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"THE PLIGHT OF THE NOT SO POOR"

By Bill Moyer, Jon Margolis, Harvey Aronson, Burney Williams
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In Franklin Roosevelt's era, they were called "the forgotten Americans" and that is what Richard M. Nixon has also called them (or George C. Wallace: "The little people"). They are the "not so poor," the white, low-income American workers who earn between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year, often hold down two jobs, and are resentful. Today they are people who feel their interest ignored in favor of the black man and their voting shows it.

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By Pete Hamill

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