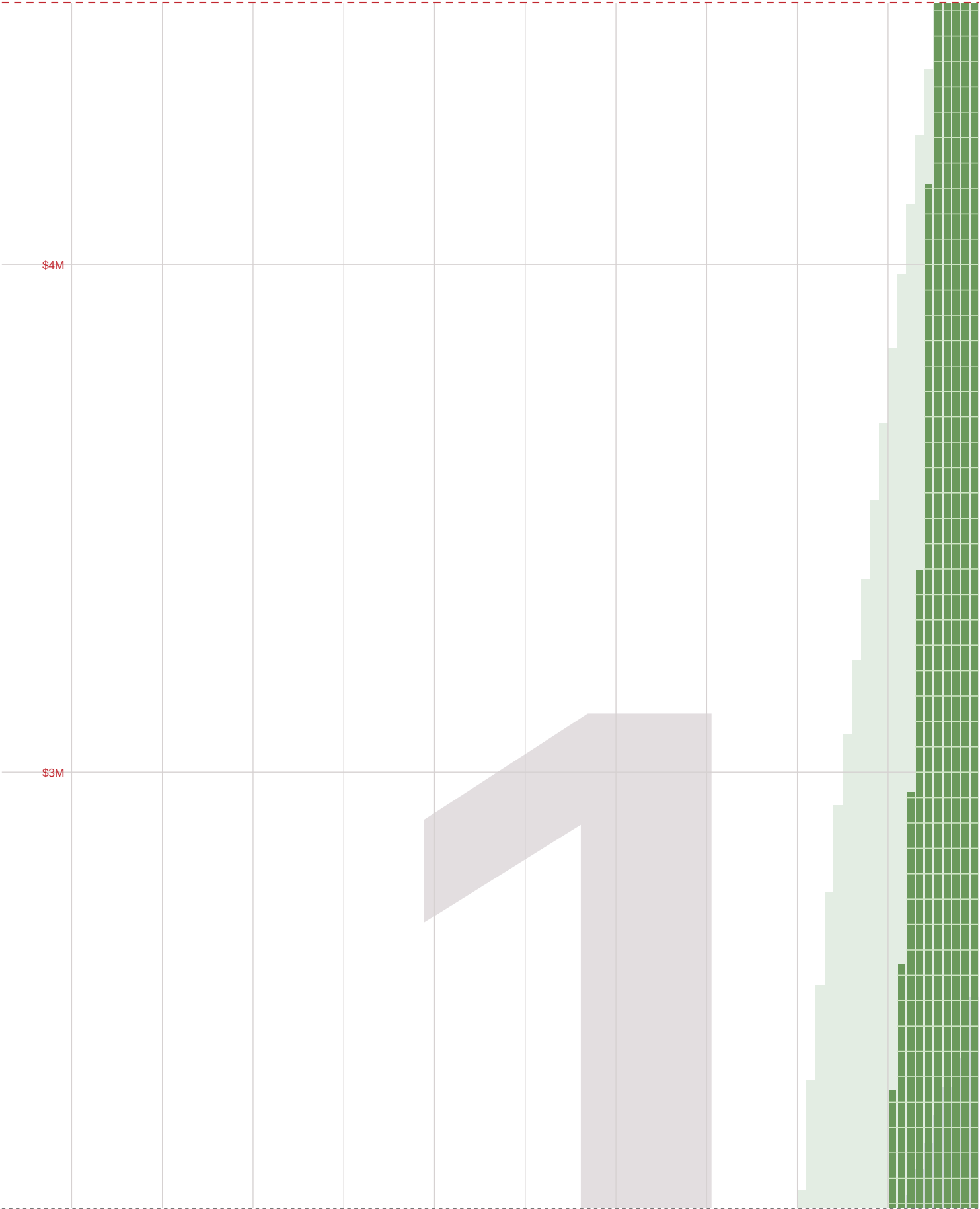


Bars 1-99: estimated net worth at each percentile, 2023 Survey of Consumer Finances, adjusted to 2026 dollars (x1.1); the poorest 8% are shown with their reported debt. Top 1%: average, Federal Reserve Distributional Financial Accounts, Q1 2026. "Think" and "Ideal": Norton & Ariely (2011), spread across percentiles for illustration. Shares are rounded. Sources and method: dreamagainusa.org/method

