



The Next System Begins in Community

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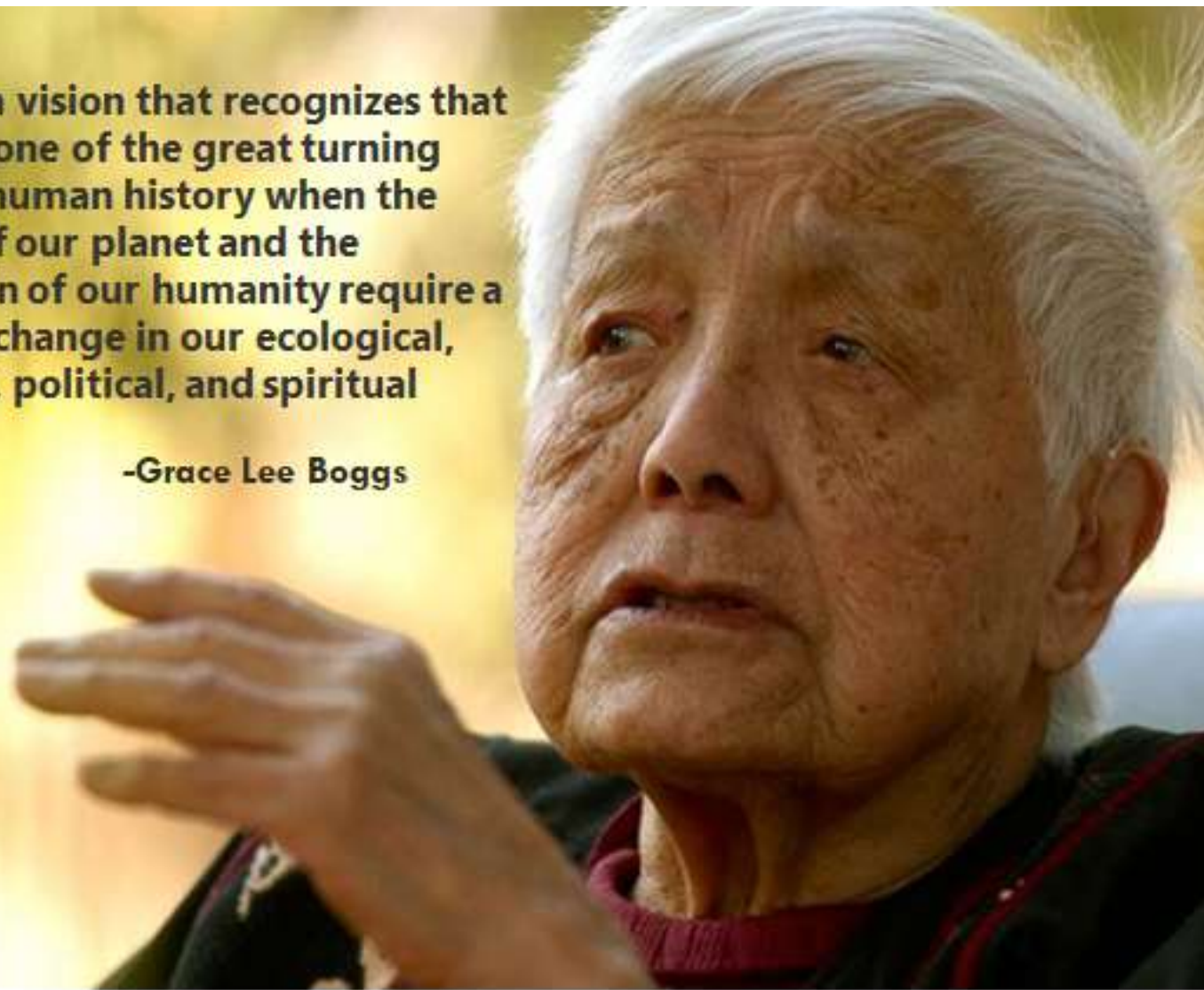
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We need a vision that recognizes that we are at one of the great turning points in human history when the survival of our planet and the restoration of our humanity require a great sea change in our ecological, economic, political, and spiritual values.

-Grace Lee Boggs





System in crisis

The US currently facing a *systemic crisis*—not just political or economic difficulties.

A system designed by and for the 1% has resulted in growing inequality, mass incarceration, and climate catastrophe.

Traditional strategies to achieve a more equitable, sustainable and just society aren't working.



Why a new system, not just new policies?

Long-term, negative trends (ie underemployment, mass incarceration, “throw away” cities, degradation of the environment, etc) as *natural outcomes* of an extractive economic design.

A new design, grounded in new institutions and new patterns of ownership, is needed for an economy capable of delivering the dramatically better outcomes we want: equity, justice, democracy, sustainability, health and wellbeing.

Who We Are



The Democracy Collaborative advances a vision of a more democratic economic system where shared ownership and control creates more equitable and inclusive outcomes, fosters ecological sustainability, and promotes flourishing democratic and community life.

RESEARCH

Reports and publications on anchors, public enterprise, community wealth building, green economy, etc.

