

# GROWING BOLD











The story of someone who was  
ridiculously good looking

“impressive young man, a head taller than the others.  
There was not a man more handsome than he.”

1 Sam 10: 6 “The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them and you will be changed into a different person.”

He heads off in search of the lost donkeys and eventually goes home. Then there is this elaborate ceremony to choose and declare all the kings of the various tribes.

1Sam 10:20 Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its clans, and the clan of the Matrites was taken by lot; and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot. But when they sought him, he could not be found. So they inquired again of the LORD, "Is there a man still to come?" and the LORD said, "Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage."

1 Sam 10 Then they ran and took him from there. And when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? There is none like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Long live the King".

Luke 22: 54 -62 After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a servant girl saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him." But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

A short while later someone else saw him and said, “You too are one of them”; but Peter answered, “My friend, I am not.” About an hour later, still another insisted, “Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.” Just as he was saying this, the rooster crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly.

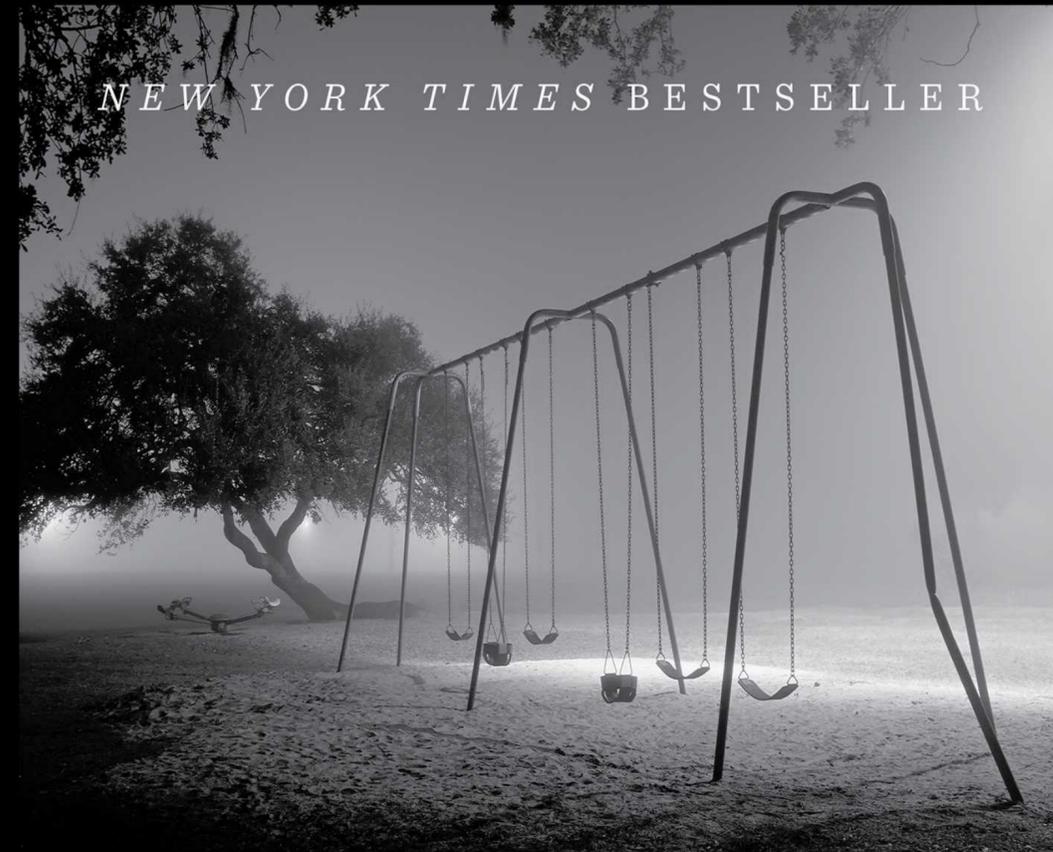
John 20: 21 Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

How do we get this boldness?

