

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

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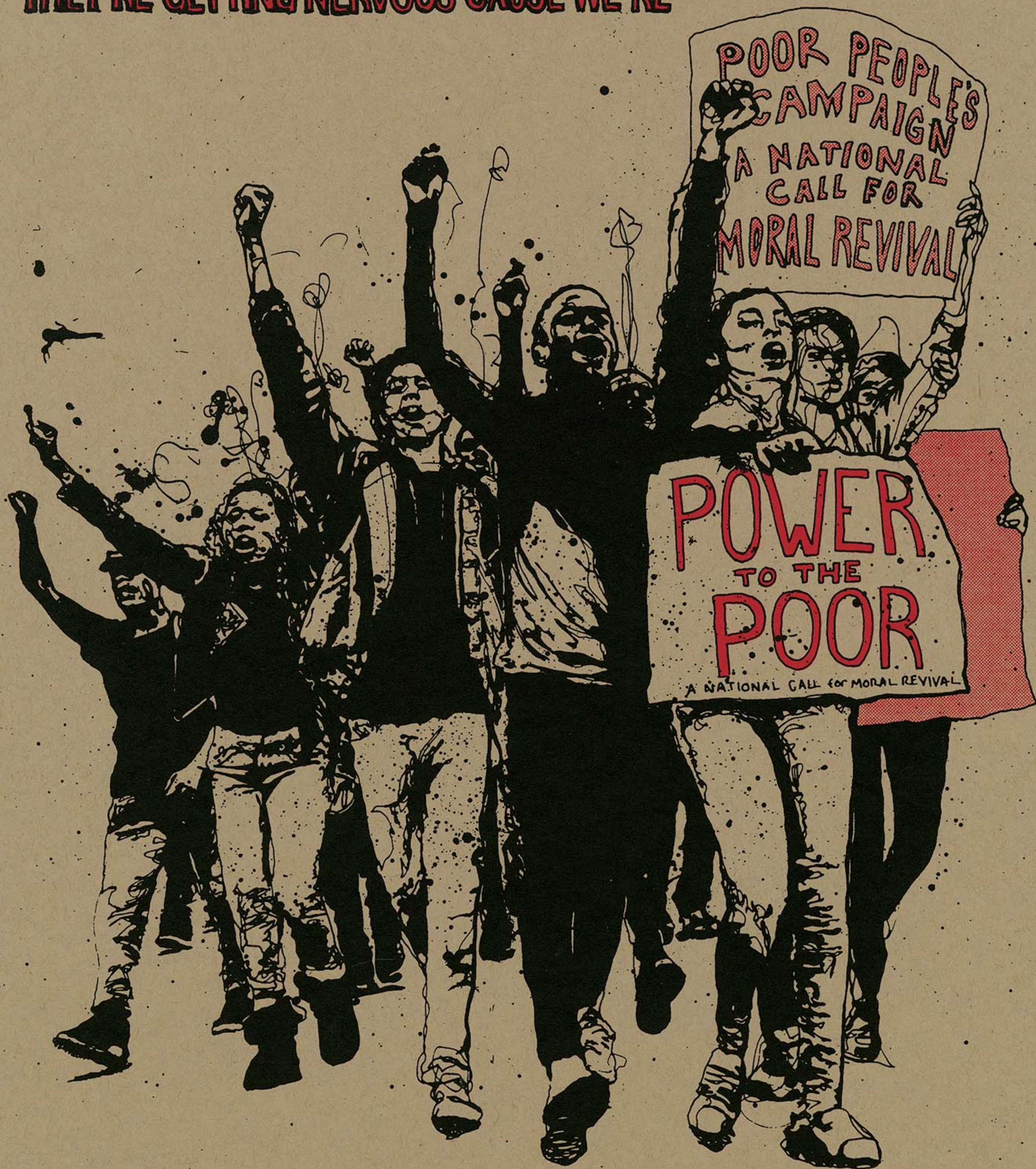
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Bill Mauldin's 1968 political cartoon "Getting into Step" about the original Poor People's Campaign was reprinted for educational purposes with an awareness of the problematic tropes used in the print.

