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Videos about Labor in the United States

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Three welfare recipients in New York City are examined from 1997 to 2000, as they participate in the largest welfare-to-work program in the nation.

VHS 865 AMERICAN DREAM color, 1991, 98 min., cc

An account of the Hormel labor strike, which devastated the small company town of Austin, Minnesota in the 1980s.

VHS 773 BITING THE BULLET color, 1991, 30 min.

Workers, community and industry leaders hard hit by military cutbacks look at conversion alternatives they are developing.

DVD 232 HARVEST OF SHAME color and b&w, 2005, 55 min.

Edward R. Murrow's renowned 1960 expose shocked the nation with its sober depiction of the plight and squalid living conditions of migrant farm workers.

VHS 1096 MINIMUM WAGES color, 1994, 60 min., cc

Bill Moyers examines how global economic changes are destroying the lives and livelihoods of hardworking Americans.

VHS 757 ROGER AND ME color, 1989, 91 min., cc

Michael Moore's tragicomic documentary detailing his protracted efforts to meet with General Motors president Roger Smith to confront him with the poverty and despair afflicting Flint, Michigan, after the company closed its plant there.

VHS 1081 TAKEN FOR A RIDE color, 1996, 55 min.

The story of an insidious automobile and oil industry campaign, led by General Motors, to buy and dismantle streetcar lines. Across the nation, tracks were torn up, sometimes overnight, with diesel buses placed on city streets. A revealing history of our cities in the 20th century that is also a meditation on corporate power and abuse, citizen protest, and the social and environmental implications of transportation.

VHS 772 THIS FAR BY FAITH color, 1991, 30 min.

Takes viewers inside homes and churches to meet workers - mostly African-American women - whose pay at Delta Pride Catfish processing company was so low that, despite a 40-hour work week, they still qualified for welfare and food stamps. After a long strike against the company, they emerged victorious.

DVD 221 WAL-MART: THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICE color, 2005, 97 min., cc

Robert Greenwald's investigative analysis of the world's largest private employer, with insights into business owners, workers and their families, and the corporation's economic impact on local communities.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal

<http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us/general/affhsg.htm>

This site, sponsored by the New York State government, gives information on finding affordable housing in the Empire State.

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United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/>

This page from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) describes HUD's programs to address the increasing need for affordable housing.

HEALTH INSURANCE

American Medical Student Association

<http://www.amsa.org/uhc/>

This page from the American Medical Student Association website has links to up-to-date information about health-care related legislation at the state and federal level. Also included are links to discussions on myths about the uninsured, strategies to increase health care access, and international health care systems.

National Coalition on Health Care

<http://www.nchc.org/>

The National Coalition on Health Care is comprised of about 100 organizations "united in the belief that we need-and can achieve-more affordable health care for all Americans." The "Facts about Health Care" section includes data about the uninsured and a resource list. Included in the Materials section are links to reports and speeches on health care reform.

Physicians for a National Health Program

<http://www.pnhp.org/>

"Physicians for a National Health Program is a nonprofit organization of physicians, medical students, and other health care professionals that support a national health insurance program." PNHP advocates for a single-payer system of health care. Fact Sheets and an FAQ page answer many questions about national health insurance, and links to recent news articles provide up-to-date coverage on related issues.

Universal Health Care Action Network

<http://www.uhcan.org/>

"UHCAN is a nationwide network that promotes comprehensive health care for all through education, strategy development and advocacy." The site provides links to information on current health care issues such as racial disparities and the high cost of prescription drugs. Users can access the organization's newsletter, *Action*.

LABOR UNIONS

AFL-CIO

<http://www.aflcio.org/>

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) is a voluntary federation of 53 national and international labor unions. The site includes a useful "facts & stats" page that allows users to search for up-to-date data on working family issues from the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other key sources.

Coalition of Labor Union Women

<http://www.cluw.org/>

The CLUW is a non-partisan organization with members from 60 international and national unions across the U.S. and Canada. The site provides links to the organization's newsletters, which discuss a variety of issues of interest to working women.