# Our Kids



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## OUR KIDS

The American Dream  
in Crisis

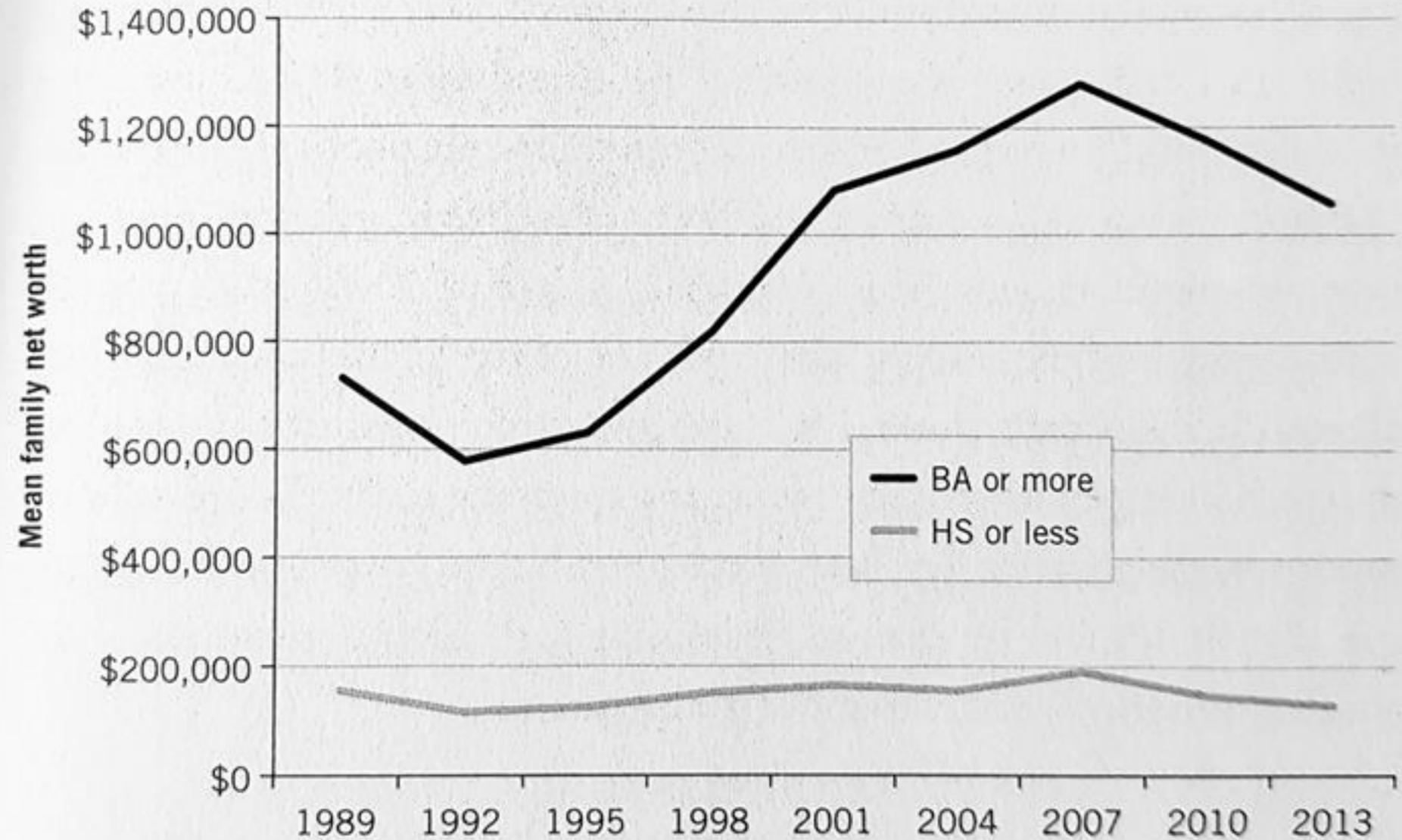
ROBERT D. PUTNAM

author of *Bowling Alone*

# The Growing Wealth Gap

**Figure 1.3: Growing wealth gap**

By parental education, in constant (2013) dollars, 1989–2013



Source: Survey of Consumer Finance, Federal Reserve Bank, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/econresdata/scf/scfindex.htm>.

