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Soon, ordinary people will die,
broken by the fall through remnants

of a safety net. They will be
presented as expendable, lazy,

poor, no longer entitled,
a drag on polite society.

Polite society will cheer
as another body is discovered

and disposed of. The cheers
will drown out the gasps

of sorrow and outrage.
At some point, indifference

will swallow the small gasps.
The appalling will become the norm.

