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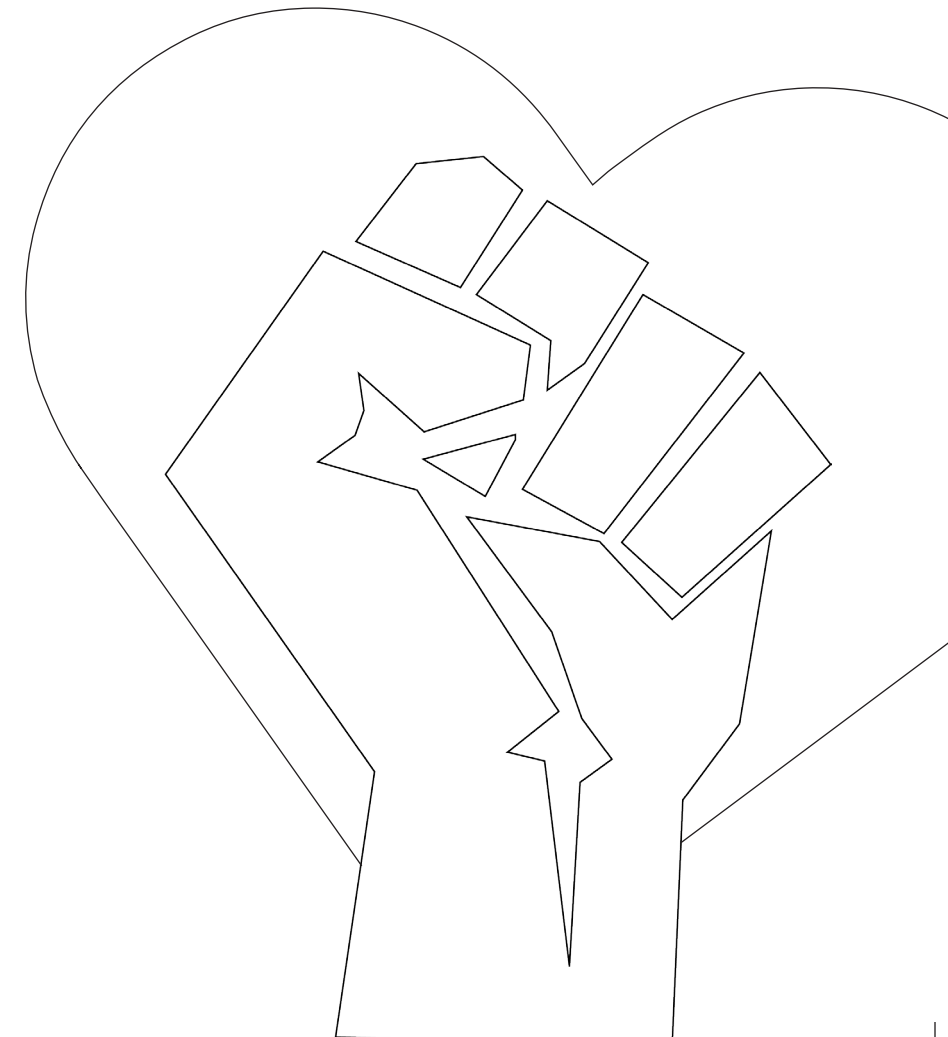
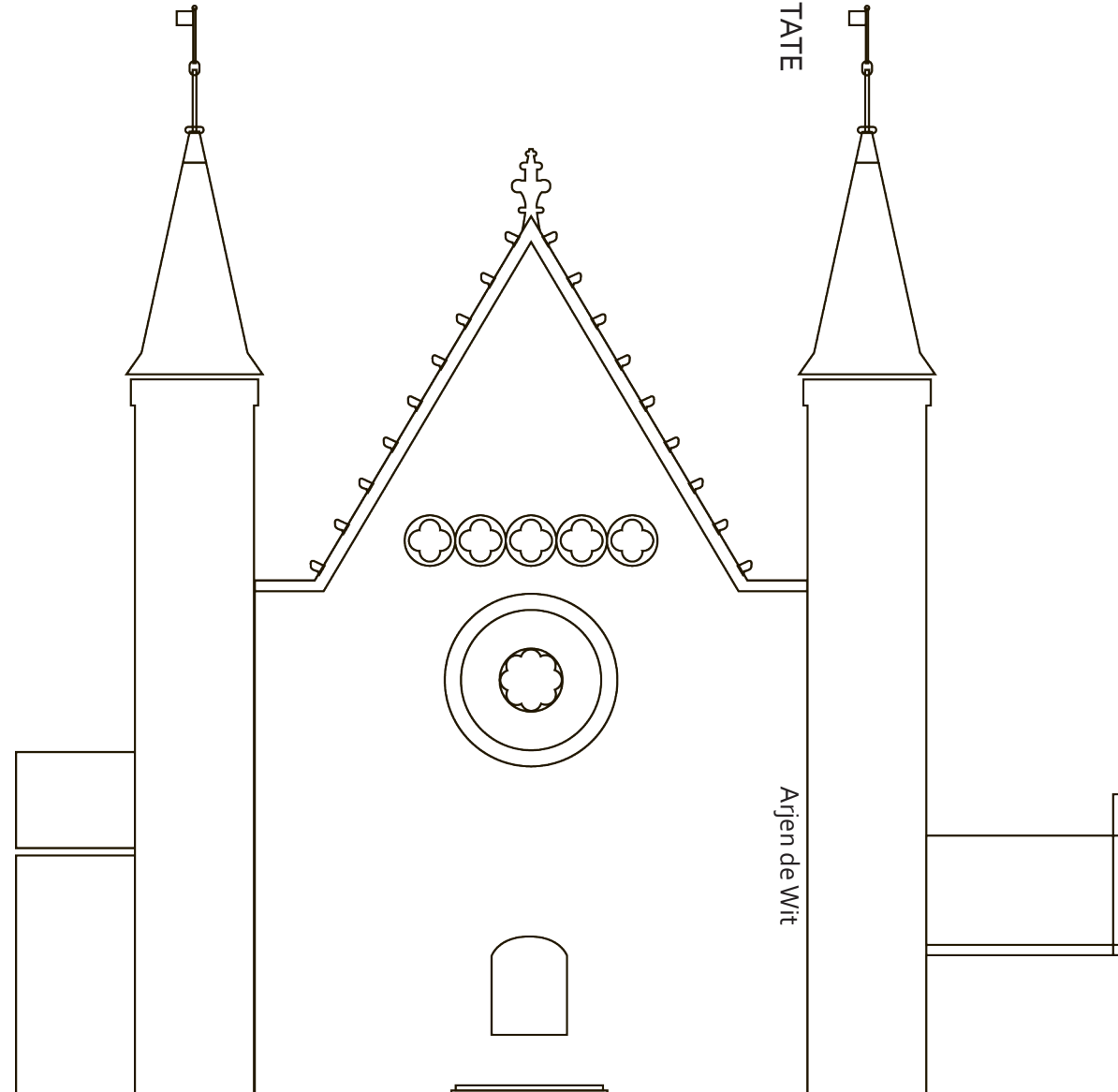
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# PHILANTHROPY IN THE WELFARE STATE

## WHY CHARITABLE DONATIONS DO NOT SIMPLY SUBSTITUTE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

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PHILANTHROPY IN THE WELFARE STATE



There is a wide array of studies dedicated to the idea that increasing levels of financial government support “crowd out” charitable giving, and that decreasing government support leads to more giving. The validity of this so-called crowding-out hypothesis is highly uncertain. This dissertation argues that, in most cases, charitable donations to non-profit organizations cannot compensate for government budget cuts. Responses to changes in government support strongly depend on the availability of information, the non-profit subsector and donor characteristics like resources and prosocial values.