THEY'RE GETTING NERVOUS 'CAUSE WE'RE



POOR WHITES, BLACKS, LATINX, INDIGENOUS, ASIANS... AND WE'RE

GETTING INTO STEP



**Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who
issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their
rights and withhold justice from the oppressed**

Isaiah 10:1-2

**LEARN AS
WE LEAD,
WALK AS
WE TALK,
TEACH AS
WE FIGHT.**

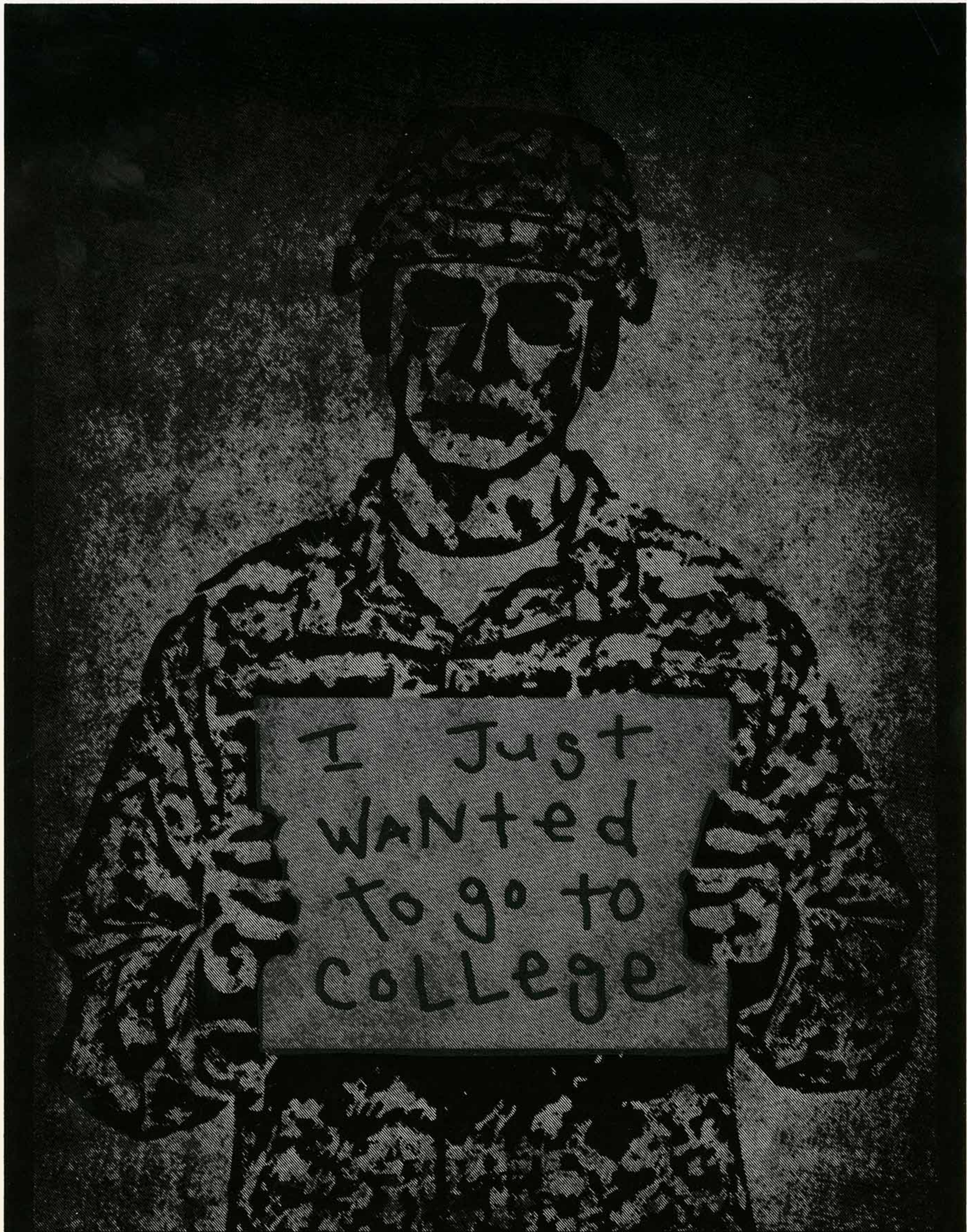
Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival
poorpeoplescampaign.org



