



Articles:

- **Advocates Back Paid Sick Leave, But Opponents Won't Cough It Up.** National Public Radio. 5/8/2014. "The more money you make, the more likely it is that you can stay home when you're sick and still get paid. A big majority enjoy that benefit among the top 25 percent of earners. Only 34 percent of those in the bottom 25 percent have the same privilege... 'We shouldn't put people in a situation where they're forced to make impossible choices between themselves and their work and their families.'" [Read more](#)
- **Beyond Access: High Quality Care for All.** Health Affairs. 4/30/2014. "The Affordable Care Act tears down a fundamental barrier preventing vulnerable populations from accessing care by reducing the number of uninsured and underinsured Americans. But expanded access to coverage will not, by itself, guarantee high quality care for all. It would be a serious mistake to assume that insurance will eliminate disparities in health outcomes. If we really want to end disparities in the health care system, here are some things we should be doing..." [Read more](#)
- **Can you Afford Your Medicine? Doctors Don't Ask.** NYTimes. 5/1/2014. "Neither doctors nor medical students can solve a patient's financial problems on the spot. Yet any one of us can be the first to detect a problem. If we've done the research, we can help patients get the assistance they need, or at least direct them to social workers, pharmacists and other members of the health care team who can. What we cannot do is fail to ask." [Read more](#)
- **Changed Life of the Poor: Better Off, but Far Behind.** NY Times. 4/30/2014. "Despite improved living standards, the poor have fallen further behind the middle class and the affluent in both income and consumption. The same global economic trends that have helped drive down the price of most goods also have limited the well-paying industrial jobs once available to a huge swath of working Americans. And the cost of many services crucial to escaping poverty — including education, health care and child care — has soared." [Read more](#)
- **College: The Great Unequalizer.** NYTimes. 5/4/2014. "The authors of new research discover the many ways in which collegiate social life, as embraced by students and blessed by the university, works to disadvantage young women (and no doubt young men, too) who need their education to be something other than a four-year-long spree. Instead of being a great equalizer, their book argues, the American way of college rewards those who come not just academically but socially prepared, while treating working-class students more cruelly, and often leaving them adrift." [Read more](#)
- **Free Web-Based Tool Aids Docs with Underserved Patients.** Medpagetoday. 4/27/2014. "According to new research, an online training tool helped prepare clinicians for managing the care needs of at-risk populations, researchers reported. After completing the Web-based learning modules that covered areas of public health and bio-psychosocial care, physician's correct answers increased from 50% to 75%." [Read more](#)
- **Inequality Has Been Going on Forever...but That Doesn't Mean It's Inevitable.** NYTimes. 5/4/2014. "Inequality, then, is less an inevitability than a choice. Just as societies have

conquered many of the challenges of the natural world — making childbirth safe for women or beating back common illnesses that once were frequent killers — we can alter the course of inequality, too.” [Read more](#)

