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Poverty Poster

The CASJ Antipoverty action group has put together this typography Poverty poster resource to provide teachers with a visual to aid them in their discussions about the systemic dynamics of poverty. This resource was developed with high school students in mind but can be adapted as needed.

The poster describes the multifaceted manifestations of poverty and is intended to help students understand that poverty is not a simple issue. It also allows for an inquiry to begin to take place as to how these different dimensions impact final solutions for poverty. This typology allows us to deepen our understanding of poverty.

The Poverty poster makes for a great inquiry starter. For example, the following questions could be posed and discussed:

1. What do each of the seven categories mean to you personally?
2. Can you find examples, both historic and current?
3. Can you then explain why these circumstances exist?

Further ideas for using the poster:

1. Have students investigate each of the types of poverty and flesh out a fuller picture of who falls under each category. You could also ask them to reflect on how people might find themselves in those circumstances.
2. Positionality is a topic in Social Justice 12. Have students find out what types of poverty they might be familiar with or have possibly dealt with themselves, allowing for a more critical analysis of the systemic dynamics of poverty.
3. Use stories, narratives, and speakers who can present on the varying types.

The Poverty poster can also be used as a catalyst for action:

1. Discuss and develop what a strong poverty reduction plan might look like and present this to those most able to help make systemic change.
2. Determine how we go from charity for each of these seven types of poverty to actual justice.
3. What other aspects of poverty reduction could they advocate for? What messages could be sent to government and institutions to affect change?
4. Apply the 3Ss—Social Service, Social Responsibility, Social Justice. What would that look like for each type of poverty? What actions come from the discussion?

For more information on antipoverty strategies please look to the following resources:

- BCTF Social Justice
- BC Poverty Reduction Coalition
- First Call—BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition
- CCPA—Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
- Canada Without Poverty.