

In the wake of
the Great Recession,
poverty remains high.

MORE THAN
**ONE IN
SEVEN**
women
live in poverty.

ABOUT
**ONE
IN FOUR**
women of color
lives in poverty.

NEARLY
SIX IN TEN
poor children
live in families
headed by women.

Federal and state programs
lift the incomes of millions
of Americans
**above the
poverty line.**

SOCIAL SECURITY 21.4 million

**UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE** 2.3 million

**EARNED INCOME
TAX CREDIT** 5.7 million

Congress is about to choose between protecting programs
for struggling families and expanding tax cuts for millionaires.

THAT CHOICE SHOULD BE EASY.



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Source: NWLC calculations based on the 2012 Current Population Survey. Social Security and Unemployment Insurance are counted in the official poverty measure; after-tax benefits like the Earned Income Tax Credit are not.