STAND COURAGEOUSLY
ORGANIZE ' SUCCESSFULLY
MOBILIZE CONSISTENTLY
SPEAK THE TRUTH RELENTLESSLY
PRAY FERVENTLY
PREACH PROPHETICALLY
SUE LEGALLY
VOTE MASSIVELY

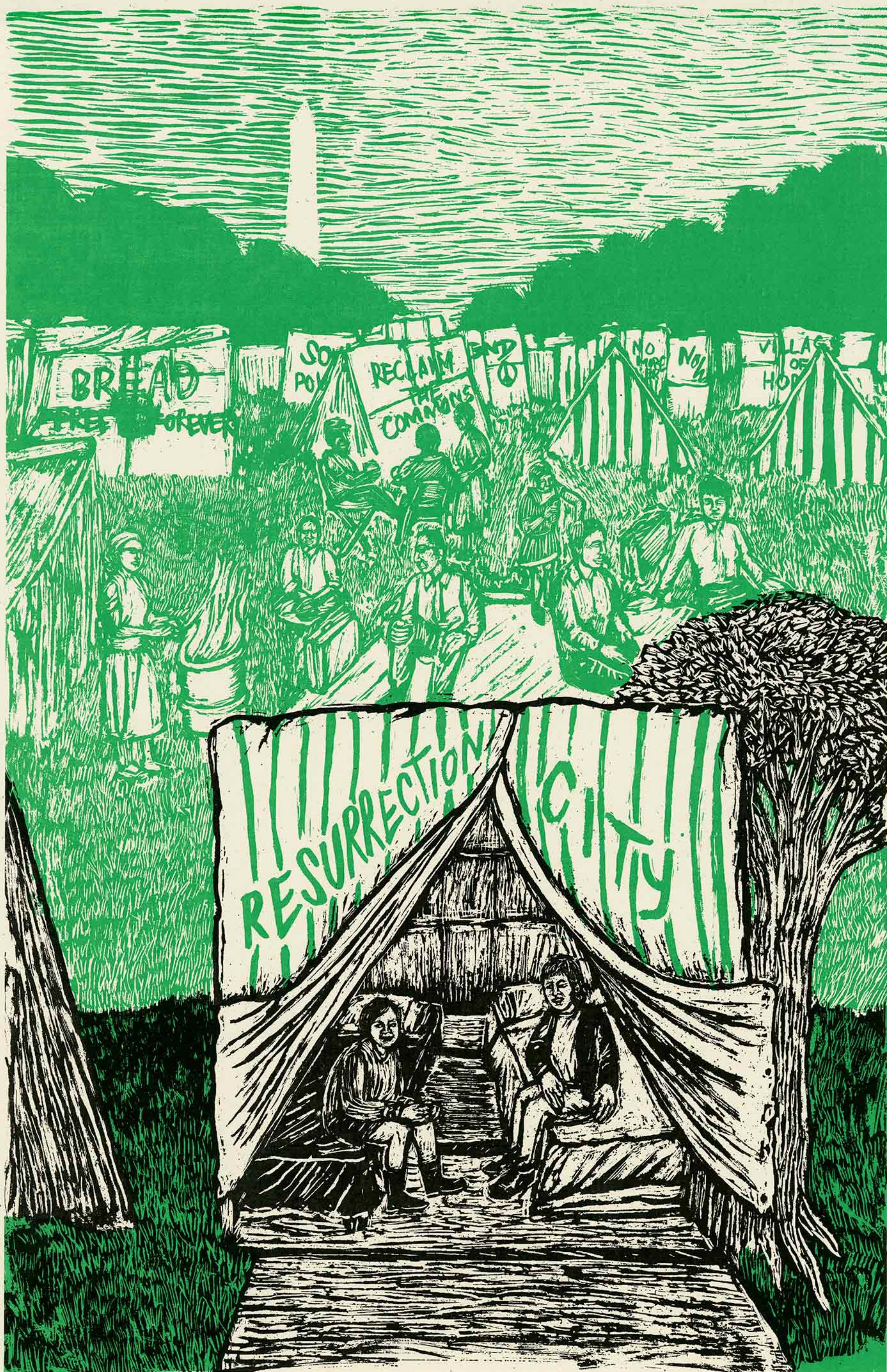
-REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER

