

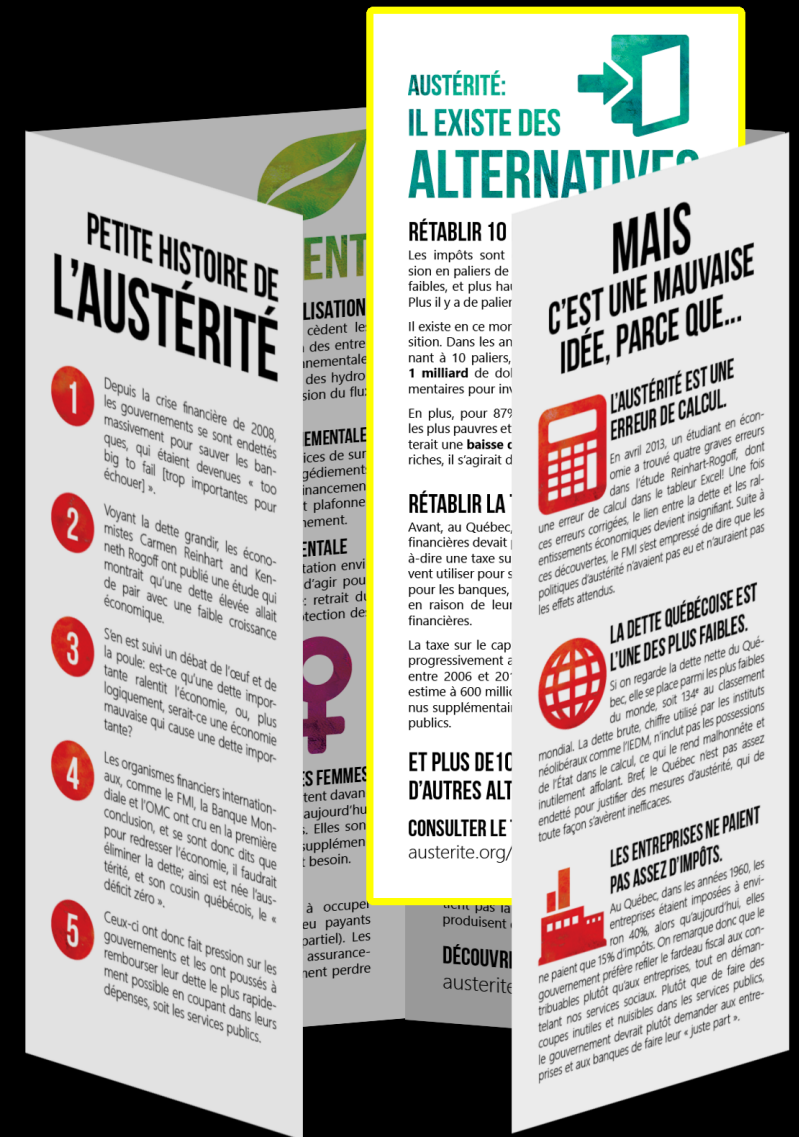
INSTRUCTIONS

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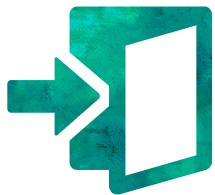
This document is an addition to the austerity flyer. It explains some alternatives to the tax system put forward by the congress and calls to the national protest of April 3rd. It is designed to be inserted inside the flyer, which allows to reuse them and therefore save on paper and ink.

1. Print pages 2 and 3 dual-sided on a 8½ by 14 sheet.
2. Cut in 4.
3. Place under the last fold of the austerity flyer (figure).
4. Optional: add a paper clip to help it hold.
5. Distribute massively!

Good luck with the mobilization!



AUSTERITY: THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES



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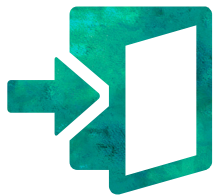
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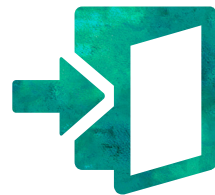
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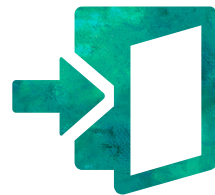
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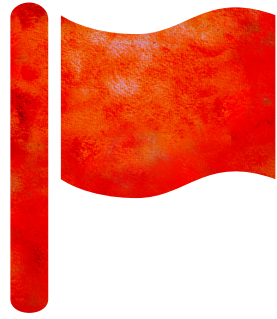
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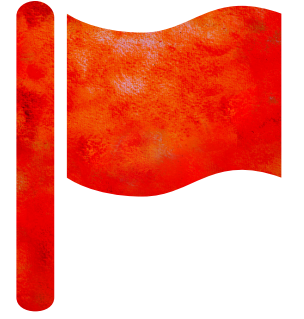
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