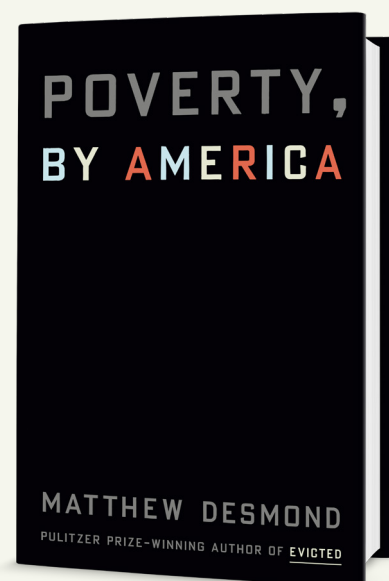


# WHAT IS POVERTY ABOLITIONISM?

Poverty abolitionists seek to **divest from poverty** in our consumer choices and investment decisions. We support a government actively striving to end scarcity by **expanding policies that empower the poor**. Standing for shared prosperity, we **detest all forms of exploitation and oppose opportunity hoarding** in our communities. We are solutionists, doers, prioritizing plan over critique, usefulness over purity—and **we must organize**.

## WHAT ARE SOME TANGIBLE STEPS TO BECOMING A POVERTY ABOLITIONIST?

- **CONDUCT A POVERTY AUDIT**, EXAMINING THE WAYS YOU, YOUR COMMUNITY, AND YOUR ASSOCIATIONS ARE CONNECTED TO THE PROBLEM—AND THE SOLUTION.
- **WITHDRAW SUPPORT** FROM CORPORATIONS THAT EXPLOIT THEIR WORKERS.
- **WELCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING** DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
- **SUPPORT POLICIES** THAT DISRUPT POVERTY INSTEAD OF ONES THAT ACCOMMODATE IT.
- **REJECT A SCARCITY MINDSET** AND RECOGNIZE THE NATION'S BOUNTY.
- **JOIN AN ANTIPOVERTY ORGANIZATION** WORKING TO ELIMINATE POVERTY IN AMERICA.



“Ending poverty in America will require new policies and renewed political movements. . . . But it will also require that each of us, in our own way, become poverty abolitionists, unwinding ourselves from our neighbors’ deprivation and refusing to live as unwitting enemies of the poor.”

—FROM *POVERTY, BY AMERICA* BY MATTHEW DESMOND

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