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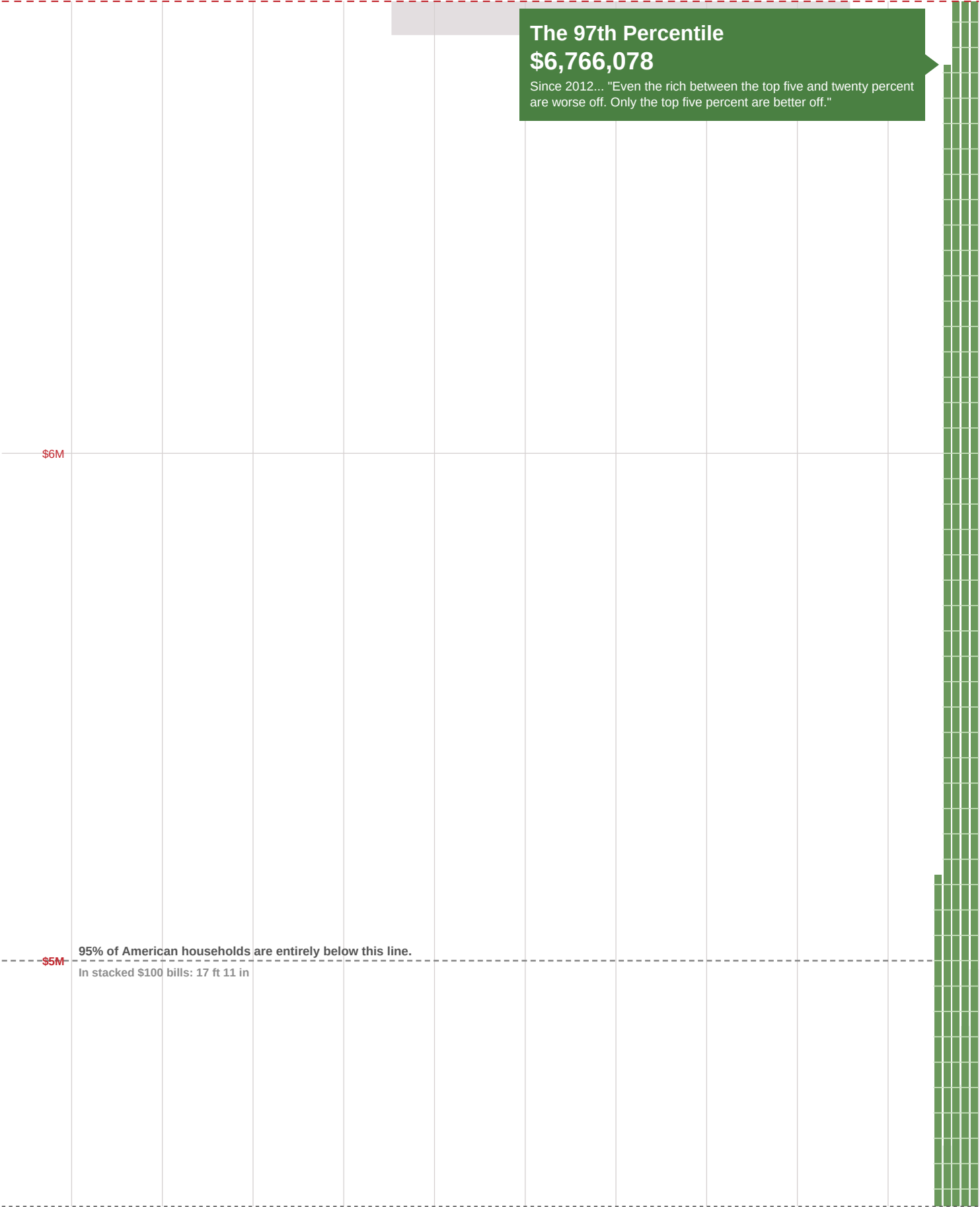


