

URBAN & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY/POLITICS 301
URBAN POLICY AND POLITICS
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Class Sessions: Tuesday and Thursday 10:05-11:30 am, Johnson 203

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For the first time in history, a cities. Vast metropolitan areas are arising in developing and middle income countries, while in the United States where about 80 percent of the population lives in urban areas, although most of them in suburbs — San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco to address the problems they (and their residents) face is also a course in policy analysis -- evaluating different public policies in terms of their effectiveness making life better. It is also a course in American politics examining how

few years, ticking time bombs, waiting to explode? Are the problems facing American cities -- poverty, homelessness, high levels of infant mortality, racial segregation, traffic gridlock, pollution, and others -- solvable?

There's been a great deal of research and writing about urban problems in the past few decades and especially in the last few years. Most of the readings for this course draw on up-to-date research and thinking. But many of the urban problems we face today have been around for some time. People have been thinking about urban problems for many years. We can learn a great deal from the urban thinkers of the past as well.

The major questions addressed in this seminar include the following:

1. As the U.S. has changed, so has the shape, function, and number of cities and metropolitan areas. How have these changes come about? How and why did the suburbs grow, especially after World War 2? What's the difference between cities and suburbs? Are they growing more alike or more apart? How has the physical shape of metropolitan areas -- its architecture, roads, residential areas, open spaces, factories, stores, offices, neighborhoods, downtowns -- changed? What impact have these changes had on how people live their lives?
2. Are there certain "urban" characteristics -- economic, social, political, psychological -- common to all cities and metropolitan areas? What is meant by the term "urban crisis?" Does it affect all urban areas in the same way? How has the distribution of wealth and power in the larger society influenced the economic, social, and physical conditions of cities and metro areas? What are the causes of urban poverty and racial segregation?
3. Should there be a national urban policy designed to help strengthen and improve cities? Or should there simply be policies to help individuals wherever they happen to live? What approaches have been tried? What works? What has failed? Why? How do we assess proposals to deal with our urban problems? We'll look at such issues as poverty and employment, housing and homelessness, public health, transportation and environment, racial segregation and discrimination, and others. What are the current policy debates regarding these and other issues?
4. What role do cities play in our national political life? (This is often called "urban policy"). How are cities governed? ("Urban politics"). Who runs our cities? Business? Local politicians? Neighborhood groups? Developers? Unions?

No one? What are the different ways that cities and metro areas are governed? What difference does it make?

5. Do cities in other countries have the same problems? Why or why not? How do we account for the similarities and differences between Los Angeles, New York, Seattle, Boston, Atlanta, San Francisco, Chicago, Paris, Copenhagen, Toronto, Mexico City, Nairobi, and Beijing? What can we learn from these differences and similarities to help address the problems facing American cities?

Books to Purchase

You should purchase the following books, available at the college bookstore:

- Nivola, Laws of the Landscape: How Policies Shape Cities in Europe and America (1999)
- Dreier, Mollenkopf, and Swanstrom, Place Matters: Metropolitcs for the 21st Century, 3rd edition (2014)
- McLaughlin, Winning Richmond: How a Progressive Alliance Won City Hall (2018)

Website Readings

Most of the readings for this source will be found on the Moodle website for UEP 301. The course readings to be found on the website are marked with an asterisk (*). It is each student's responsibility to get these readings from the website. Please download them so you can mark them up as well as bring them to class. There are many separate articles from magazines, newspapers, journals and other sources, so it may take time to download them each week. Make sure you have sufficient time to do this.

Course Requirements

I want you to become informed, confident, and engaged citizens of the world. Your effective and strategic action stems from a strong foundation of critical thinking skills. I want you to understand the amount of time, the commitment to analysis, and the depth of thinking it takes to consider any topic or issue thoroughly. In the end, I wish for you to become skilled, deep, and confident thinkers. Every aspect of this course is designed to build these skills and habits because, in the long run, the person you become at the end of this class—or at the end of your career at Oxy—matters more than any grade you receive. In sum, I

- “Do The Right Thing” -- Spike Lee's famous film about daily life in the

Academic Ethics

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<http://www.oxy.edu/student-handbook/academic-ethics/academic-ethics>

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Occidental Sexual Misconduct Policy and Resources

<https://www.oxy.edu/student-life/resources-support/project-safe/resources>

Web Sites

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housing, transportation, schools, economic development, public safety, and other issues. Neighborhood Planning also has a section on the “heroes” of community planning - some of the most important figures in the history of planning, architecture, organizing, and other topics.

