HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

**Plutocracy:** government of, by, and for the wealthy, corporations, and contributors to political campaigns

**Underserving Rich:** the sector of the wealthy dependent on government granted favors and who also pursue unethical methods, as well as fraud, and bribery; their misdeeds blocking opportunities for others.

**Undeserving Poor:** conservatives’ political mantra deflecting attention from both the deserving working poor and the undeserving rich

**Predators:** federal and state government enabled enterprises that provide services to low-income people designed to charge them sky-high interest e.g. payday loan shops

**Forprofit colleges:** in the 1980s Republicans called them debt traps for low-income students and veterans; now politicians enable and profit from them
Wage-productivity gap: workers’ productivity has risen while their wages and benefits have fallen; the U.S. now has one of the lowest wage labor forces in advanced countries

Affluenza: family’s spending beyond their means especially in counties of greater degree of economic inequality

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