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Bruce --

Fifty years after President Johnson launched the War on Poverty, the issue of economic inequality is once again front and center in U.S. politics. In President Obama's State of the Union address last week, he unilaterally increased the minimum wage for federal contractors, saying "no one who works full time should ever have to raise a family in poverty."

Fortunately, finally, politicians across the country are seeing the political wisdom in championing populist economics. Bill DeBlasio rode the issue to victory in the New York mayor's race, and in San Diego David Alvarez is contesting for the mayor's office on a similar platform. And Seattle elected Kshama Sawant, an outright socialist who campaigned on raising the minimum wage to $15/hour, to its City Council.

The politics have changed, and now the policies must follow. In this week's Political Intelligence we feature the pioneering work of our friends at PolicyLink who have led the way on promoting an equity agenda in America through their "All-In Nation" campaign.

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In Solidarity and Hope,
Steve

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