- **Is Liberalism Good for Your Health?** MotherJones. 3/25/2014. “According to a new study in the budding field of what is sometimes called “political epidemiology,” the presence of a more liberal government is related to a higher rate of reported health, a lower rate of reported smoking, lower BMI, and fewer numbers of days with poor health.” [Read more](#)
- **Is Owning A House Part of the ‘American Dream?’ Depends on Where you Live.** Washington Post. 5/6/2014. “Home ownership has long been thought of as a cornerstone of the American Dream. But the 20-plus percentage point gap between homeownership rates at the bottom and top of the spectrum indicates that the dream in New York is very different than the one in West Virginia.” [Read more](#)
- **Life in Canada: Home of the World’s Most Affluent Middle Class.** NYTimes. 5/1/2014. “Members of the middle class in Canada worry about whether they can afford college for their children and whether their children will find jobs afterward. Housing costs are a major concern, as are everyday costs for transportation and mobile-phone plans. Middle-class Canadians worry about inequality. Yet many also believe that they’re better off than their American counterparts.” [Read more](#)
- **Maternal Deaths in Childbirth Rise in the US.** Washington Post. 5/2/2014. “Maternal deaths related to childbirth in the United States are nearly at the highest rate in a quarter century, and a woman giving birth in America is now more likely to die than a woman giving birth in China, according to a new study.” [Read more](#)
- **Nearly Half of US Deaths Can Be Prevented with Lifestyle Changes.** Time. 5/1/2014. “A new CDC report ‘is yet another demonstration that when it comes to health in this country, your longevity and health are more determined by your zip code than by your genetic code,’ Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the CDC.” [Read more](#)
- **Seattle Mayor Details Plan for \$15 Minimum Wage.** NYTimes. 5/1/2014. “We are going to decrease the poverty rate in the city by raising the minimum wage. We are going to improve lives of workers who can barely afford to live in the city,” Mayor Murray said. ‘At the same time we’re going to do it in a way that doesn’t harm those folks who are the great job creators of the city — the entrepreneurs, the homegrown businesses.’” [Read more](#)
- **Segregation Now...60 Years After Brown V. Board of Education.** The Atlantic. 4/16/2014. “Schools in the South, once the most segregated in the country, had by the 1970s become the most integrated, typically as a result of federal court orders. But since 2000, judges have released hundreds of school districts, from Mississippi to Virginia, from court-enforced integration, and many of these districts have followed the same path as Tuscaloosa’s—back toward segregation. Black children across the South now attend majority-black schools at levels not seen in four decades. Nationally, the achievement gap between black and white students, which greatly narrowed during the era in which schools grew more integrated, widened as they became less so.” [Read here](#)



- **Should Affirmative Action Be Based on Income?** NYTimes—Room for Debate. 4/27/2014. “Will the Supreme Court decision on race-based preferences push colleges to resort to less effective methods to promote to diversity?” [Read debate here](#)
- **The Changing Picture of Poverty: Hard Work Is ‘Just Not Enough.’** National Public Radio. 5/7/2014. “It used to be that if you were poor, you just didn't have the basic things, like maybe you didn't have a washer and dryer, and you were able to get by... Now with families if you're poor, you're poor in every avenue: emotionally, supportwise, familywise.” [Read more](#)
- **The College Bottleneck in the American Opportunity Structure.** Brookings Institute. 5/8/2014. “The importance of the college degree bottleneck is clear, and, by extension, the impact of race gaps on graduation rates is as well. But it is also striking that the black-white gap remains so wide, both for those who do make it through the bottleneck, and those who do not.” [Read more](#)
- **The Confidence Gap.** The Atlantic. 4/14/2014. “Even as our understanding of confidence expanded, however, we found that our original suspicion was dead-on: there *is* a particular crisis for women—a vast confidence gap that separates the sexes. Compared with men, women don't consider themselves as ready for promotions, they predict they'll do worse on tests, and they generally underestimate their abilities. This disparity stems from factors ranging from upbringing to biology.” [Read more](#)
- **The Drive to Ban Mandated Paid Sick Days.** Al Jazeera. 5/6/2014. “On March 20, New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio signed a bill expanding the city's paid-sick-day law, giving an additional 500,000 workers the right to take up to five sick days in a year to care for themselves or sick family members without losing pay. In places without such laws, 40 percent of the workforce has no paid sick days, meaning that restaurant servers and retail employees often have little economic choice but to work sick, even if that means risking infecting customers and co-workers.” [Read more](#)
- **The New War on Poverty: Tackling Two Generations at Once.** Washington Post. 5/7/2014. “A “Two Generation” approach calls for high quality child care centers that not only require parent involvement, like many Head Start programs, but also offer community college training programs...[provide] good evidence that when you invest in both parents and children together, there are, immediately, better outcomes in terms of stability for families, and down the road, better outcomes in health, achievement and connection to community.” [Read more](#)
- **The Short Guide to ‘Capital in the 21st Century.’** Vox. 4/8/2014. “Read everything you need to know [here!](#)”
- **The Top 12 Government Programs Ever.** Slate. 4/21/2014. “Which federal programs and policies succeed in being cost-effective and targeting those who need them most? In looking closely at my top 12 programs, I could find no single formula for success, but I did identify some important attributes that made each program successful. Here's my list of the best strategies government has shown it can deploy...” [Read here](#)