As Rev. Dr. King was building the 1967-68 Poor People's Campaign, he said, "Disinherited people all over the world are bleeding to death from deep social and economic wounds. They need brigades of ambulance drivers who will have to ignore the red lights of the present system until the emergency is solved. Rev. Dr. Barber has answered the call to help lead brigades of ambulance drivers to heal the deep wounds of racism, militarism, and poverty. He has taken up the call to finish the unfinished business of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and build a Poor People's Campaign for today.



end the poverty draft
stop the war economy





POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN



A NEW AND UNSETTLING FORCE

WHEN POOR PEOPLE TAKE ACTION TOGETHER THEY WILL DO SO WITH A FREEDOM AND POWER THAT WILL BE A NEW AND UNSETTLING FORCE *Martin Luther King, 1967*

FIGHT
POVERTY
NOT THE
POOR

Homelessness is a
visible manifestation
of a society
lacking

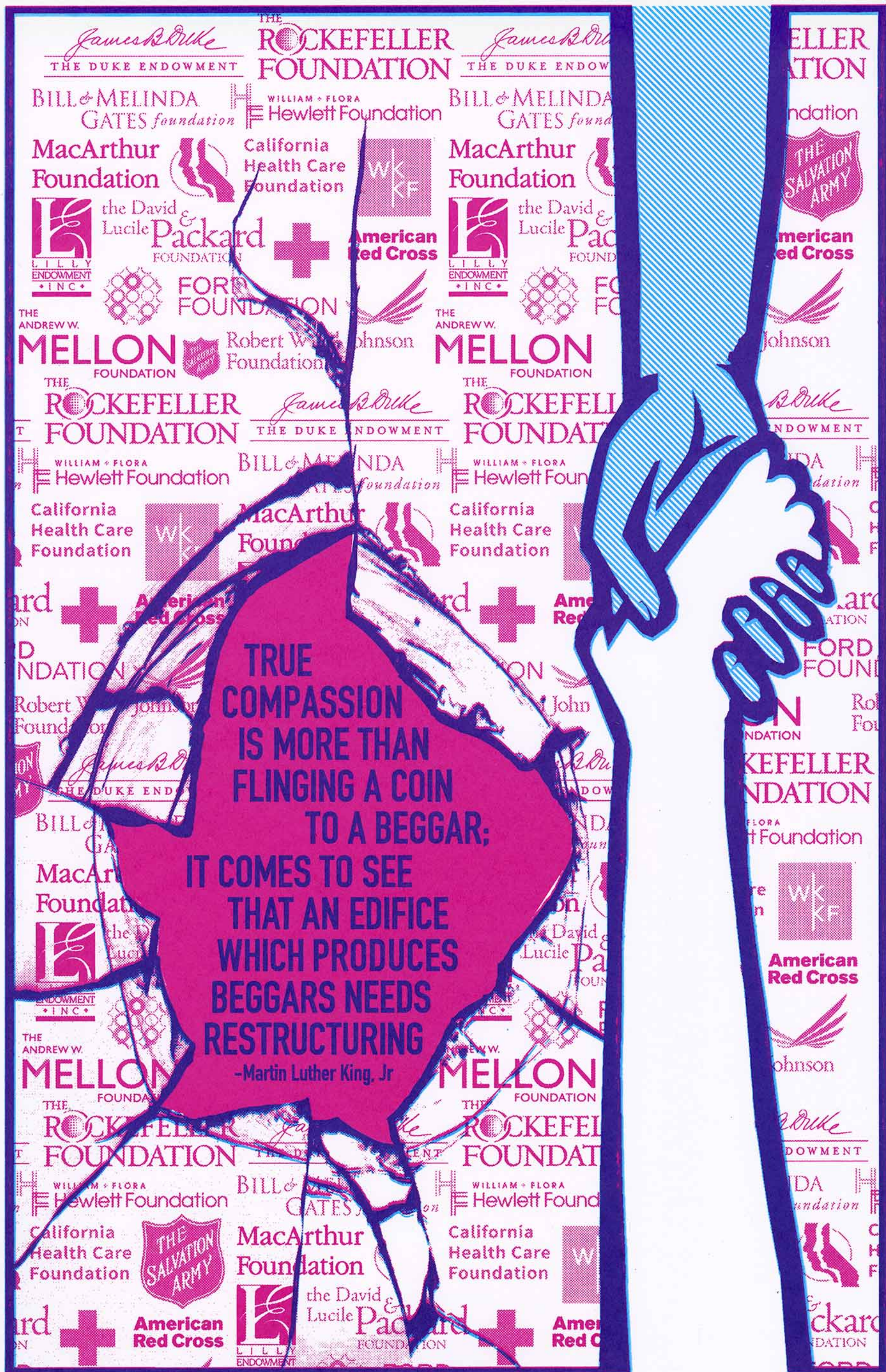
SOCIAL JUSTICE



Over 13,000 preventable homeless deaths in the US in 2016
How many canaries have to die?



YOU ONLY
GET WHAT
YOU ARE
ORGANIZED
TO TAKE.



POOR PEOPLE'S

DR. KING

CAMPAIGN



NEWS

THIS IS WHY WE FIGHT!

- The federal poverty line is \$11,892 for individuals and \$23,836 for a family of four.
- The official poverty rate is 14.5%, meaning 45.3 million people in the US live in poverty, up by over 8 million since 2008. An additional 97.3 million (33%) of people living in the United States are low-income, defined as incomes below twice the federal poverty line, or \$47,700 for a family of four. Taken together, this means that 48% of the US population is poor or low income, 1 in every 2 people.
- More than 1 in 5 children in America (21.8%) are living under the official poverty line. Half of all children will be on food stamps before they turn 20, including 9 out of 10 African American children.
- A study measuring "economic insecurity" found that 4 out of 5 (79%) of people in the US live in danger of poverty or unemployment at some point in their lifetime (defined as a year or more of periodic joblessness, reliance on government aid such as food stamps or income below 150 percent of the poverty line).
