

I propose two texts of very different natures. Both contribute to an understanding of the marginalization of the most impoverished populations as seen by Joseph Wresinski, founder of the International Movement ATD Fourth World.

Pr. Ruth Lister's "A Human Rights conceptualization of Poverty" (2008) reflects on the relevance of Joseph Wresinski's thinking for policies that legitimize the kind of relationships in which powerless populations will have to cope and to act.

Joseph Wresinski's "The Violence Done To The Poor" (1968) is the reflection of a day-to-day witness of the harmful, destructive and in the end useless relationship that impoverished families are caught in as well as those who try to support them. He is a witness trying to understand the blindness of a society and as a Catholic priest, offering spiritual support in finding ways to escape these kind of relationships.