- **The United Cities of America: What Seattle's Minimum-Wage Deal Means.** The Atlantic. 5/2/2014. "Perhaps more significantly, Seattle's action shows we're entering a new age of bypass. Washington is stuck and will be for the foreseeable future. So it falls increasingly to cities to act—and in increasingly coordinated ways." [Read more](#)
- **The 5 Best and Worst States for Working Moms.** The Atlantic. 5/6/2014. "[A new survey ranks] the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on which place provides the best opportunity for working mothers. The survey uses nine metrics that are split into three categories: work-life balance, child care, and professional opportunities." See results/infographic [here](#).
- **The 5 US Counties Where Racial Diversity is Highest—And Lowest.** The Atlantic. 4/29/2014. "Like the nation's population, the results were mixed. Some things weren't surprising at all, like the fairly homogeneous swaths of the Northeast and the Midwest. Vermont looks to be the least diverse state in the nation. The least diverse *county*, according to Olson's calculations, is in West Virginia, followed by two counties in Kentucky and ones in Nebraska and South Dakota. What may be more surprising is where the high-diversity pockets are..." [See maps here](#)
- **What's Left of May Day?** Aljazeera. 5/1/2014. "Replacing May Day with Labor Day was part of a decades-long effort to stifle the vibrancy of populist movements. And Labor Day is not enough. As inequality widens and our democracy weakens, we are losing the spirit of May Day, and suffering the consequences." [Read more](#)
- **Which States are Givers and Which are Takers?** The Atlantic. 5/5/2014. "[Maps show those states with heavy federal spending] Because of federal programs, people in places like South Carolina and Mississippi are getting a helping hand not from their neighbors, but from residents of Delaware, Minnesota, Illinois, and Nebraska. Whether you like that idea depends, in part, on how you personally reconcile the tension between two long-cherished, core American values—our passion for individualism and our regard for community—and whether you see "community" as encompassing the whole country." [Read more](#)
- **Why America's Essentials Are Getting More Expensive While Its Toys Are Getting Cheap.** The Atlantic. 5/2/2014. "Fundamentally, health care, education, and childcare have entirely different products than a television or iPod. Their product is people: healthy people, educated people, and safe baby-people. And it's quite natural that a rich country use its productivity gains in tradable, globalized, automated industries to make ourselves healthier and happier." [Read more](#)
- **1000 Days: The Period that Decides the Health and Wealth of the World.** The Atlantic. 5/1/2014. "The consequences of stunting in the 1,000 days spread outward, from the individual (less education, lower earnings), to the family (one less full-wage earner), to the community (a diminished labor pool), to the nation (lower economic activity and growth), to the entire world (weaker global trade)." [Read more](#)

Policy, Reports & Tools:

- **America's Leaky Pipeline for Teachers of Color.** Center for American Progress. 5/4/2014. "This report will describe how the shortcomings of today's education system and the underachievement of many of today's students of color shrink the future supply of teachers of



color. Furthermore, it will offer policy recommendations through which federal and state education agencies and local school districts can address this critical problem.” [Read more](#)

