Figure 1: Group Specific Employment Patterns



Notes: Panel A plots employment trends as grouped in the polarization literature. Data prior to 1983 are taken from the US Department of Labor's *Employment & Earnings* publications and from FRED thereafter. The occupations are grouped as suggested in Acemoglu and Autor (2011). Panel B illustrates the cumulative growth of employment/population in each occupation assigned to factors 1 and 2 in model (1), which are listed in Table 2. Data for this graph are directly constructed from the monthly basic CPS files for the consistent panel of occupations compiled by Dorn (2009). The levels in both figures are imputed from quarterly growth rates and start with the level of employment/population at the beginning of each sample. We seasonally adjusted all time series from both data sources using the US Census X11 method.