

# Poor People's Campaign

## A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

### DEMANDS 2024

In this country, 140 million poor and low-income people face the unnecessary injustices of poverty and inequality, systemic racism, ecological devastation, and rampant militarism every day. To right these wrongs, we lift up 17 actions for 2024.

These actions emerge from the demands of the poor, including our call for a Third Reconstruction Agenda and Resolution to end these injustices, here and now.

- 1. Abolishing poverty:** Did you know that poverty is the fourth-leading cause of death in the US, taking 800 lives a day? We demand an end to poverty through abundant investments in programs of social uplift, fair taxation and by redirecting military spending.
- 2. A living minimum wage of at least \$15:** Did you know that the minimum wage hasn't been raised since 2009 and that there are over 140 million people in the US who are poor, low-wealth and one emergency away from economic ruin? We demand a federal minimum wage of at least \$15 an hour, a commitment to enact living wages in a timely manner and equal pay for equal work. We demand meaningful and safe work for all workers, with paid family and medical leave, adequate OSHA protections and the right to form and join unions.
- 3. No more voter suppression:** Did you know that since 2020, lawmakers have introduced over 1,000 voter suppression bills in nearly every state, affecting tens of millions of voters? We demand an end to voter suppression, including racist gerrymandering, and support for automatic voter registration at age 18, early voting and same day registration, making Election Day a national holiday, and adequate funding for polling stations.
- 4. Full and expanded voting rights:** Did you know the low-income electorate is large enough to fundamentally shift our electoral maps and political agendas to prioritize human needs? We demand full and expanded voting rights for all, including for currently and formerly incarcerated and disenfranchised people.
- 5. Guaranteed workers' rights and labor rights:** Did you know that in 2023, nearly 500,000 workers went on strike, a yearly increase of 280%, and states with anti-union policies have lower wages? We demand that workers' rights to form and join unions are protected and guaranteed.
- 6. Healthcare for all:** Did you know that over 22 million people have lost their Medicaid over the past year, and more than 80 million people were uninsured or underinsured? We demand universal, single-payer health care for all.
- 7. Affordable, adequate housing:** Did you know that over the past year, landlords have filed for more than 1.1 million evictions? We demand affordable, adequate housing for all and an end to evictions and criminalization of homelessness.

**8. Strong social welfare and safety net programs:** Did you know that pandemic expansions of social welfare programs kept 20 million people above the poverty line? These programs ended in 2022 and poverty is on the rise. We demand strong social welfare and safety net programs.

**9. An end to gun violence:** Did you know that more than 240,000 Americans have died from gun violence in the past decade? We demand an end to gun violence, including an end to profiteering from gun violence.

**10. Fully protected women's rights:** Did you know that since the Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade, 20 states have passed either full or partial abortion restrictions? These abortion restrictions impact poor and low-income women, women of color and women living in the South the most. We demand full protection of all women's right to reproductive health.

**11. Environmental justice that secures clean air and water:** Did you know that heat waves, superstorms and severe weather events have increased in both frequency and intensity, while 14 million households cannot afford access to water? We demand robust public investments in renewable energy, clean air and water for all.

**12. Justice for all indigenous nations:** Did you know that indigenous life expectancy is more than 10 years shorter than the US average? We demand justice for indigenous nations, including rights to their land and resources.

**13. Fully funded public education:** Did you know that the US Department of Education will receive \$500 million less for FY 2024, while the Pentagon budget will increase by \$27 billion? We demand quality, equitable and diverse fully-funded public school education from K-12.

**14. Just immigration laws:** Did you know that 68% of Americans believe immigration is good for the country, and more than 2/3 of people held in immigration detention have no criminal record? Anti-immigrant policies and rhetoric hurt immigrants and drive us apart. We demand just immigration laws that prioritize family reunification and dignity.

**15. Addressing militarism and the war economy, standing for peace and not war:** Did you know that, over the past 20 years, our government spent \$21 trillion on the war economy, and more than 900,000 people were killed in our wars? We demand that a percentage of our bloated military budget that goes to unnecessary corporate contracts be redirected to pressing education, health care and other programs to address the crisis of poverty and low wages here at home.

**16. An immediate, long-term ceasefire, release of all hostages, and end to genocide around the world:** Did you know that on Oct 7, Hamas killed over 1,100 Israelis, including women and children? And since Oct 2023, Netanyahu and his regime have killed over 37,000 Palestinians in Gaza, 70% of whom are women and children, while humanitarian aid is restricted and famine is rising. We demand an immediate ceasefire, release of hostages and end to genocide, which is also occurring in Congo, Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen.

**17. An end to hate, division and the extremist political agenda:** Did you know that most Americans oppose the anti-democratic worldview of Christian nationalism and its extremist political agenda? We demand an end to hate, division and the extremist political agenda of religious nationalism.

**We need a resurrection of justice, love, and truth -- not an insurrection of injustice, lies, and hate.**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Eligible Low- income voters</b>	<b>Low- who cast a ballot in 2020</b>	<b>election</b>	<b>Number of eligible voters who did not vote</b>	<b>Election margin of victory (2020)</b>	<b>2020 Margin of Victory as % of Low- income voters</b>	<b>% Low- income voters</b>
Virginia	1,689,169	1,060,967	628,202	451,138	71.81%	23.75%	
West Virginia	656,860	368,917	287,943	309,398	107.45%	46.25%	
Michigan	3,605,978	2,257,093	1,348,885	154,188	11.43%	40.82%	
Nevada	891,884	535,839	356,045	33,596	9.44%	36.98%	
Wisconsin	1,948,721	1,303,164	645,557	20,682	3.20%	39.41%	
Pennsylvania	3,304,681	2,037,838	1,266,843	81,660	6.45%	29.51%	
Arizona	1,782,131	1,025,939	756,192	10,457	1.38%	30.32%	

## 2020 Poor and Low-income Voter Data

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<b>STATE</b>	<b>Eligible Low-income voters who cast a ballot in 2020</b>	<b>Low-income voters who did not cast a ballot in 2020</b>	<b>Number of eligible voters who did not cast a ballot in 2020</b>	<b>Election margin of victory (2020)</b>	<b>2020 Victory Margin of Low-income voters as % of total voters</b>	<b>% Low-income voters</b>
Alabama	1,932,653	1,102,703	829,950	591,546	71.27%	47.42%
Arkansas	1,000,471	498,585	501,886	336,715	67.09%	41.28%
Florida	7,617,260	4,790,811	2,826,449	371,686	13.15%	43.26%
Georgia	2,444,561	1,368,328	1,076,233	11,779	1.09%	27.29%
Kentucky	1,496,725	786,004	710,721	554,172	77.97%	36.79%
Louisiana	1,380,304	771,860	608,444	399,742	65.70%	35.58%
Mississippi	1,035,752	574,525	461,227	217,366	47.13%	43.68%
North Carolina	3,464,018	2,284,817	1,179,201	74,483	6.32%	41.45%
South Carolina	1,721,886	977,582	744,304	293,562	39.44%	38.95%
Tennessee	1,981,625	1,021,193	960,432	708,764	73.80%	33.33%
Texas	7,173,884	3,783,955	3,389,929	631,221	18.62%	33.76%