- **A New Approach to Reducing Incarceration While Maintaining Low Rates of Crime.** Brookings Institute. May 2014. “The policy choices that have increased the nation’s incarceration rate since the early 1990s have been particularly ineffective at combating crime. We argue that states should reevaluate their policy choices and reduce the scope and severity of several of the sentencing practices that they have implemented over the past twenty-five or thirty years.” [Read more](#)
- **All on Board: Making Inclusive Growth Happen.** Ford Foundation and OECD. 2014. “[This report] takes a comprehensive approach to examining growth, looking beyond traditional monetary indicators to dimensions that reflect the quality of life of all participants in an economy.” [Read more](#)
- **Building a Grad Nation: Progress and Challenge in Ending the High School Dropout Epidemic.** Civic Enterprises et al. April 2014. “This report highlights key developments in the effort to boost high school graduation rates during the past decade. It also outlines what it will take to get to 90 percent and identifies five critical areas [here](#)”
- **INFOGRAPHIC: What Could \$600 Million Buy?** Center for American Progress. 5/9/2014. “A congressional mandate requires that Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, maintain bed space to detain 34,000 immigrants per day at an annual cost of more than \$2 billion.” [See here](#)
- **Job Growth Accelerates but Unemployed Still Left in the Lurch.** Center for American Progress. 5/2/2014. “Nearly five years since the U.S. economy began expanding, the U.S. labor market continues improving, but at a frustrating pace for the 10 million unemployed workers and 3 million people not counted as unemployed who still currently want a job. Ongoing elevated unemployment is not only a serious drag for those families enduring it, but it will continue to drag on the overall economy until lawmakers get serious about full employment and creating quality jobs that deepen and secure the middle class.” [Read more](#)
- **Mothers (INFOGRAPHICS).** Half in Ten Campaign & National Women’s Law Center. “Mothers are playing an increased role in their families’ economic security and the nation’s economy as breadwinners or co-breadwinners in two-thirds of American families. There is a lot of work to be done to ensure that mothers are provided the same economic opportunities to thrive not only as individuals but also for their families and for the nation.” [See here](#)
- **National CLAS Standards and *The Blueprint* with guidance and implementation strategies (Now enhanced!).** US Department of Health Services. [See here](#)
- **Potentially Preventable Deaths from the Five Leading Causes of Death.** Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report—CDC. 5/2/2014. [Read here](#)

- **SNAP Decisions: Health Impact Assessment—Proposed Illinois Legislation to Eliminate Sugar-Sweetened-Beverages from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).** Illinois Public Health Institute. 2014. [See full report here](#)
- **State-by-State look at the Best and Worst HealthCare Systems.** Commonwealth Fund. May 2014. [See report here](#)
- **Student Loans Rising: An Overview of Causes, Consequences and Policy Options.** Brookings Institute. May 2014. [Read here](#)
- **The Class of 2014.** Economic Policy Institute. 5/1/2014. “This briefing paper examines the labor market that confronts young graduates who are not enrolled in further schooling—specifically, high school graduates age 17–20 and college graduates age 21–24. We look at young graduates who are not enrolled in further schooling in an attempt to focus as closely as possible on the labor market outcomes of those who are starting their careers. Key findings [here](#).”
- **Why Education Matters to Health: Exploring the Causes.** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. April 2014. “This issue brief provides an overview of what research shows about the links between education and health alongside the perspectives of residents of a disadvantaged urban community in Richmond, Virginia.” [See report here](#)
- **10 Economic Facts About Crime and Incarceration in the United States.** Brookings Institute. May 2014. “In this [report] we offer “Ten Economic Facts about Crime and Incarceration in the United States” to bring attention to recent trends in crime and incarceration, the characteristics of those who commit crimes and those who are incarcerated, and the social and economic costs of current policy.” [Read more](#)

Research & Papers:

- **A Guide to Statistics in Historical Trends in Income Inequality.** Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. 4/17/2014. “This guide consists of four sections. The first describes the commonly used sources and statistics on income and discusses their relative strengths and limitations in understanding trends in income and inequality. The second provides an overview of the trends revealed in those key data sources. The third and fourth sections supply additional information on wealth, which complements the income data as a measure of how the *most* well-off Americans are doing, and poverty, which measures how the *least* well-off Americans are doing.” [Read more](#)
- **Treat or Eat: Food Insecurity, Cost-related Medication Underuse, and Unmet Needs.** American Journal of Medicine. April 2014. “Approximately 1 in 3 chronically ill NHIS participants are unable to afford food, medications, or both. WIC and public health insurance participation are associated with less food insecurity and cost-related medication underuse.” [Read more](#)

