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In 1988 32.5 million Americans lived below the poverty line.

The U.S. prison population doubled between 1980 and 1988.

As the quality of public education in America decreases, the dropout rate rises drastically, in some schools to 70 percent or even 80 percent.

David Duke, former leader of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is elected to the Louisiana State Legislature in February of 1989.

In 1986 there were nine times as many millionaires in the United States as there were in 1980.

Recent medical research demonstrates that African-American men living in Harlem have a shorter average life span than men living in Bangladesh.

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan ordered mandatory AIDS testing for anyone immigrating to the U.S.

Last year the official poverty line for a single person was \$5,469 and for a family of four was \$10,989. Yearly income at full-time minimum wage was \$6,968.

Average lifetime medical costs for a person with AIDS is about \$93,000. A conservative government estimate states that one-fifth of those infected with HIV have no insurance at all.

The Catholic Archdiocese of New York forbids safer-sex education in any of its health centers, hospitals, or educational programs. This prevents Catholic Charities, by far the largest private social service entity in the city, from discussing the use of condoms as a deterrent to the spread of AIDS.



Dorothea Lange, untitled photograph, 1942 (Japanese-American family waiting for war relocation bus, Hayward, California). Courtesy National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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