Quotes on Social Justice

Directions: Chose a quote you strongly agree with. Write that quote at the top of your essay, make sure to site the author. Then write three paragraphs explaining why you agree with it. Use at least two facts/data about poverty to back up your ideas.

"The gap between the poorest and the wealthiest around the world is wide and growing. ... We must do more to empower individuals through decent work, support people through social protection, and ensure the voices of the poor and marginalized are heard."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
Message for the 2014 World Day of Social Justice

Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe.
Frederick Douglass

In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of.
Confucius

Our world is one of terrible contradictions. Plenty of food, but one billion people go hungry. Lavish lifestyles for a few, but poverty for too many others. Huge advances in medicine while mothers die every day in childbirth, and children die every day from drinking dirty water. Billions spent on weapons to kill people instead of keeping them safe.
Ban Ki-moon

My attitude to peace is rather based on the Burmese definition of peace - it really means removing all the negative factors that destroy peace in this world. So peace does not mean just putting an end to violence or to war, but to all other factors that threaten peace, such as discrimination, such as inequality, poverty.
Aung San Suu Kyi

Read more at http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/poverty.html#wGZmzywkRoq4vKVi.99
Child labor and poverty are inevitably bound together and if you continue to use the labor of children as the treatment for the social disease of poverty, you will have both poverty and child labor to the end of time.

Grace Abbott

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The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.

Bob Marley

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"We know that a peaceful world cannot long exist, one-third rich and two-thirds hungry."
- Jimmy Carter

"The day that hunger is eradicated from the earth there will be the greatest spiritual explosion the world has ever known. Humanity cannot imagine the joy that will burst into the world."
- Federico Garcia Lorca, Spanish poet

"Hunger is not an issue of charity. It is an issue of justice."
- Jacques Diouf, Food and Agricultural Organization Director-general

“Hunger is not a problem. It is an obscenity. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
- Anne Frank, Holocaust Victim

"So you begin...I began. I picked up one person — Maybe if I didn't pick up that one person I wouldn't have picked up 42,000. Just begin...one, one, one."
- Mother Teresa