Websites & Grants:

- **Caring with Compassion—For Medical Professionals.** University of Michigan Medical School. “Caring with Compassion is designed to provide advanced clinical learners with knowledge needed to provide care for homeless, uninsured, underserved, and at-risk populations. Clinicians will learn how to use team-based skills and bio-psychosocial models of care to provide personalized care for at-risk patients.” [See here](#)



- **Raise the Minimum Wage (Website).** “RaisetheMinimumWage.com is a project of the National Employment Law Project. Working with state and national advocates and legislators, the National Employment Law Project is committed to rebuilding the wage floor for low-wage workers in the US.” [Visit site here](#)
- **The Views of White Americans (GRAPHIC).** NYTimes. 4/30/2014. “Survey results over time. Whites views when asked why, blacks, on average, have worse jobs, incomes and housing than whites.” [See here](#)

Webinars, Recordings & Videos:

- **An Intelligent Consumer’s Guide to Poverty Measurement.** UW Madison Institute for Research on Poverty. “In this webinar, two distinguished experts in the field will explain the various types of poverty measures and will contrast the “official” U.S. poverty measure with the newer Supplemental Poverty Measure or SPM. Finally, Dr. Short and Dr. Smeeding will touch on recent research on poverty measurement and take questions from the online audience.” May 14, 1-2pm CST. [Register here.](#)
- **Boost Your Campaigns with the Economics Case for Equity.** PolicyLink and the Equal Voice Network. 3/14/2014. “Telling a compelling story – one that is backed by the facts – is the key to gaining support and winning advocacy campaigns for low-income families. Over the last several years, PolicyLink and its partners have developed a new narrative about why equity – the just and fair inclusion of all – matters for everyone, not just those who are being left behind.” [Watch here](#)
- **Health Equity Review Planning Tool Webinar.** May 13th 1-2pm CST. National Association of Chronic Disease Directors. “The webinar will provide an orientation to the Health Equity Review Planning Tool. This tool provides hands-on guidance when planning public health projects and policies. The Health Equity Review Planning Tool will help you assess potential impacts of the work on health equity and promote work with affected communities.” [Register here](#)
- **Wisconsin Maternal and Child Health Program: Priority Setting.** Submit your feedback and perspective [here](#) by May 9th!!
- **Minimum Wage Politics.** NYTimes Minute. 4/30/2014. [Watch here](#)

Conferences & Presentations:

- **Building Bridges: Celebration of Leadership.** Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools. May 10th 5pm. Monona Terrace, Madison. [Register here](#)
- **Crossing Pathways: A Community Approach to Dismantling Racism.** Kenosha County and Division of Health. May 16th, 9-4pm. Kenosha WI. [Register and information here.](#)
- **More Than Skin Deep: Uprooting White Privilege and White Supremacy One Cell at a Time—A Three Day Institute.** Aug 1-3, 2014. Minneapolis, MN. “This three-day institute is for

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White people who already have an understanding of Race, Racism and particularly Whiteness (RRW), and who want to learn more about how to dismantle Whiteness (White Privilege and White Supremacy) through embodiment work, education, visioning and practical action.”

[Register here](#)

- **National Women’s Health Week.** May 11-17th, 2014. [More information here](#)
- **Racial Justice Summit.** YWCA-Madison. Oct 2-3, 2014. Call for proposals [here!](#)
- **Wisconsin Public Health Association Annual Meeting:** Navigating Change Through Social Innovation. May 13-15, 2014. Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee. [More here](#)