- The top 1% of the US population owns 43% of wealth (\$24.4 trillion); the top 5% of the population owns 72% of wealth (\$40.8 trillion); the bottom 80% of the population owns 7% of wealth (\$3.9 trillion).
- Globally the richest 1% have seen their share of wealth increase from 44% in 2009 to 48% in 2014. If this trend continues, in 2016 they will own more wealth than the other 99% combined. The top 80 people have more wealth than 3.5 billion people.
- Nearly 1 in 3 Native Americans (29.2%), over 1 in 4 African Americans (27.2%), 1 in 4 Hispanic/Latinos (23.5%), 1 in 10 Asians (10.5%) and 1 in 10 non-Hispanic whites (9.6%) live below the federal poverty line.
- More than half of all children below the poverty line live in families headed by women. Two-thirds of minimum wage earners are women. One in seven women lives below the poverty line.
- 60% of all jobs created between 2008 and 2012 paid the minimum wage. 25% of retail clerks have a college degree.
- For every 4 unemployed people there is 1 job available. 1 in 3 veterans (30.2%) ages 18 to 24 are unemployed.
- The minimum wage today—\$7.25—is worth \$2.00 less than in 1968. In 2011, a full-time year-round worker needed to earn \$11.06 an hour to keep a family of four above the federal poverty line.
- Only 25% of lost manufacturing jobs went to workers overseas; most were replaced by new technology.
- 62.1% of all bankruptcies in 2007 were due to medical debt and three-quarters of them had health insurance.
- 1 in 6 (47.5 million) people received food stamps in April 2013, while 30% of food in the US, worth about \$48.3 billion, is wasted each year.
- 11 million or 23% of all residential mortgages are in a condition of negative equity, meaning they owe more on their mortgage than their property is worth.
- The home foreclosure rate in 2009 was over 10,000 per day.
- A record 14 million (1 in 9) US homes are vacant, yet 3.5 million people experience homelessness each year and 39% of them are children.