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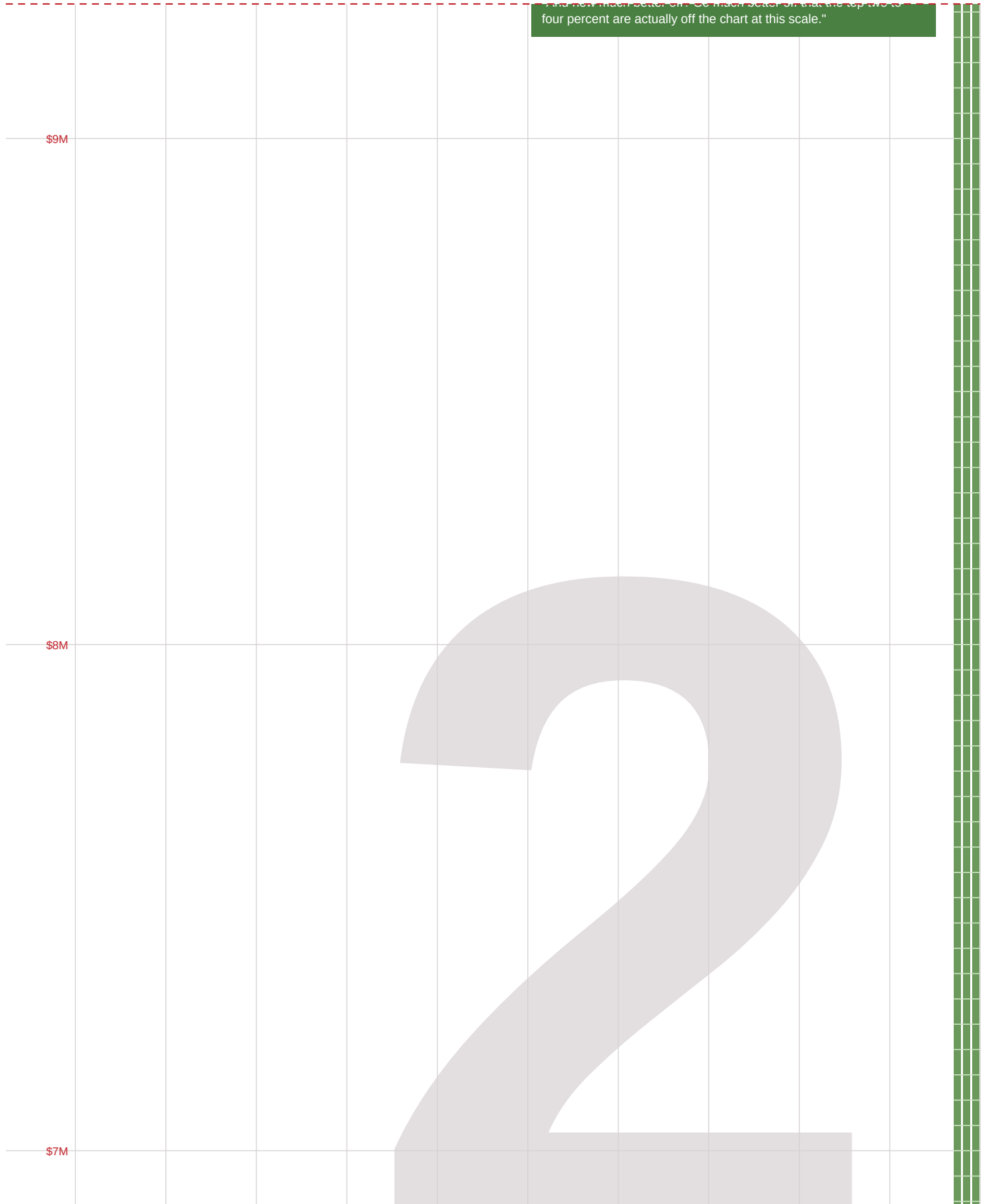
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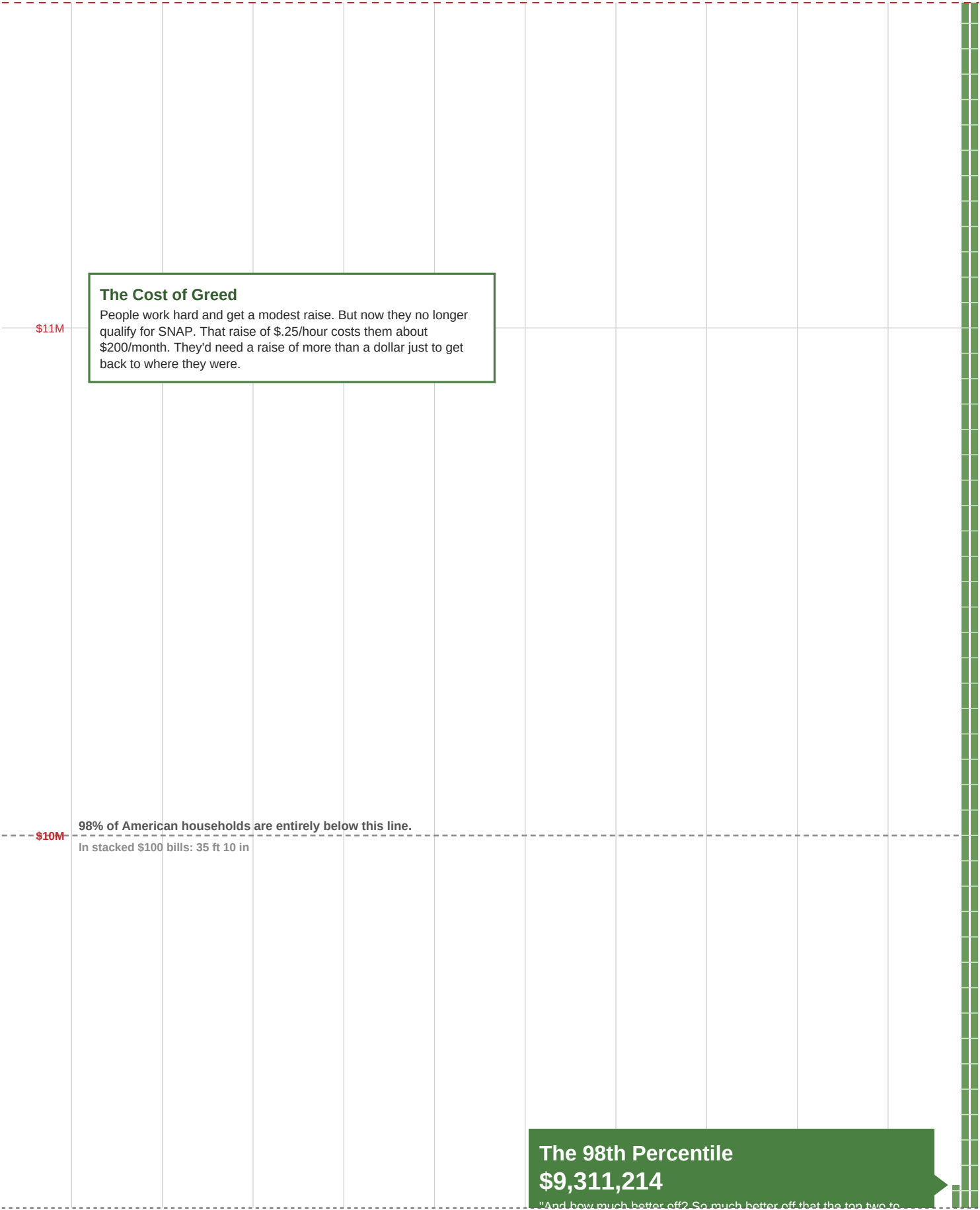
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And now, much better off. So much better off that the top two to four percent are actually off the chart at this scale."



