

# We Can't Food Bank Our Way Out of Hunger!



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***“The right to food is the right of all people to be free from hunger and to have physical and economic access at all times to sufficient, nutritious and culturally acceptable food that is produced and consumed sustainably, preserving access to food for future generations.”***

*– Smita Narula, legal advisor to UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (2008-2016)*



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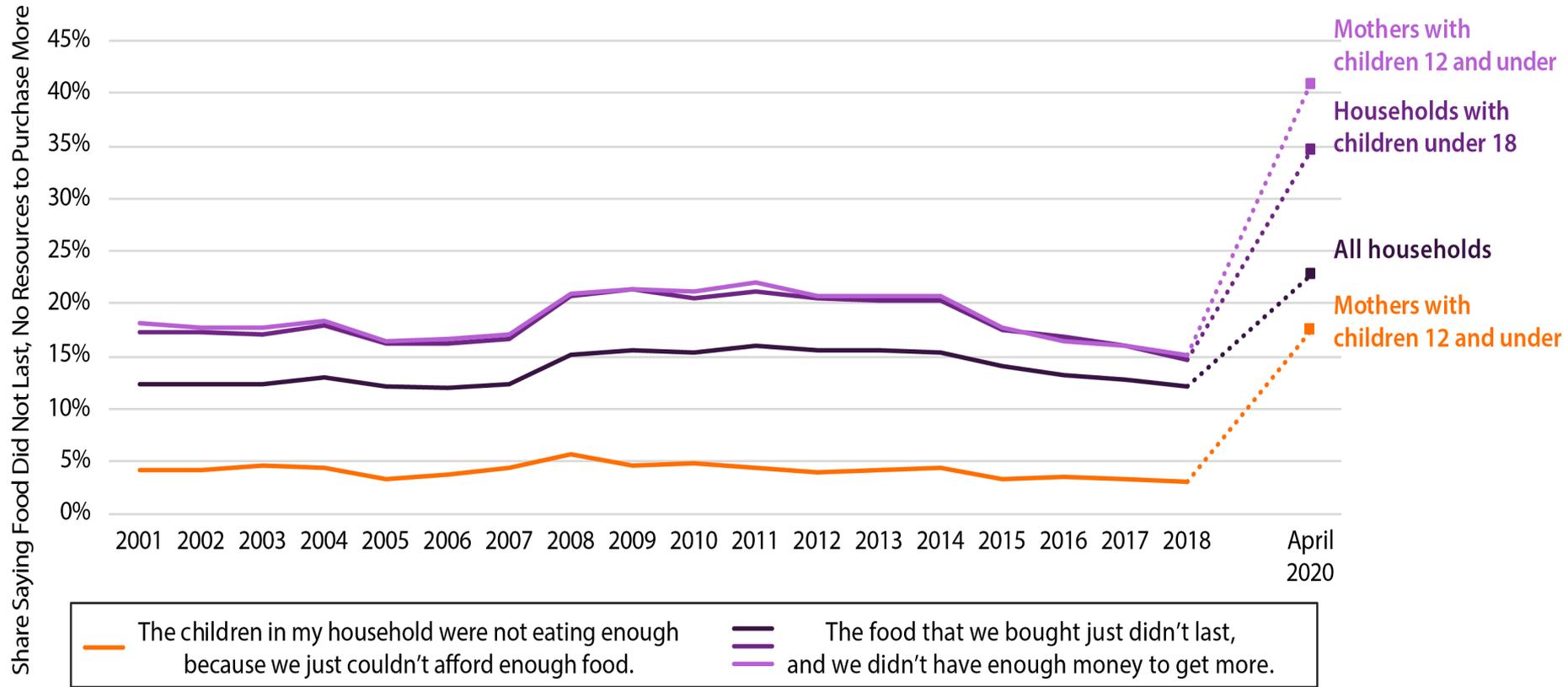


# Rights or Charity?

Aid or Self-determination?  
Security or Sovereignty?

FIGURE 2.

