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POVERTY IN AN URBAN SOCIETY: A BIBLIOGRAPHY

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INTRODUCTION

As the title suggests this is a bibliography of materials dealing with one of the most widely discussed problems of the contemporary urban environment. What follows is by no means a complete bibliography since such an undertaking would easily fill several volumes. Instead this bibliography focuses upon the programs which have been proposed as a solution to poverty under the so-called war on poverty. In particular it focuses upon the most radical aspect of these programs: The attempt to alleviate poverty by altering the condition of political "powerlessness" which traps the poor and maintains local institutions that are by-and-large unresponsive to the needs and desires of the poor. The most significant expression of this attempt is the Community Action Program.

The first section of the bibliography (pages 3 through 5) suggests some of the materials which could prove useful as theoretical or methodological guides to an analysis of the "powerlessness" of the poor and the operation of the local community action agency. Section two (pages 6 through 13) provides a partial listing of works which are relevant to an understanding of political parti-
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cipation at the local level, particularly as it effects the poor.
The third section (pages 14 through 20) provides a broad selection
of materials from various disciplines dealing with the causes,
characteristics, and remedies of poverty. Section four (pages 21
through 23) is a selection of academic works and official documents
examining various aspects of the war on poverty declared by the
five (pages 24 through 29) suggests some materials which are rele-
vant to a study of the controversial Community Action Program.
Case studies of specific community action agencies are emphasized,
but public documents and some general works are also included.
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