# Church provides support



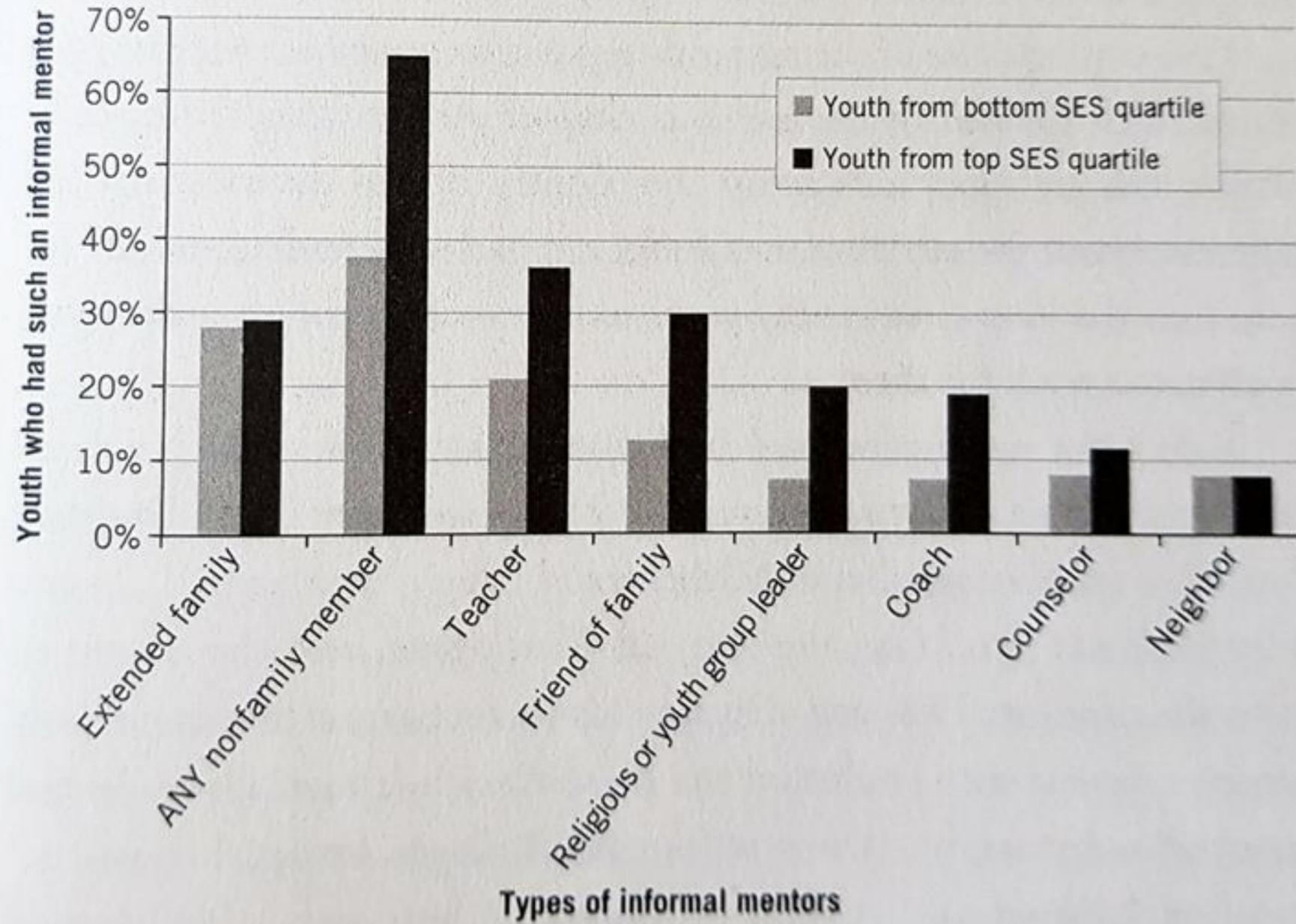
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Quote, “In a world where information is easily available strong personal networks and access to helpful people often matter more than the information itself.”

