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16. ONWEL is a dichotomous indicator of whether a respondent was receiving public assistance at the time of the survey. The variable RACE × ONWEL is assigned the value 1 if an individual is Black and receiving public assistance, and 0 otherwise. Another indicator of linkage to the welfare system, TMEWEL, is also included. This is the number of months a respondent had been receiving assistance. There are two dichotomous measures of health status; HLTH1, indicating if at least one of a set of possible health problems restricted activities a great deal and HLTH2, indicating the presence of health problems moderately restricting activities. The variable RACE × HLTH, is assigned the value 1 if an individual is Black and reports illnesses either severely restricting or moderately restricting activity and 0 otherwise.
17. Current labor force participation status is measured by the variable, WKSTAT. Whether a respondent had ever held a full-time job is measured by FULTJB. AGE and EDULEV designate the respondent's age and educational level, respectively. Marital status is disaggregated into married with spouse present, MAR; separated, SEP; and divorced, DIV. The age distribution of children is accounted for by four dichotomous variables; CHUNSIX (children under six only), CH6-12 (presence of children between 6 and 12 years old only), CH12-18 (presence of children from 12-18), CHUN6-18 (presence of children spanning the entire age range). The control for an extended family structure is EXT, and familial support patterns are indicated by EXTHLP and FAMHLP, the former measuring the magnitude of help provided, while the latter measures frequency of the provision of help. A detailed description of the measurement conventions employed for all the variables can be obtained from the authors.
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### ***Land Monopoly in America***

UNTIL THIS DECADE, Americans reading about the need for land reform in Central America, or Latin America, or elsewhere in the world figured this was an issue that is not relevant in the United States. Then a succession of books came out that helped to change their minds. And surveys disclosed serious homelessness.

One was *Land Reform, American Style*, edited by Charles C. Geisler and Frank J. Popper (Totowa, NJ 07512: Allenheld, Osmun, 1982, \$28). "As land values soar and prime rural and urban acreage is concentrated in fewer hands, the issue of land reform has increasingly claimed the attention of planners, politicians, lawyers, conservationists, community activists and property owners," the editors note.

Their book offers multiple perspectives on the subject, examining the relationship of land reform to land ownership, land use planning, agriculture, and energy and natural resource conservation.

A wide spectrum of opinion is reported on the desirability and practicality of land reform in both urban and rural areas and among various regions and groups. It covers the role of taxation in land reform programs. The book is invaluable.

WILL LISSNER

### ***The Struggle for Freedom***

HELPING PEOPLE SECURE FREEDOM is an endeavor that has engaged me in various ways throughout my life. In my 30-year association with the International Rescue Committee—a private, nonprofit organization that assists refugees in their flight from tyranny and oppression—I have witnessed firsthand the powerful human desire to escape to freedom.

I have seen it from across the Hungarian border in 1956; I have seen it from the end of a tunnel under the wall between East and West Berlin in 1961; I have seen it in the refugee camps in Thailand; and I have seen it on the Pakistani frontier with Afghanistan.

These experiences have had a profound impact on me. They have convinced me that freedom's appeal is not merely the result of a particular form of cultural conditioning but derives from something inherent in human nature, something that men and women everywhere desire for themselves, their families, and their countries. (From an address by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State.)

JOHN C. WHITEHEAD

### ***The Bribery of Politicians and Legislators***

IN THE 19TH CENTURY, under Great Britain's "rotten borough" system, the country's aristocracy and nobility controlled politics for the benefit of those classes and the owners of the big companies and the big landowners. With Washington's concern today that similar corruption demands the writing of a new ethics law it may be time to read again Peter Navarro's book, *The Policy Game: How Special Interests and Ideologues Are Stealing America*. The book (New York, NY 10158: Wiley, 1984, \$18.95) contains alarming disclosures about influence peddlers whose trade, plied by recent ex-employees in the White House and in Congress, achieved prominence in the news in recent years.

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