p. 607, ¶ 1—“There is a familiar America. It is celebrated in speeches and advertised on television and in the magazines. It has the highest mass standard of living the world has ever known.”

Ibid., ¶ 2, line 6—“...there was an implicit assumption that the basic grinding economic problems had been solved in the United States.”

Ibid., ¶ 3—“While this discussion was carried on, there existed another America. In it dwelt somewhere between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 citizens of this land. They were poor. They still are.”

p. 608, ¶ 2—“To be sure, the other America is not impoverished in the same sense as those poor nations where millions cling to hunger as a defense against starvation.”

Ibid., ¶ 3, line 3—“... this poverty twists and deforms the spirit. The American poor are pessimistic and defeated, they are victimized by mental suffering to a degree unknown in Suburbia.”

Ibid., ¶ 4—“Here are the unskilled workers, the migrant farm workers, the aged, the minorities, and all the others who live in the economic underworld of American life...”

Ibid., ¶ 5—“The millions who are poor in the United States tend to become increasingly invisible.”

Ibid., ¶ 6—“...The other America, the America of poverty, is hidden today in a way that it never was before.”

Ibid., ¶ 9—“The American city has been transformed. The poor still inhabit the miserable housing in the central area, but they are increasingly isolated from contact with, or sight of, anybody else.”
p. 609, ¶ 3—“The new segregation of poverty is compounded by a well-meaning ignorance.”

Ibid., ¶ 4—“.. The poor are politically invisible. It is one of the cruelest ironies of social life in advanced countries that the dispossessed at the bottom of society are unable to speak for themselves.”

p. 610, ¶ 2—“First and foremost, any attempt to abolish poverty in the United States must seek to destroy the pessimism and fatalism that flourish in the other America.”

Ibid., ¶ 4—“Second, this book is based upon the proposition that poverty forms a culture, an interdependent system.”

Ibid., ¶ 5—“There is only one institution in the society capable of acting to abolish poverty. That is the Federal Government.”

p. 611, ¶ 5—“How long shall we ignore this underdeveloped nation in our midst? How long shall we look the other way while our fellow human beings suffer?”