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Fletcher, Jr., Bill and Richard W. Hurd. "Beyond the Organizing Model: The Transformation Process in Local Unions." In Kate Bronfenbrenner, et. al. eds., *Organizing to Win: New Research on Union Strategies* (Ithaca, NY: ILR Press/Cornell University Press, 1998).

## Newspaper article:

Steven Greenhouse, "Bringing Health Insurance to One Million Have-Nots: How Union Leader Got State to Go for Plan," *New York Times* (Dec. 27, 1999): B5.

### Book:

Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein & John Schmitt. *The State of Working America* 2000/2001. (Washington, DC: Economic Policy Institute, 2000).

### Dissertation:

Gordon, David. "Class, Productivity and the Ghetto: A Study of Labor Market Stratification," Unpublished Ph.D. Diss., Harvard University, 1971.

#### Government publication:

U.S. Dept. of Labor. *Report on the American Workforce* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Govt. Printing Office, 1997).

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