The Campaign for America’s Future (<http://www.ourfuture.org>), the Economic Policy Institute (<http://www.epi.org>), and the Center for American Progress (<http://www.americanprogress.org>). These sites are a goldmine of policy ideas and data about economic and social policy from a liberal/progressive perspective. Similar organizations from a conservative perspective include the Cato Institute (<http://www.cato.org>), the Heritage Foundation (<http://www.heritage.org>), and the American Enterprise Institute (<http://www.aei.org>).

The Center for Neighborhood Technology (<http://www.cnt.org>), the National Housing Institute (www.nhi.org), Poverty & Race Research Action Council (<http://www.prrac.org>), Planners Network (<http://www.plannersnetwork.org>), and Sustainable Communities (<http://www.sustainable.org>) all focus on innovative research and programs that strengthen urban neighborhoods and metropolitan areas. Each site has links to many other resources about particular issues, programs, cities, and metropolitan areas. Two magazines -- (<http://www.nhi.org/online>) and (<http://www.citylimits.org>) -- provide examples of interesting urban politics and policy from a liberal/progressive perspective. (<http://www.city-journal.org>), published by the Manhattan Institute, provides interesting articles on urban issues from a conservative perspective.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has its own web site with information about its programs, policies, data bases, and many links. HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research (<http://www.huduser.org>) has its own site with a great deal of information about housing and urban problems, studies and publications, and available data. You reach can the HUD library, with many reports and publications about cities and housing problems, at this site.

(<http://www.prospect.org>), (<http://www.thenation.com>), and (<http://www.motherjones.org>). These are three of the most important magazines analyzing American politics from a progressive, grassroots perspective.

Demos (<http://www.demos.org>), the Center for Responsive Politics (<http://www.opensecrets.org>); Every Voice Center (<http://www.everyvoicecenter.org>); Good Jobs First (<http://www.goodjobsfirst.org>); and the California Budget and Policy Center (<http://calbudgetcenter.org>) -- These think tanks all provide interesting policy ideas on such issues as tax policy, campaign finance, anti-poverty policy, economic development, citizen participation, housing and homelessness, voting rights, and others.

Newspapers, Magazines and Journals

If you want to keep up-to-date about urban issues, you should read at least one daily newspaper -- the LA Times, the New York Times, the Washington Post, or the Wall Street Journal -- on a regular basis. You can read them the old-fashioned way (holding it in your hands and folding over the pages) or on-line. If you read an article in one of these papers that relates to the topics in the course, bring it up in class.

You might also want to become familiar with the major journals that focus on urban problems and policies. In the Library, you can peruse these publications to see what scholars and practitioners are saying. The major journals include Urban Affairs Quarterly, Journal of the American Planning Association, Journal of Urban Affairs, and National Civic Review.

TOPICS AND READINGS

(Readings preceded by an *asterisk are available on the class Moodle site.
NYT = New York Times. LAT = Los Angeles Times).

PART I

POLITICS AND POLICY ARE ABOUT VALUES AND CHOICES

Personal Values (Tuesday, January 21)

"Looking for Housing" exercise

"How We Live" (7-minute video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIzV_r398dU

Competing Approaches to Public Policy: YOYO vs. WITT (Thursday, January 23)

- Watch this 5-minute video before coming to class: Senator Bernie Sanders vs Senator Rand Paul (May 11, 2011)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUXwDMqjC-A>
- Watch this 2-minute video before coming to class; Cong. Ron Paul on health care at the Republican presidential debate, September 13, 2011)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8T9fk7NpgIU>
- Watch this 90-second video before coming to class; Cong. Rep. Brooks: Sick people should pay more (May 2, 2017)
<http://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2017/05/02/rep-mo-brooks-pre-existing-conditions-lead.cnn>
- Watch this 13-minute video before coming to class; Jimmy Kimmel reveals details of his son's birth and heart disease (May 1, 2017)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmWwMcGmo0>
- Watch this 5-minute video before class. Rick Santelli's "rant" about mortgages, from February 19, 2009, is considered the beginning of the Tea Party movement <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiCOB49vVVM>
- Watch this 9-minute video before class: "Mo' Money, Mo' Money, Mo' Money: How Greedy Corporations Destroy the American Dream" :

- Watch this 7-minute video before class: "Why Haven't The Wall Street Banks Been Prosecuted?" This