Danah Boyd – *‘It’s complicated’*

# Informal Mentors

Figure 5.3: Affluent kids have a wider range of informal mentors



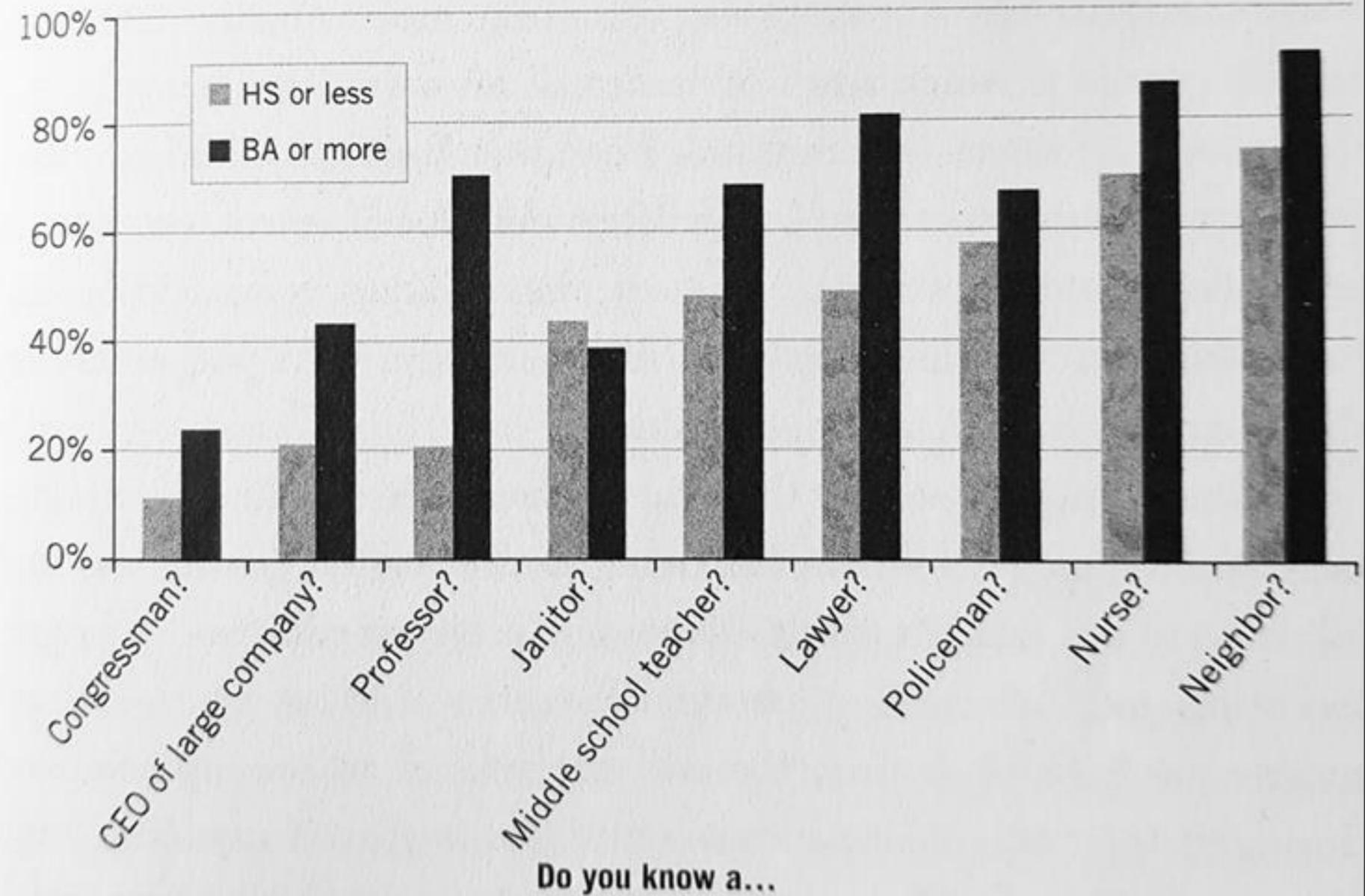
Source: The Mentoring Effect survey, 2013.

# Church provides a broader community



Do you know a....

Figure 5.2: More educated parents have broader social networks



Source: Pew Research Center, November 2010 survey.

