

A Life We Can All Afford

Why is everything so expensive?



Today, some lawmakers allow ultra-wealthy corporations to **inflate profits**



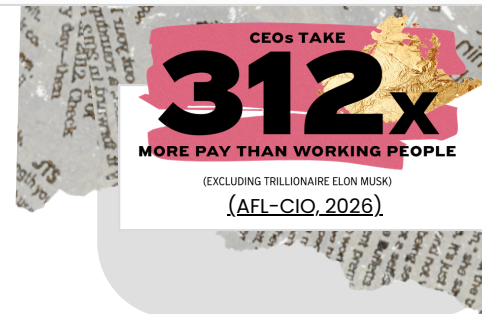
by raising prices
HIGH

and keeping workers' pay
LOW.

That's an immoral, rigged system!



New Corporate Quarterly Profit
Record Of \$4.39 Trillion ([Forbes, 2026](#))



Bad policy + corporate greed = high costs

 Food	 Energy	 Housing	 Health Care
Food prices increased by an average of 3.1% over the past year. (BLS, 2026) Major corporate monopolies allegedly inflated egg prices. (FRED 2025; Farm Action, 2025) Tariffs on roughly half of food imports are expected to keep food prices high. (Tax Foundation, 2026)	In the 2025 budget bill, some lawmakers cut clean energy tax credits early, raising household energy costs. (CBPP, 2025) Over the next few years, data centers are predicted to significantly increase the demand for energy, making it more expensive for everyone. (Goldman Sachs, 2026)	Over the last two decades, housing costs have risen faster than incomes. (Treasury, 2024) Private equity has bought up tens of thousands of single family homes, driving up housing prices in our neighborhoods. (CNBC, 2023) Luckily, a recent housing bill explicitly limits this from continuing. (CNBC, 2026)	The 2025 budget bill massively cut programs that help make care affordable, like Medicaid, Medicare, and Affordable Care Act tax credits. These cuts will drive up the cost of care and health insurance companies will pass on those costs to us. (Rosenthal, 2026, CBPP, 2025) While millions struggle to afford care, health insurance companies have pocketed billions in profits. (Public Citizen, 2026)



The Catholic tradition is clear: our economy should put

PEOPLE OVER PROFIT.

([USCCB, 1996](#))

We should all be able to afford food on our tables, a roof over our heads, and quality health care for ourselves and our loved ones.



Together, we can vote and ensure that our economy works for people, not corporate greed.



We are building a future where all of us are paid fairly and can afford all that we need to thrive.



Ask if your candidates support:

- ☐ Lowering the cost of groceries by removing tariffs on food and other essentials and stopping corporate price hikes
- ☐ Lowering energy prices by investing in clean energy
- ☐ Stopping corporations from buying up single-family homes and driving up housing costs
- ☐ Ensuring all workers can earn a living wage with benefits including paid leave and a secure retirement
- ☐ Protecting the right of all workers to join a union for better pay and working conditions

Then, get ready to vote!



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