[minimum-wage](#) and <http://www.cc.com/video-clips/y8nibe/the-daily-show-with-jon-stewart-pay-mas---the-poverty-line>

*Bernstein, All Together Now (pages 3-18)

*Leonhardt, "FDR Got It. Most Democrats Don't" (NYT, January 12, 2020)

Poverty

*Fessler, "Housing Secretary Ben Carson Says Poverty Is A 'State Of Mind'" (NPR, May 25, 2017)

*Assari, "Why Poverty is Not a Personal Choice, But a Reflection of Society" (The Conversation, June 30, 2017)

Health Care

*Gladwell, "The Moral Hazard Myth" (New Yorker, August 9, 2005)

*Strain, "End Obamacare, and People Could Die. That's Okay. We Make Such Trade-Offs All the Time" (Washington Post, January 23, 2015)

*Hiltzik, "This Conservative Op-ed Confirms the Immorality of Repealing Obamacare" (LAT, January 26, 2015)

*Ward, "Obamacare to the Rescue" (LAT, December 6, 2011)

*Sanger-Katz, "Obamacare Appears to Be Making People Healthier" (NYT, August 9, 2016)

- Watch this 90-second video before class: “Silvia Venegas: Taking On Corporate Landlords” <https://vimeo.com/330625558>
- Watch this 90-second video before class: “It Took a Village to Win a Loan Modification” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yOH3N3iZ9E>
- Watch this 3-minute video before class: “Distressed Homeowners Join

April 28, 2010)

- *Freudenberg and Galea, “Cities of Consumption: The Impact of Corporate Practices on the Health of Urban Populations” (Journal of Urban Health, July 2008)
- Taft, “Sitting on a Porch Can Be Good for Your Health” (Shelterforce, September 25, 2018)

What Can We Learn from Cities in Other Countries? (Thursday, February 6)

- Watch this 5-minute video before class: “Defying the Crisis - The Spanish Collective Mondragón”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaJ1hfVPUE8&feature=youtu.be>
- *Francis, “It’s Better to be Poor in Norway Than in the US” (Christian Science Monitor, April 14, 2005)
- *Cleary, “Norway Is Proof That You Can Have It All” (The Australian, July 15, 2013)
- *Jones, “After I Lived in Norway, America Felt Backward. Here’s Why” (The Nation, January 28, 2016)
- *Orange, “How Stockholm Became the City of Work-Life Balance” (Guardian, May 22, 2019)
- *Hunt, “City With a Female Face: How Modern Vienna Was Shaped By Women,” (Guardian, May 14, 2019)
- *Bamburg, “Mondragon through a Critical Lens” (Fifty by Fifty, October 3, 2017)
- *Holmberg, “Workers on Corporate Boards? Germany’s Had Them for Decades” (NYT, January 6, 2019)
- *Smeeding, “The Poverty Quagmire” (Washington Post, Dec. 21, 2003)
- *“Toronto and Detroit” (Economist, May 19, 1990)
- *Alderman and Greenhouse, “Living Wages, Rarity for U.S. Fast-Food Workers, Served Up in Denmark” (NYT, October 27, 2014)
- *Greenhouse, “If the French Can Do It, Why Can’t We?” (NYT, Nov. 14, 1993)
- *Khazan, “The Secret to Finland’s Success With Schools, Moms, Kids—and Everything” (Atlantic, July 11, 2013)
- *Abrams and Hounanian, “5 Countries That Know How to Handle Student Debt” (The Nation, August 4, 2016)
- *Henley, “‘It’s a Miracle’: Helsinki’s Radical Solution to Homelessness” (Guardian, June 3, 2019)
- *Taylor, “Everybody Needs Good Neighbours: Melbourne Moves Into Community-Led Housing” (This Place, July 10, 2018)

*Lennard and Lennard, "The Genius of the European Square" (Livable Cities, December 2004)

*Goodyear, "Why the Streets of Copenhagen and Amsterdam Look So Different From Ours" (CityLab, April 25, 2012)

*Sengupta and Popovich, "Cities Worldwide are Reimagining Their Relationship with Cars" (NYT, November 14, 2019)

*Goodman, "The City That Cycles With the Young, the Old, the Busy and the Dead," (NYT, November 19, 2019)

*Amigo, "How a City in Spain Got Rid of Its Cars" (Citiscopes, August 30, 2017)

*Greenhouse, "Why Paris Works" (NYT, July 19, 1992)