Unions.org

<http://www.unions.org>

State-by-state directories of unions and union-friendly businesses are provided on this site. The Resources section has many links to union-related documents and other

websites. In the Daily News section users can link to online newspaper articles discussing union activity around the nation.

MINIMUM WAGE

Coalition on Human Needs

<http://www.chn.org/issues/minimumwage/>

"The Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) is an alliance of national organizations working together to promote public policies which address the needs of low-income and other vulnerable populations." The minimum wage section includes background on the minimum wage law and links to recent articles on the subject.

Economic Policy Institute

http://www.epi.org/content.cfm/issueguides_minwage

"The Economic Policy Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that seeks to broaden the public debate about strategies to achieve a prosperous and fair economy." The site features numerous tables and charts of data, as well as links to key publications.

United States Department of Labor/Employment Standards Administration

<http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/flsa/>

This page from the U.S. Department of Labor's website gives information on the Fair Labor Standards Act, which establishes minimum wage standards for workers in both the public and private sectors. A "questions and answers" page is included.

POVERTY

Institute for Research on Poverty

<http://www.irp.wisc.edu/>

Based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Institute for Research on Poverty is a "center for interdisciplinary research into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States." The site has links to research reports on many related topics, including welfare reform, health and poverty, education and poverty, and low-wage labor markets. The FAQ section gives quick access to facts about poverty.

Oxfam America

<http://www.oxfamamerica.org>

"Oxfam America is a non-profit organization that works to end global poverty." Links to news articles provide current information on poverty issues around the world. The full text of research reports and briefing papers are also included.

U.S. Census Bureau: Poverty

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty.html>

This site from the U.S. Census Bureau provides basic facts about poverty in the United States and how it is measured. There are also links to Census Bureau reports on poverty and a list of links to related sites. A question and answer section is searchable by keyword.

World Bank Poverty Net

<http://www.worldbank.org/poverty>

This site provides an introduction to key issues in international poverty as well as "in-depth information on poverty measurement, monitoring, analysis, and on poverty reduction strategies for researchers and practitioners." The site allows the user to search for poverty information by individual country.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

American Rights at Work

<http://www.americanrightsatwork.org/>

This website, sponsored by a workers rights advocacy organization, has links to fact sheets, recent news articles, and reports related to unfair labor practices and worker rights abuse.

National Labor Relations Board

<http://www.nlr.gov/nlr/home/default.asp>

"The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1935 to administer the National Labor Relations Act, the primary law governing relations between unions and employers in the private sector." The site answers questions about unfair labor practices, minimum wage, overtime and other workplace issues.

National Labor Committee

<http://www.nlcnet.org/>

"The mission of the National Labor Committee is to help defend the human rights of workers in the global economy." The Newsroom section has numerous links to recent articles documenting worker rights abuse around the world. There is also a link to the National Public Radio site with audio clips of related news stories.

U.S. Department of Labor/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

<http://www.osha.gov/>

This site from the U.S. Department of Labor has a section describing worker rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which gives workers the right to a safe workplace. The site also has information on filing complaints, worker and employer responsibilities, and problems in the workplace.

WORKING CLASS

Bread and Roses

<http://www.bread-and-roses.com>

Bread and Roses, the not-for-profit cultural arm of New York's Health and Human Service Union, 1199/SEIU, "strives to depict artistic, cultural and historical themes and issues affecting people from many backgrounds." The site features an extensive resource section with links to sites related to labor and the working class, including a section on "worker art and culture."

Center for Study of Working Class Life

<http://www.sunysb.edu/workingclass/>

Created by faculty and staff at the State University of New York at Stonybrook, this site is "dedicated to exploring the meaning of class in today's world." The site includes a "working class resource guide" with many links to other websites related to working class culture, labor resources for women and minorities, and labor-religion coalitions.

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