1. Social theory: why poverty and food insecurity will continue to intensify
2. Mars vs. Venus: poverty trends versus views about poverty
3. Rules of conduct within epochal social change
4. Proposal for education & community development

Social Class Differentiation:
Log Wages Indexed to 1969, United States

Source: RH Topel, 1997

Stages of Capitalism and Social Mobility, U.S.

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Source: Davis, Hirschl & Stack (1997) Cutting Edge

*Introduction of labor replacing technology including robotics, computers, telecommunications, & biotechnology.


Source: Sandoval, Rank, & Hirschl 2009

Cumulative Proportion of U.S. Children Receiving Food Stamps, by number of years received, 1968 - 1997

Source: Rank & Hirschl 2009
Individualism: U.S. Public Beliefs About Why People are Poor

![Bar chart showing responses to questions about why people are poor over the years 1969, 1980, and 1993.]

Source: Cited in Hunt, 1996

Upstate Views About Poverty

- Poor & social service providers: individualism
- Elites: highly varied
  - Hamilton County: economic view
  - Schuyler County: individualism
  - Tompkins County: class view

Source: Hirschi & Rank, unpublished paper

Practical Need to Rethink Current Social System

- Government “bailouts” “stimulus” “nationalization” response to market failures
- Reform and/or transformation of capitalism

Epochal Social Change

- Social change driven by practical, not ideological, considerations
- Shared vision is critical factor
  - Only those with money eat?
  - Universal entitlement to eat?
- Development of new political parties/social movements

Proposal for Education About Hunger & Poverty Delivered at the Grass Roots

- Establish multi-tiered information system
- Build knowledge base about what works, what doesn’t work
- Program Work Team on Poverty & Economic Hardship