*Clement, "Green Space: Every Schoolyard Has a Radical Political Goal" (Sciencemag, 2012)

February 17, 2019)
*Kruse, "Seattle h

*Fox, "Changing Prop. 13 Could Worsen Housing Crisis. Here's How"
(CalMatters, January 30, 2019)

The Battle for Power: Conservative, Liberal, and Progressive Cities
(Tuesday, February 18)

- Before class, watch "The New Los Angeles" (56 minutes)
http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/the_new_los_angeles
- Dreier, Mollenkopf, and Swanstrom, Place Matters
- Chapter 7 – "Urban Politics Matters: Progressive, Liberal and Conservative Cities"
- *Davidson, "Why Mayors Can't Combat Income Inequality" (NYT, December 1, 2013)
- *Schragger, "The Limits of Progressive Policymaking in US Cities"
(Metropolitcs, September 11, 2018)
- *Dreier and Clavel, "What Kind of Mayor Was Bernie Sanders?" (The Nation, June 2, 2015)
- *Dilworth, "The Making of a Progressive Mayor: James Kenney of Philadelphia"
(Metropolitcs, October 17, 2018)
- *Dovere, "Can This Millennial Mayor Make Universal Basic Income a Reality?"
(Politico, April 24, 2018)
- *Klein, "New Haven Risen" (Dissent, Winter 2015)
- *Dreier, "Who Are the Billionaires Trying to Defeat Steve Zimmer?" (HufWho2.7 (S)8 4j0.3 0

Progressive Alliance” before class:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOHjzEIn2c0&feature=youtu.be>

Running the City: How? (Tuesday, February 25)

Speaker: Rick Cole, Oxy '78, city manager, Santa Monica, CA.

*Harvey Milk, “A City of Neighborhoods” (1978) (in Randy Shilts, The Mayor of Castro Street, 1982)

Report, February 23, 2017)

*Shearer, “How the Progressives Won in Santa Monica” (Social Policy, Winter 1982)

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- Watch this video before class: “Are the Rich Getting Too Much of the Economic Pie?” (4 minutes)
<http://www.theatlantic.com/video/archive/2013/08/are-the-rich-getting-too-much-of-the-economic-pie/278807>
- Watch this video before class: “Wealth Inequality in America” (6 minutes)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPKKQnijnsM>
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- “Poverty Rates by Race or Ethnicity: 1959-2012”
<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/8e/35/e2/8e35e269a5c965692461578a21b34134.png>
- “Poverty Rate and Percentage Point Change by Selected Characteristics: 2018”
<https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/visualizations/2019/demo/p60-266/Figure8.pdf>

Dreier, Mollenkopf, and Swanstrom, Place Matters

- Preface
- Chapter 1 – “Place Still Matters”
- Chapter 2 – “The Facts of Economic Segregation and Sprawl”

*Mohan, “Though Far from Poor, A Family Struggles Daily” (LAT, May 18, 2004)

*Kimberlin and Rose,

(California Budget and Policy Center, December 2017)

*Ingraham, “The Richest 1 Percent Now Owns More of the Country’s Wealth Than at Any Time in the Past 50 Years” (Washington Post, December 6, 2017)

*Reich, “And Now the Richest .01 Percent” (Huffington Post, November 18, 2014)

*Dreier and Cohen, “It Takes Jamie Dimon 3 Hours to Earn What Some of His Employees Do All Year” (The Nation, July 15, 2016)

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February 1, 2013)

*Gudrais, "Disrupted Lives" (Harvard Magazine, January/February 2014)

*Lopez, "Buses are Their Route to a Better Future" (LAT, December 18, 2013)

The Consequences of Inequality and Poverty (Tuesday, March 3)

Dreier, Mollenkopf, and Swanstrom, Place Matters

- Chapter 3 – "The Costs of Economic Segregation and Sprawl"

*Epstein, "Ghetto Miasma: Enough To Make You Sick?" (NYT, Oct. 12, 2003)

*Dreier, "This Economy is a Real Killer" (Huffington Post, November 17, 2011)

*Money, "Official to Low-Income Earners: If You Can't Afford Costa Mesa, Look Somewhere Else" (LAT, April 23, 2016)

*Thomas, "Separated by Design: How Some of America's Richest Towns Fight Affordable Housing" (Connecticut Mirror, May 22, 2019)

*Little, "Not in Whose Backyard?" (NYT, Sept. 2, 2007)

