

Did You Know...

There are 140 million poor people in the U.S.

23.4 million of Black people (60%) are poor and low-income

37.6 million of Latinx people (65%) are poor and low-income

7.8 million of Asian people (41%) are poor and low-income

66.2 million white people (34%) are poor and low-income

250,000 people in the US die each year because of poverty and low-wealth.

62 million people work for less than a living wage.

At least 25 states have passed laws that preempt cities from raising their minimum wages to living wages.

For 50 years, the black unemployment rate has been twice that of the white unemployment rate.

In 2016, there was no state or county in the country where someone earning the minimum wage could afford a 2-bedroom apartment at market rent.

American neighborhoods have significantly increased in economic segregation since 1970

Nearly 20 percent of rural workers live in households earning below 150 percent of the poverty

There are between 2.5-3.5 million people who are living in shelters, transitional housing and tent cities.

41 percent of homeless people are Black, 47 percent are White, and 22 percent are Latinx

8 out of 10 poor families with children received AFDC benefits in 1979. In 2015, just over 2 in 10 poor families with children received TANF benefits.

The same states that have passed voter suppression laws are the states that are anti-union and without living wages.

Up to 40 percent of the homeless youth population are LGBTQIA.

Transgender people are four times more likely to live in extreme poverty.

Of all students attending high-poverty schools in 2013, the overwhelming majority were students of color.

Students owe more than \$1.34 trillion in debt

The bottom 90 percent of Americans hold 70 percent of debt in the country.

Almost one in five households owes more than they own.

3 individuals have the same wealth as the bottom 50 percent of the country.

400 people make \$97,000/hour

We refuse the lie that there is scarcity.

Therefore We Demand....

We demand the immediate implementation of federal and state living wage laws that are commensurate for the 21st century economy.

We demand the right for all workers to form and join unions.

We demand equal pay for equal work.

We demand guaranteed annual income.

We demand fully funded anti-poverty programs that protects the welfare of all.

We demand decent, safe public housing for the poor.

We demand a budget that promotes the general welfare.

We demand fully-funded welfare programs for the poor and an end to the attacks on SNAP, HEAP, and other vital programs for the poor.

We demand equity in education and an end to re-segregation of schools.

We demand free tuition at public colleges and universities and an end to profiteering on student debt.

We demand equitable funding for historically black colleges and universities.

We demand relief from crushing household, student, and consumer debt.

We demand the repeal of the 2017 Federal Tax Law.

We demand that the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share of our country's urgent needs around decent and affordable housing, free public education, a robust social safety net and social security.