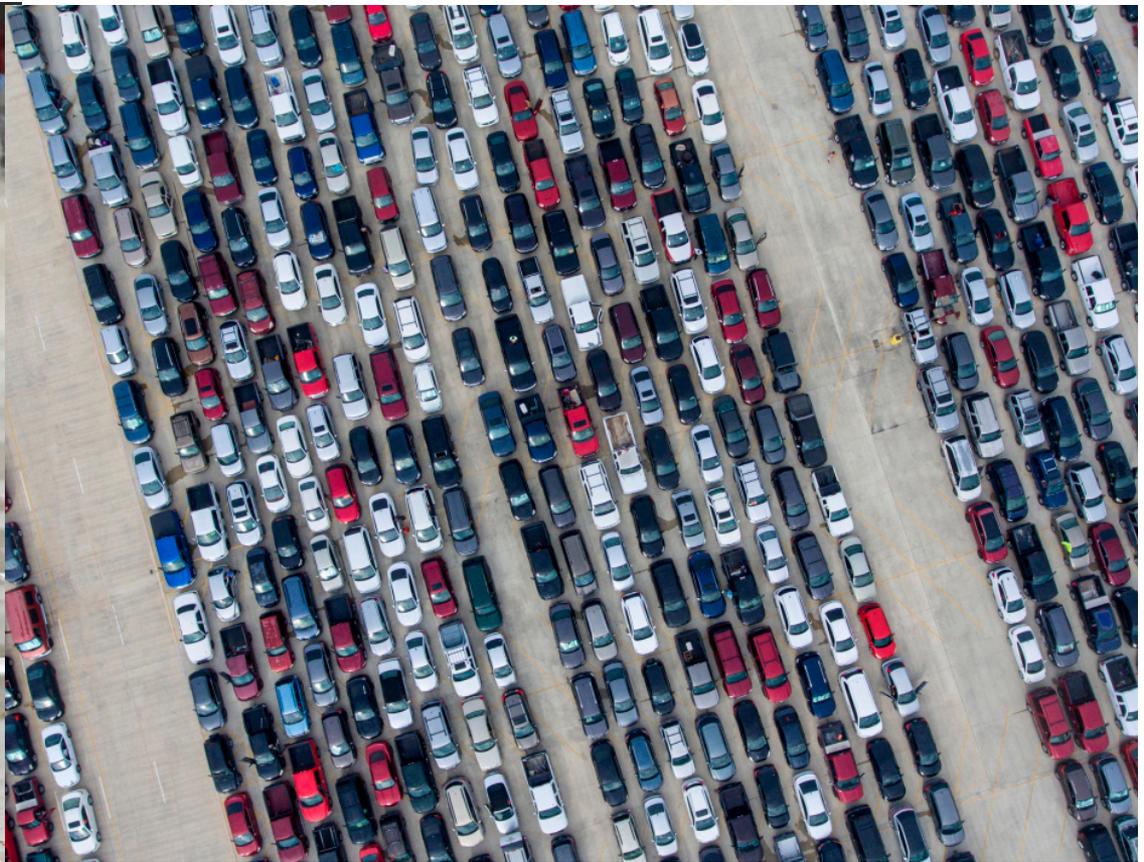
## Food Insecurity in the United States, 2001 to April 2020



**1 out of 3 adults**



**1 out of 2 children**



Recently unemployed workers lining up for food in San Francisco

Cars line up at the San Antonio Food Bank waiting to receive free food. 10,000 people received food on this day.



## Deepening Fault Lines



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**Board Chair**  
**Detroit Black Community**  
**Food Security Coalition**



**Joshua Lohnes**  
**Food Policy**  
**Research Director**  
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**Robert Ojeda**  
**Community Food**  
**Bank of Southern**  
**Arizona**

## Philanthropy must go beyond charity to fund transformational food system change

*Commit to organizations in a spirit of **slow philanthropy** with the understanding that food system transformation is a **long-term commitment** to social change.*

*Commit to projects and policy that **shorten food bank lines** through emphasizing the **realization of the right to food**, income security and investing in community wealth building projects.*

*Commit to **grassroots organizations** working to address the root causes of food system inequity, especially projects led by people from **BIPOC communities**, that abide by democratic decision making, and that prioritize **agroecology and climate justice**, and the equitable redistribution of wealth.*

*Commit to **strengthening networks** that contribute to the **resilience of regional food systems**, and those that build power from the bottom up to reshape food policies that **serve people over profit**.*

*Commit to funding organizations that involve **experts-by-experience in decision making** and governance structures.*