*Noble, "Study Shows a Big Asthma Risk for Children in Poor Neighborhoods" (NYT, July 27, 1999)

*Badger, “The Best Thing We Could Do About Inequality Is Universal
Preschool” ([CityLab](#), June 17, 2013)

**What If Everyone Had a Job? Full Employment, Living Wages, and Shared
Prosperity (Thursday, March 5)**

- Watch this 2-minute video before class: “Food Stamps vs. Pay Checks”

*Reyes, "County Business Coalition Says L.A. Minimum-Wage Plan Would Hurt Poor" (LAT, January 14, 2015)

- *Hernandez, “Payday Lenders Target Blacks and Latinos” (Colorlines, March, 26, 2009)
- *Lazare, “Foreclosure Crisis Fueled Dramatic Rise of Racial Segregation: Study” (CommonDreams, May 7, 2015)
- *Holland, “The Average Black Family Would Need 228 Years to Build the Wealth of a White Family Today” (The Nation, August 8, 2016)
- *Amadeo, “Racial Wealth Gap in the United States: Is There a Way to Close It and Fill the Divide?” (The Balance, June 25, 2019)
- *Kristof, “Study Alleges Racial Bias in Auto Rates” (LAT, Dec. 20, 2005)
- *Eligojan, “A Question of Environmental Racism in Flint” (NYT, January 21, 2016)
- *Ramos, "Latino Middle Class Growing in Suburbia" (LAT, Nov. 30, 1997)
- *Chowkwanyun and Segall, “The Rise of the Asian Majority Suburb” (Atlantic, August 24, 2012)
- *Kirp, “Here Comes the Neighborhood” (NYT, October 20, 2013)
- *Badger, “Life in the Suburbs Means Something Very Different for Whites and Blacks” (Washington Post, December 10, 2014)
- *Kruse, “What Does a Traffic Jam in Atlanta Have to do With Segregation? Quite a Lot” (NYT, August 14, 2019)

- *Frankenburg, “” What school segregation looks like in the US today, in 4 charts” (The Conversation, July 19, 2019)

Public Safety, Police, and Criminal Justice (Tuesday, March 31)

- *Frum, “It’s the Guns” (The Atlantic, May 18, 2018)
- * Ingraham, “Guns in America: For Every Criminal Killed in Self-Defense, 34 Innocent People Die” (Washington Post, June 19, 2015)
- *Davey, “In a Soaring Homicide Rate, a Divide in Chicago” (NYT, January 2, 2013)
- *”A Chicago Divided by Killings” (NYT, January 2, 2013)
- *Kirkos, “Chicago Murder Rate Drops for Second Year in a Row” (CNN, January 1, 2019)
- *Florida, “The Great Crime Decline and the Comeback of Cities” (CityLab, January 16, 2018)
- *Ulloa, “California’s Historic Overhaul of Cash Bail is Bow on Hold, Pending a 2020 Referendum” (LAT, January 16, 2019)
- *McClain, “Are Americans Finally Facing Up to the True Costs of Mass Incarceration?” (The Nation, September 16, 2015)
- *Gonnerman, “Larry Krasner’s Campaign to End Mass Incarceration” (The New

Yorker, October 29, 2018)

- *Lopez, “Want to End Mass Incarceration? Stop Blindly Reelecting Your Local Prosecutor” (Vox, September 1, 2016)
- *Smith and Lansu, “Chicago Cops Found Not Guilty of Cover-Up in Laquan McDonald Shooting Case” (NPR, January 17, 2019)
- *Dreier, “Caught on Camera: Police Racism” (American Prospect, July 11, 2016)
- *Chang and Poston, “‘Stop-and-Frisk in a Car:’ Elite LAPD Unit Disproportionately Stopped Black Drivers, Data Show” (LAT, January 24, 2019)
- *Abdollah, “Police Agencies Line Up to Learn About Unconscious Bias” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, March 14, 2015)
- *James, “Can Cops Unlearn Their Unconscious Biases?” (The Atlantic, December 23, 2017)
- *Cobb, “How Did the Democrats End Up Here?” (The New Yorker, February 23, 2020)

Give Blacks and Whites Equal Rights” (Washington Post, August 5, 2015)

PART VI
URBAN PLANNING AND POLICY: SUBURBANIZATION, SPRAWL,
AND PUBLIC TRANSIT

What’s the Difference Between Suburbanization and Sprawl? (Thursday, April 9)

Watch these videos before class:

- “The Selling of Sprawl” (9 minutes)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvN5kN5TCdY>
- “40 Years of Las Vegas Sprawl, as Seen From Space” (38 seconds)
<http://www.citylab.com/housing/2012/03/40-years-las-vegas-sprawl-seen-space/1402/>
- “The Great American Lawn: How the Dream Was Manufactured” (NYT, August 9, 2019)
<https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/100000006542254/climate-change-lawns.html?emc=eta1>

Dreier, Mollenkopf, and Swanstrom, Place Matters

- Chapter 4, “The Roads Not Taken: How G0(in)-3.442 (h)3.7A=1.9 (/ -m)1.9 (er)E79(l)-2.