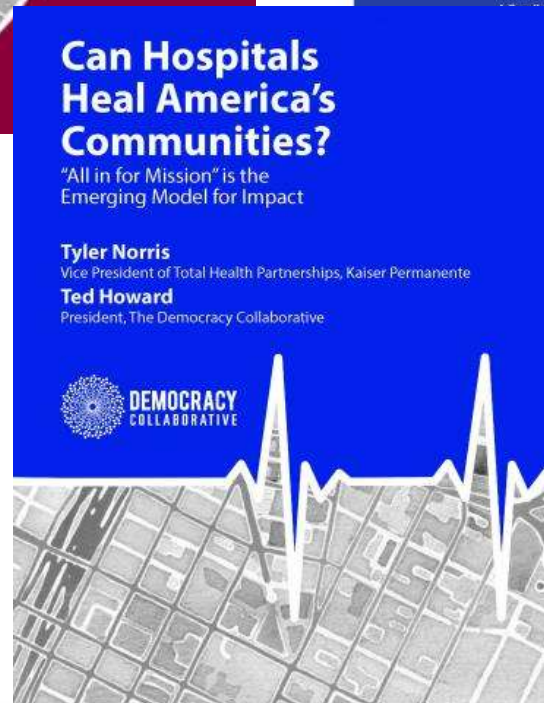
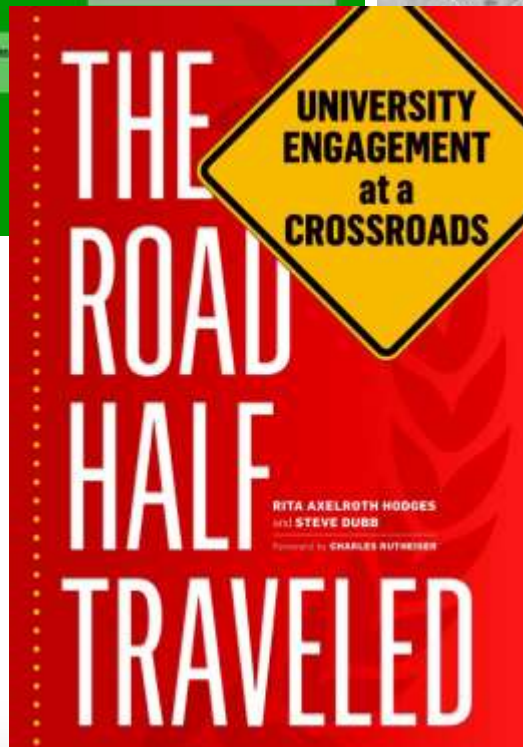
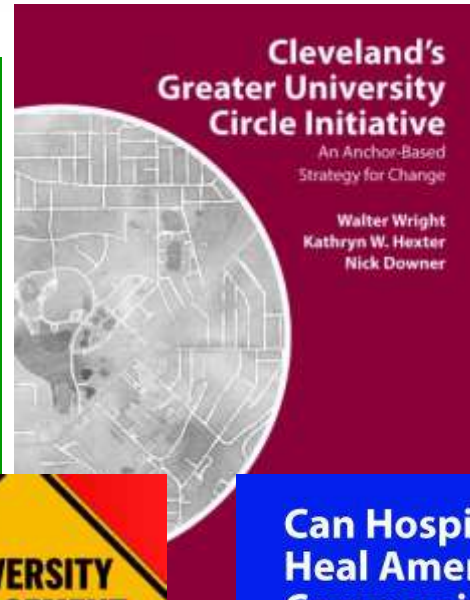
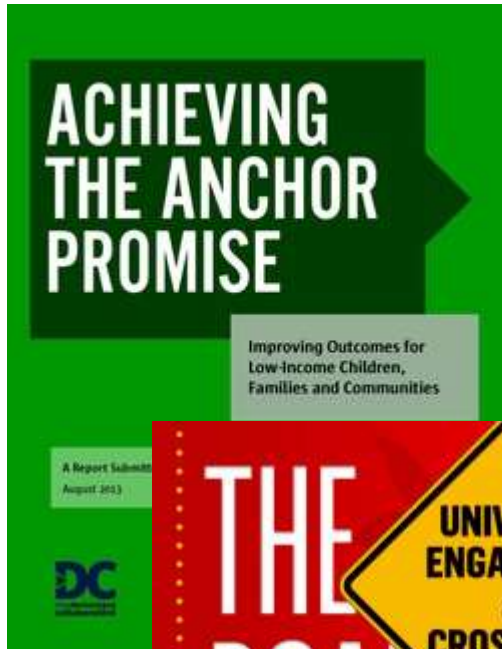
FIELD BUILDING

Communities of practice, co-learning experiences, metric development, webinars, education & training tools, Community-Wealth.org

