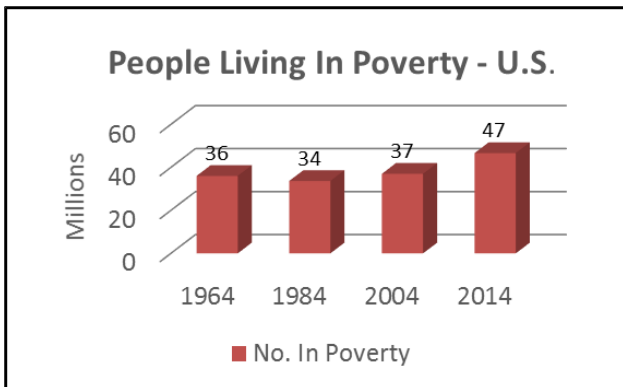
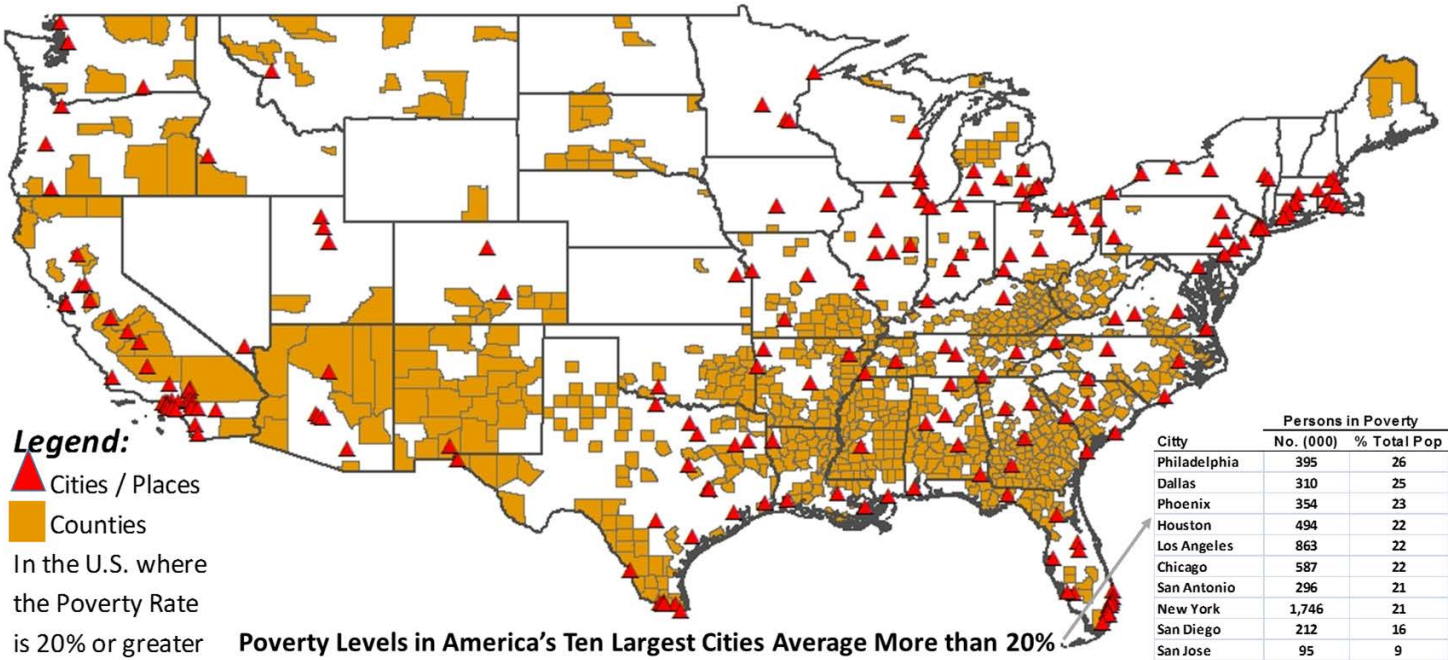


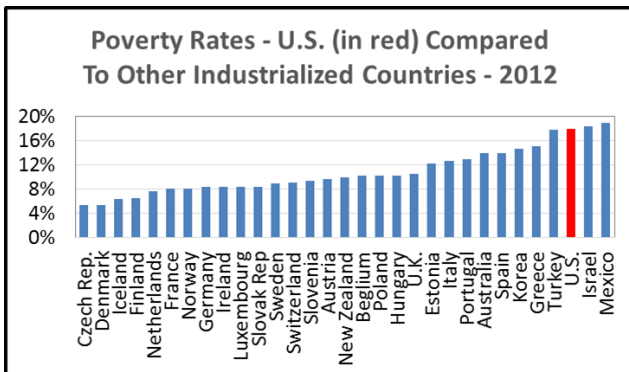
The Time Has Come for a New War on Poverty*

More than 20% of People Live in Poverty Over Vast Swaths of the U.S.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2014



President Lyndon Johnson announced the War on Poverty in 1964. Since then the number of people in poverty has increased from 36 million to 47 million, or about 15% of the total population (graph, left).



Internationally, that ranks the U.S. among the most poverty stricken countries in the industrialized world (graph, bottom left)

And it's not just big cities. As shown on the map (above) vast swaths of the U.S. have poverty rates of 20% or more.

Poverty levels in the U.S. are a tragedy for those who must live it, and a disgrace for the world's wealthiest country and largest economy. We can – we must - do better. The time has come for a New War on Poverty.

Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

*Poverty definitions vary by income level, ranging from \$15,379 for a 2-person household to \$24,230 for a 4-person household.