19, 2002)

*Thompson, "How Suburbs Destroy Democracy" (Monu)

*Schafran, "As a Child of the Suburbs –

- *Fitzsimmons, “Why the West Coast Is Suddenly Beating the East Coast on Transportation” (NYT, January 1, 2019)
- *Fitzsimmons, “After Spike in Deaths, New York to Get 250 Miles of Protected Bike Lanes” (NYT, October 28, 2019)
- *Wilson, “A Trade Boom’s Unintended Costs” (LAT, April 23, 2006)
- *Bonney, “Port of Long Beach Diesel Emissions Down 82% Since 2005” (Journal of Commerce, September 23, 2014)
- *“L.A. Needs to Clean Up Its Ports, But Truck Drivers Shouldn’t Have to Pay For All of It” (LAT, June 23, 2017)
- *Hiltzik, “Port Truckers Who Carry Your Favorite Goods to Market Are Being Cheated to Save You Money” (LAT, June 29, 2017)
- * Murphy, “Rigged: Forced into Debt. Worked Past Exhaustion. Left with Nothing” (USA Today, July 16, 2017)

What’s the Green New Deal? (Thursday, April 16)

Watch these videos before class:

- “Stephen Colbert interviews Noemi Klein” (5 ½ minutes)
<http://thecolbertreport.cc.com/videos/k5a58t/naomi-klein>
- “Barack Obama on Green Jobs” (1 ½ minutes)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-ar_GVkeys
- “What is a Green Job?” (England – 17 minutes)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGsAvSSQ14>
- “Don't Waste L.A.: No More Deaths in Waste Facilities” (3 minutes)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFRg0EFpYLO>
- “Out of the Shadows” (7 minutes) <https://vimeo.com/57175702>
- *Biron, “US Cities Joining Push to Dump Fossil Fuel Investments” (Truth-out, April 27, 2013)
- *Baca, “The Green New Deal’s Huge Flaw” (Slate, February 7, 2019)
- *Purdy, “The Green New Deal Is What Realistic Environmental Policy Looks Like” (NYT, February 14, 2019)
- *Meyerson, “The Green New Deal as Economic Development” (American Prospect, December 5, 2019)
- *Margolis, “Mountains of US recycling pile up as China restricts imports” (PRI’s The World, January 1, 2018)
- *Fitzgerald, “Cities on the Front Lines” (American Prospect, December 5, 2019)
- *“Los Angeles Approves Zero Waste LA Waste Management Franchise System” (Recycling Today, December 12, 2016)

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(LAANE, July 2015) – just read the Executive Summary,
Introduction, and Best Practices

*Aleem, “Why Water Shortages Are the Greatest Threat to Global Security”
(MIC, March 6, 2015)

*Neate, “How One Man Plans to Make Billions Selling Mojave Desert Water”
(Guardian, January 3, 2016)

*Kuznia, “Rich Californians Balk at Limits” (Washington Post, June 13, 2015)

*Gold, “Making Los Angeles Completely Water Self-Sufficient Won't Be Easy or
Cheap. But It Can Be Done” (LAT, March 19, 2018)

*Wheeling, “Here's What Trump Gets Wrong About California's Water Supply”
(Pacific Standard, October 23, 2018)

*Gardner, “LA Smog: The B BT13.98 -0 0WiauetsWTmI1 (S)33 (u)-3(B)3.2 (illio)2upply(” ,

*Medina, "Los Angeles Neighborhood Tries to Change, But Avoid the Pitfalls"
(NYT, August 17, 2013) Read the article and watch the 3-minute video:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/18/us/los-angeles-neighborhood-tries-to-change-but-avoid-the->

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Mercado La Paloma: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NPJF6PxxIM> (1 ½ minutes)

SAJE/slum housing campaign:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19iAsYHl3hQ> (2 min.)