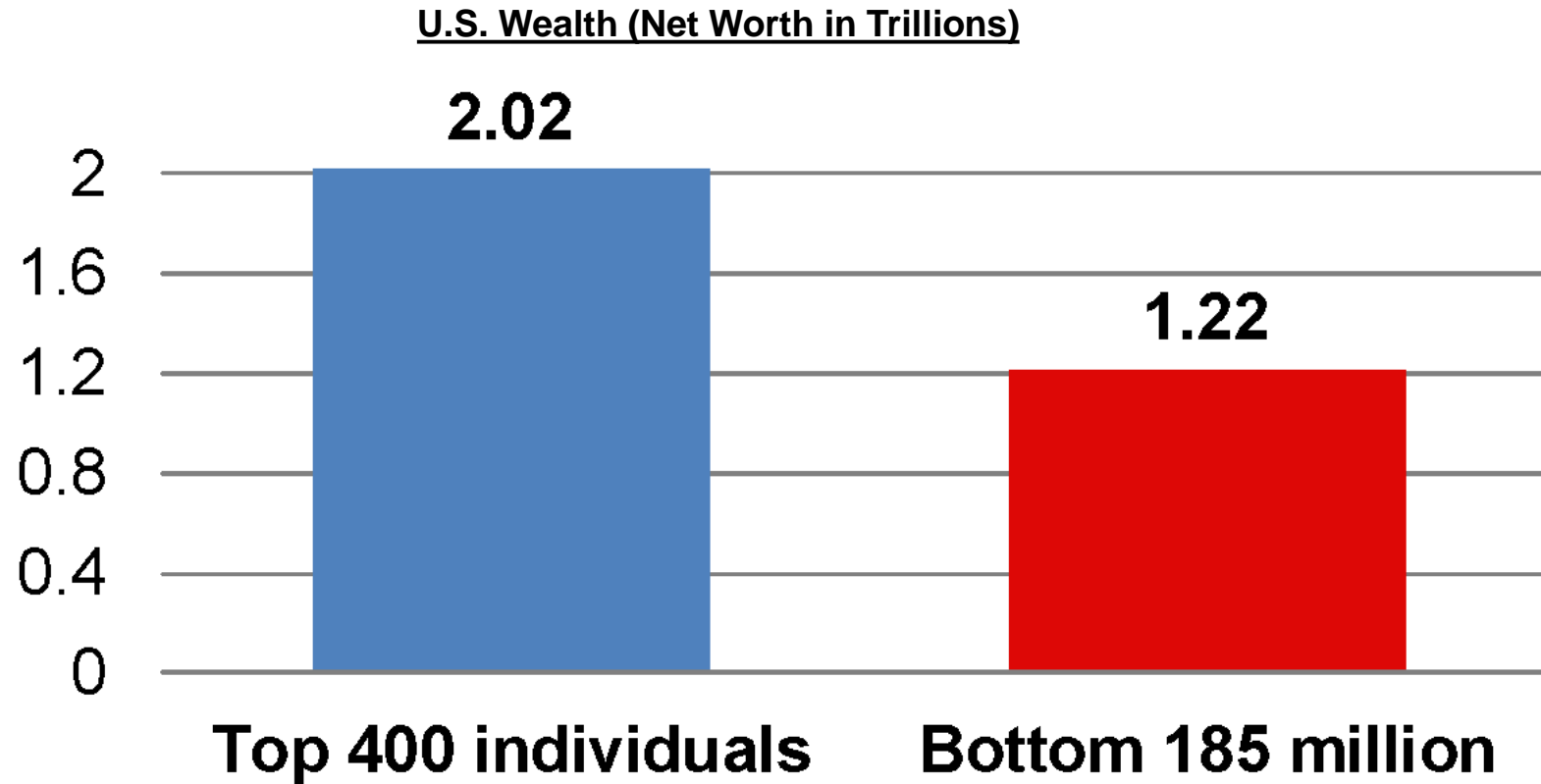
ADVISORY

Consult on community wealth building strategies:

- Cleveland, OH
- Houston, TX
- Rochester, NY
- Tacoma, WA
- Preston, England



Economic Trends: Growing Wealth Inequality



Sources—Edward N. Wolff, Recent Trends in Household Wealth in the United States, Levy Economics Institute, March 2010; Politifact, “Michael Moore Says 400 Americans Have More Wealth than Half of All Americans Combined,” <http://www.politifact.com/wisconsin/statements/2011/mar/10/michael-moore/michael-moore-says-400-americans-have-more-wealth/>, Forbes, September 16, 2013.

From Concentrated Wealth to Community Wealth Building

Community wealth building is a systems approach to creating an inclusive, sustainable economy where all can thrive. The work is place-based, collaborative, fed by the power of anchor institutions, and built on locally rooted and broadly held asset ownership.

It is about building a new kind of economy that, because of its fundamental design, tends naturally to create inclusion and prosperity for many and not simply for the few.



The Anchor Mission

A commitment to intentionally apply an institution's place-based economic power and human capital in partnership with community for long-term wellbeing and mutual benefit.

What Are Anchor Institutions?

- Nonprofit or public institutions
- Rooted in place- “sticky capital”
- Economic engines- large purchasers, employers & investors



LOCAL
GOVERNMENT



UNIVERSITIES



HOSPITALS &
HEALTH SYSTEMS



COMMUNITY & PLACE-
BASED FOUNDATIONS