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"What made traditional economies so radically different and so very fundamentally dangerous to Western economies were the traditional principles of property of Creation versus scarcity of resources, of sharing and distribution versus accumulation and greed, of kinship usage rights versus individual exclusive ownership rights, and of sustainability versus growth." -- Rebecca Adamson

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"...Any definition of a culture of peace must address the problem of achieving justice for communities and individuals who do not have the means to compete or cope without structured assistance and compassionate help." -- Mahnaz Afkhami -- Kofi Annan

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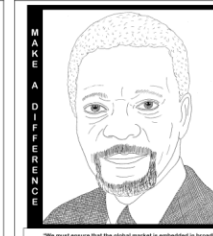

"We must ensure that the global market is embedded in broadly shared values and practices that reflect global social needs, and that all the world's people share the benefits of globalization."

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"We are committed with our lives to building a different model and a different future for humanity, the Earth, and other species. We have envisaged a moral alternative to economic globalization and we will not rest until we see it realized." -- Maude Barlow

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"In Fair Trade, we see ourselves as this infinitesimal part of the world economy. But somebody's got to come up with an alternative model that says children eating is No. 1." -- Medea Benjamin

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"Economics has been incurably growth-oriented and addicted to everybody growing richer, even at the cost of exhaustion of resources and pollution of the environment." -- Kenneth Boulding

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"If the corporations have their way, the Earth will be killed, and that's in your lifetime. It's revolting to me that students are being trained to work in corporations. It's obscene to me that the corporations are running the world." -- Dr. Helen Caldicott

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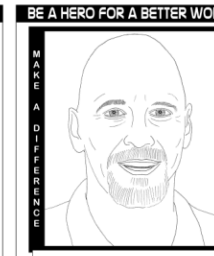

"The global economy works for about twenty percent of the world, for about eighty percent it doesn't." -- Kevin Danaher

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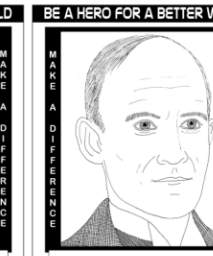

"We want a system in which the worker shall get what he produces and the capitalist shall produce what he gets." -- Eugene V. Debs

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"The ultimate aim of production is not production of goods but the production of free human beings associated with one another on terms of equality." -- John Dewey

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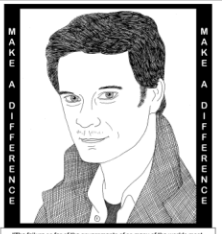

"The failure so far of the governments of so many of the worlds most powerful countries in the face of such egregious unfairness ... to make the slightest progress on the issue of fair trade is hard to explain." -- Colin Firth

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"I feel more confident than ever that the power to save the planet rests with the individual consumer." -- Denis Hayes

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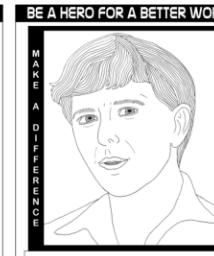

"Economic policy turns out to be the most important environmental policy." -- Randy Hayes

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"Concern for the public good must become the animating force of our economic order." -- Marjorie Kelly

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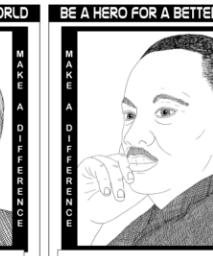

"We must recognize that we can't solve our problems now until there is a radical redistribution of economic and political power..." -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"It's a measure of the depth of our consumer trance that the death of the planet is not sufficient to break it." -- Kalle Lasn

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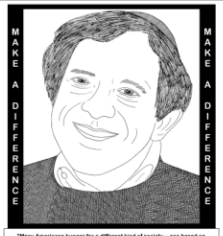

"Many Americans hunger for a different kind of society -- one based on principles of caring, ethical and spiritual sensitivity, and communal solidarity. Their need for meaning is just as intense as their need for economic security." -- Rabbi Michael Lerner

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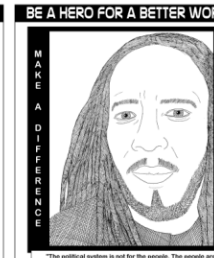

"The political system is not for the people. The people are secondary to the economy. It's about what generates money, not about what benefits the people." -- Ziggy Marley

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"The basic goal of labor will not change. It is -- as it has always been, and I am sure always will be -- to better the standards of life for all who work for wages and to seek decency and justice and dignity for all Americans." -- George Meany

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"Our motto is to work for peace based on social justice. Our mandate is to improve the condition, health and safety of workers, and our mission is universal." -- David A. Morse

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"The essence of globalization is a subordination of human rights, of labor rights, consumer, environmental rights, democracy rights, to the imperatives of global trade and investment." -- Ralph Nader

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"...we've got a lot of work to do economically in this country to bring about a more just and fair economy." -- Barack Obama

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"Out of our first century of national life we evolved the ethical principle that it was not right or just that an honest and industrious man should live and die in misery. He was entitled to some degree of sympathy and security. Our conscience declared against the honest workman's becoming a pauper, but our eyes told us that he very often did." -- Frances Perkins

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"Fair Trade is a market-based, entrepreneurial response to business as usual: it helps third-world farmers developing direct market access as well as the organizational and management capacity to add value to their products and take them directly to the global market." -- Paul Rice

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"No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level--I mean the wages of decent living." -- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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"The Globalization of humanity is a natural, biological, evolutionary process. Yet we face an enormous crisis because the most central and important aspect of globalization - its economy - is currently being organized in a manner that so grossly violates the fundamental principles by which healthy living systems are organized that it threatens the demise of our whole civilization." -- Elisabet Sahtouris

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"We need new proactive policies that focus directly on how authorities in the public and private sphere can blend economic and social policies with an enabling environment for private initiative to create market opportunities for Decent Work." -- Juan Somavia

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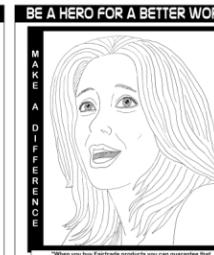

"When you buy Fairtrade products you can guarantee that the farmers who have worked hard to grow them get a minimum price. Fairtrade is a way of giving regular support - and enjoying delicious high quality foods at the same time." -- Emma Thompson

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"It is absolutely sure that if globalization is not founded on moral values not only will fail but will bring about global calamities." -- Dr. George Vithoulkas

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"Business is beautiful when it's a vehicle for serving the common good." -- Judy Wicks

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