Source: Kairos: The Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice.
<https://kairoscenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Poverty-Fact-Sheet-Feb-2015-final.pdf>



*well i went down to the
rich man's house
and took back
what he stole from me
took back my dignity
ain't no system*

gonna walk over me



AN INTERRUPTION OF THE WAY OF THINGS THAT BRINGS ABOUT A

transformation

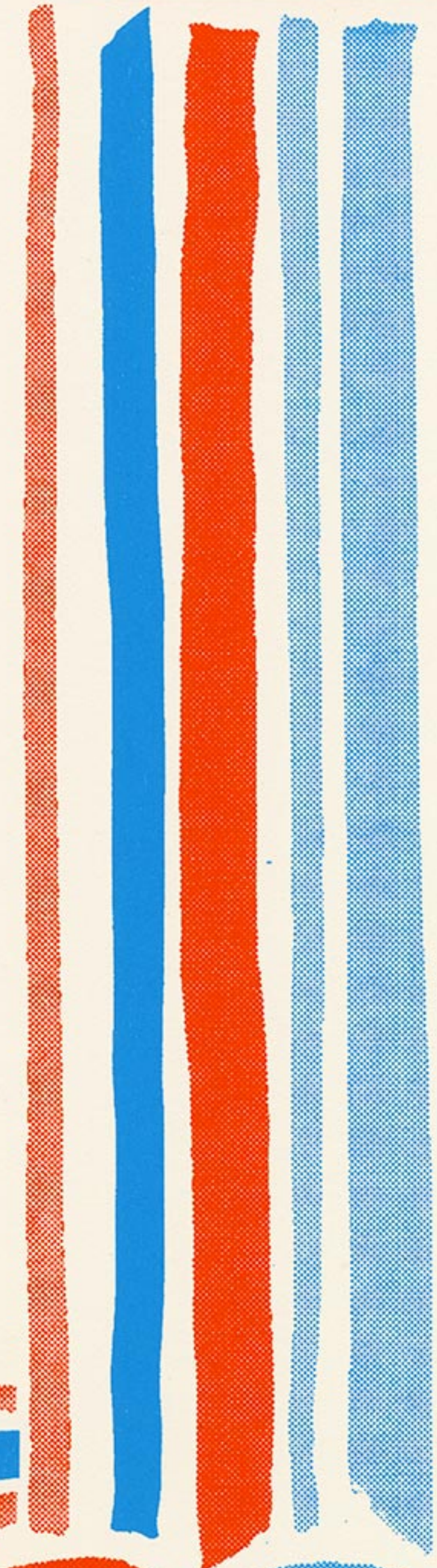
FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED





Power for poor people will really mean having the ability, the togetherness, the assertiveness, and the aggressiveness to make the power structure of this nation say yes when they may be desirous to say no.

-Martin Luther King Jr.





UNITY OF THE POOR AND DISPOSSESSED

THE NEW POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

STITCHING TOGETHER THE HUMAN RIGHT TO-





Everybody's
got
a right
to
live



**WE MUST DEVELOP,
FROM STRENGTH,
A SITUATION IN WHICH
THE GOVERNMENT FINDS IT
WISE AND PRUDENT
TO COLLABORATE WITH US.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.







"What worries me, senator, is that they're getting into step."

A 1968 political cartoon about the original Poor People's Campaign.
By Bill Mauldin for the Chicago Sun-Times.