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IF WE STACKED BENJAMINS TO:

\$20 Million = 71 ft 8 in

A Standard U.S. Bowling Lane

The total length of an official bowling lane, including the approach area, lane, and pit. All those bills in the way of picking up the spare... change?

In stacked \$100 bills: 71 ft 8 in

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IF WE STACKED BENJAMINS TO:

\$28 Million = 100 ft 4 in

10 NBA Basketball Hoops

Stacking ten regulation NBA rims end-to-end (10 feet each) plus backboards.

\$28M

\$27M

\$26M

No, we're not lost.

The journey to the average 1%er really does climb. We're reaching a numbers range that is difficult to comprehend. Thus this graph.

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IF WE STACKED BENJAMINS TO:

\$30 Million = 107 ft 6 in

TIME Magazine, October 2025

"I'm a Millionaire. No One Needs More Than \$30 Million."

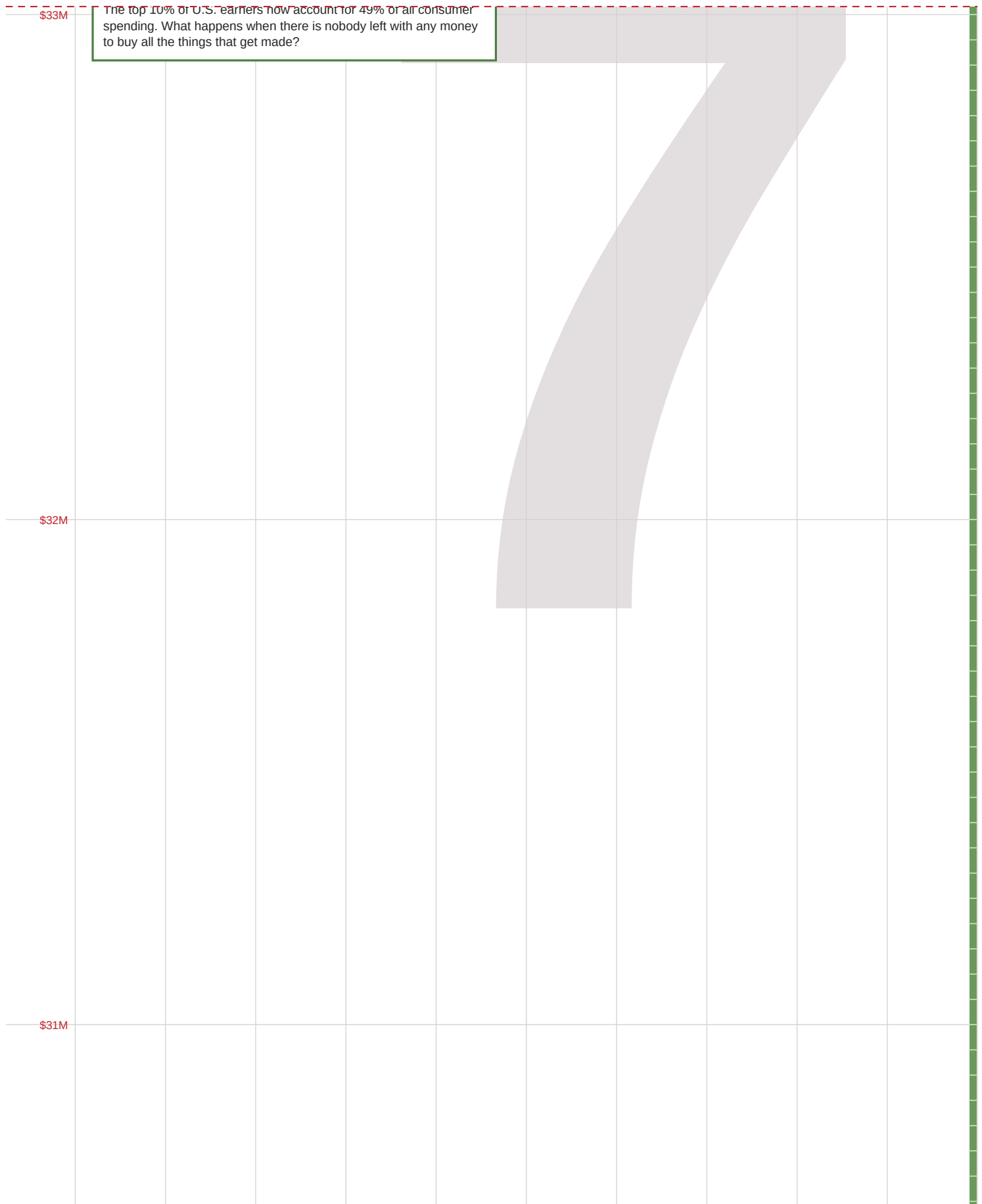
\$30M

In stacked \$100 bills: 107 ft 6 in

\$29M

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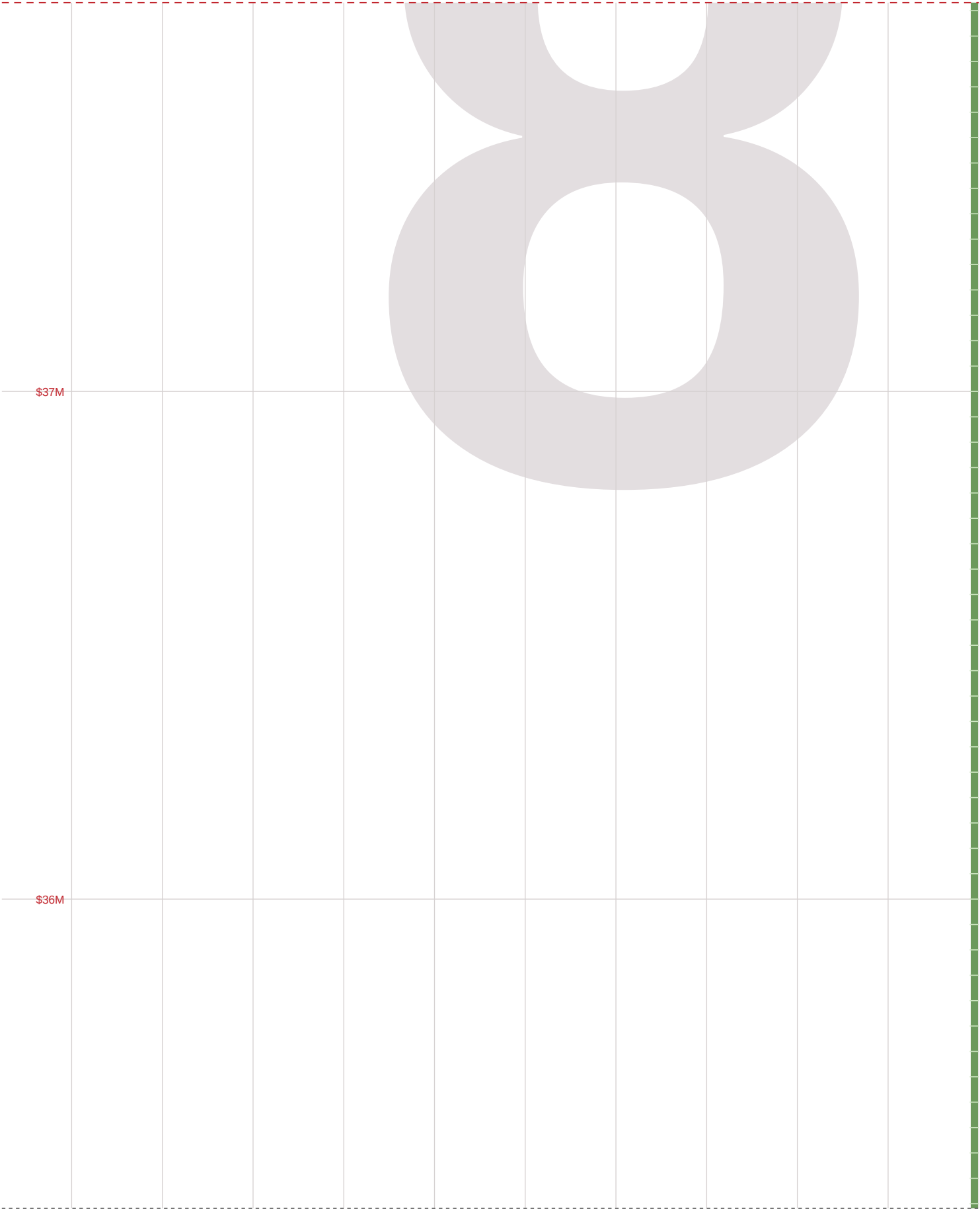
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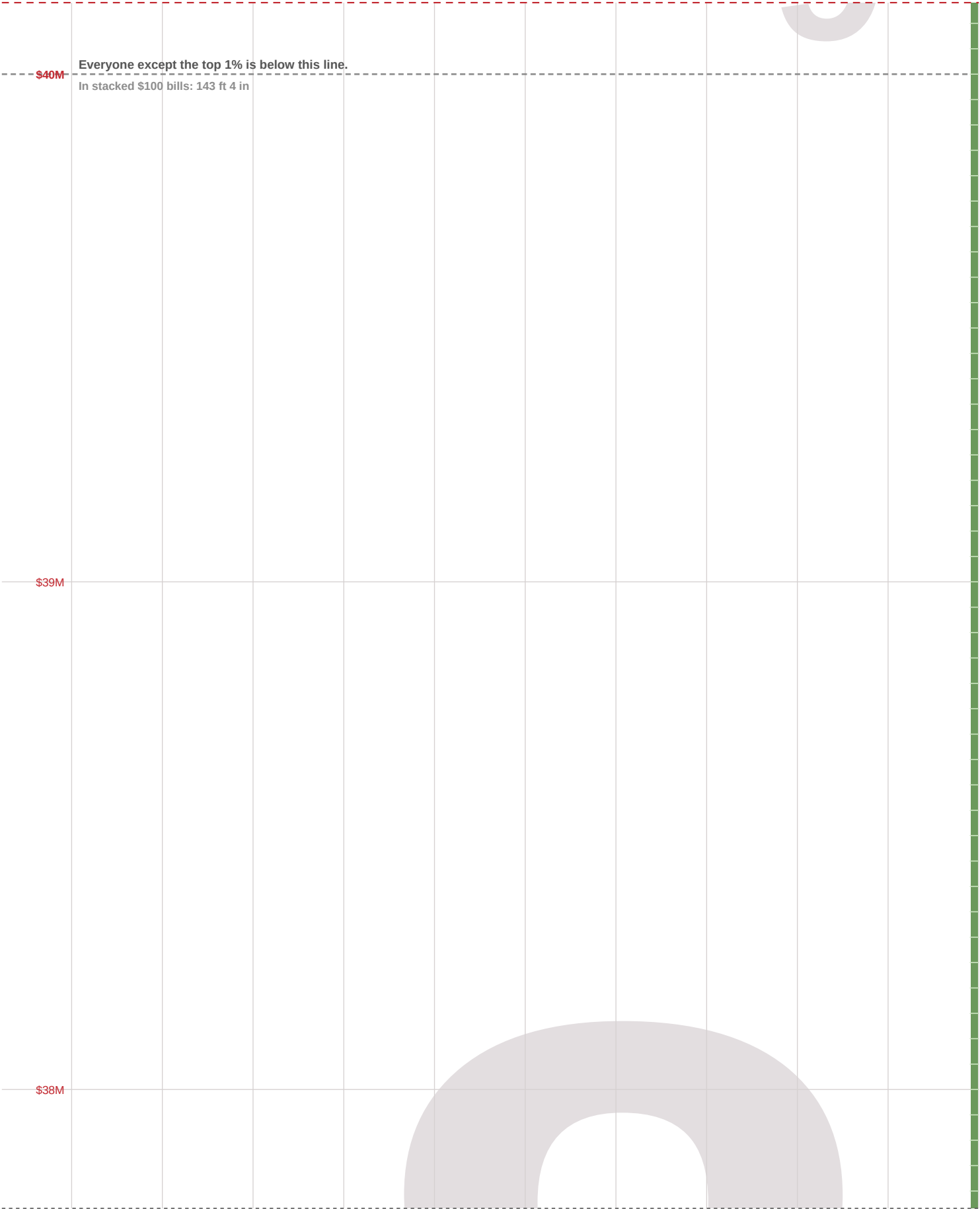
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Average top-1% household: \$40,434,990

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