# Church will enrich your life



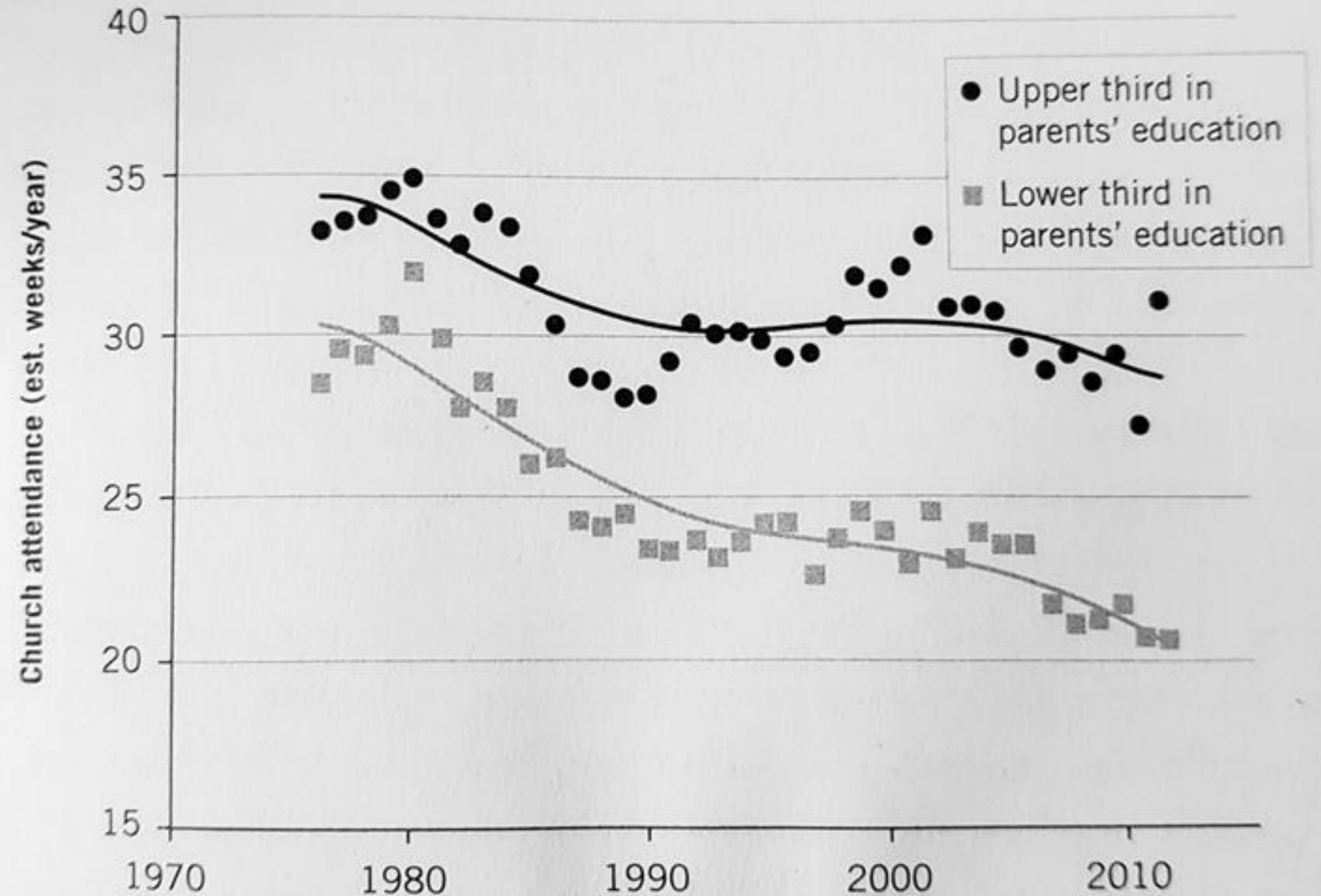
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“In addition to good works, religious involvement among youth themselves is associated with a wide range of positive outcomes, both academic and non academic. Compared to their unchurched peers, youth who are involved in religious organisations, take tougher courses, get higher grades and test scores and are less likely to drop out of high school. A child whose parents attend church regularly are 40- 50% more likely to go on to university.” Robert Putman

# Church attendance by parents

Figure 5.7: Church attendance by parents' education, 12th graders, 1976–2012



Source: Monitoring the Future annual surveys.

Be bold that the church is part of  
your community's solution.

Be bold because the gospel is what people need

Be bold that the church, youth group,  
children's ministry is good for people

Be bold that the Holy Spirit is a gift available for you

Be aware that boldness can be  
imparted by people praying for you

