For my COMM 155 FYS 40 class with Professor Griffith, I was instructed to write an informative speech relative to civic engagement. I chose to discuss the issue of poverty in America. Poverty is the state of lacking wealth that impacts many Americans’ access to a normal life.

According to the U.S Census Bureau, in 2012 54 large cities and towns (including NYC) were significantly impacted by poverty. In 2012, at least a quarter of the population lived below the poverty line. As of 2014, 46.7 million people fell below the poverty line. Currently, over 59,000 people live in NYC shelters.

Possible steps to prevent poverty and homelessness:
- Increase the number of jobs
- Limit drug and alcohol abuse
- Better the education system
- Provide safe places to raise a family
- Provide aid after natural disasters

The following sources were used to make this poster:
- U.S Census Bureau
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics
- FeedingAmerica.org
- The NYC Department of Homeless Services and Human Resource Administration