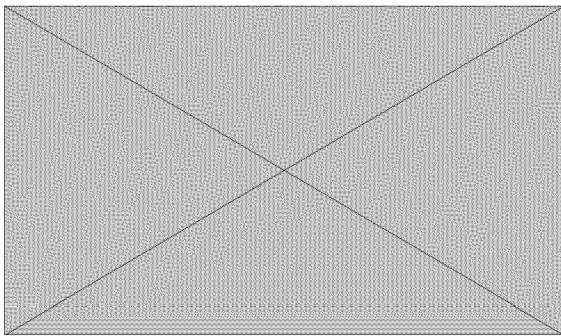


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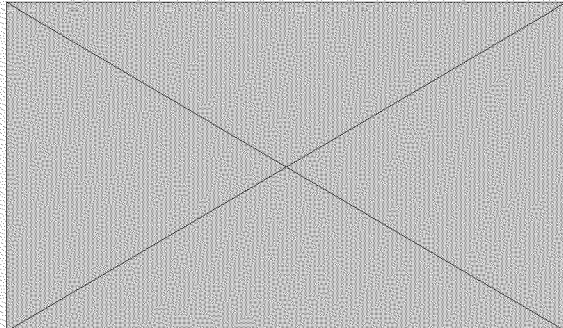
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## **A spotlight on human dignity**

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Americans pride ourselves on the connection between hard work and success. It's central to our national story that those who put in the hours and take risks have opportunities to build meaningful lives. But for many, the bottom rungs of the ladder are increasingly hard to reach. The percentage of working-age men outside the labor force has more than tripled since 1965. The most important consequences of this situation aren't economic ones.

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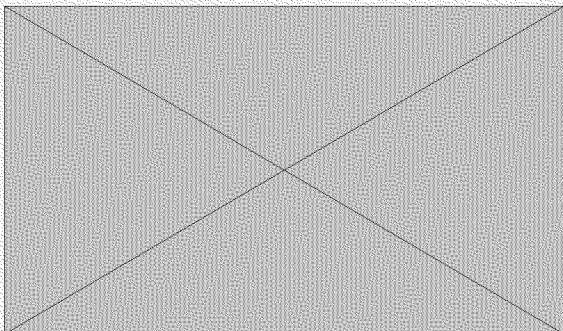
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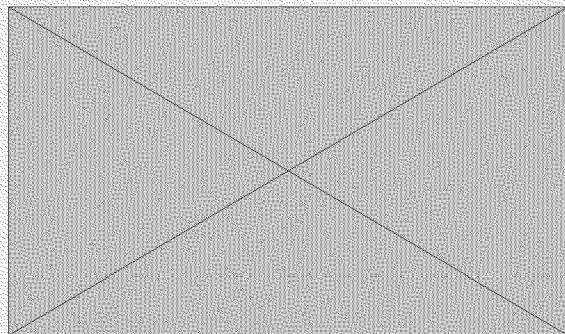
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## should be moved to Jerusalem — now

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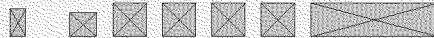
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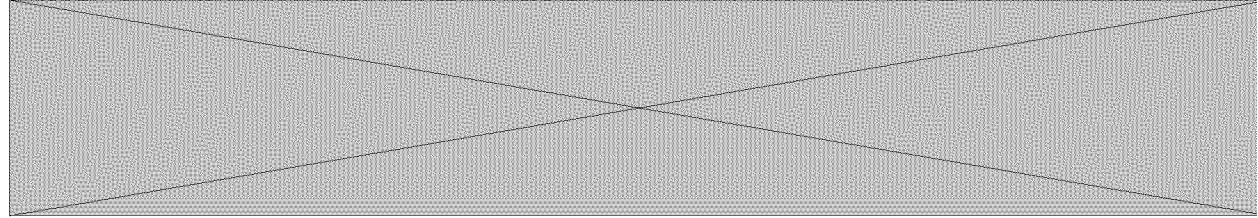
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