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Adults Abusing the Welfare System

# Introduction

The article *“The Myth of Welfare’s Corrupting Influence on the Poor”* argues on the controversial subject on how the poor tend to exploit the resources provided to them through the government aid system (Porter, n.p). This article written by Eduardo Porter focuses on the above issue implicitly. His position on the claim made in the article is supportive as he discusses the reasons why these claims exist otherwise. He talks about low-income families and underprivileged children becoming unemployed and illegitimate because of welfare. He claims that handouts to people make them lazy and so they should either try to earn or get used to suffering. There are many facts which state otherwise, such as the payments made to single mothers and how it stayed the same even after 20 years. The inconsistency in work done by people due to welfare assistance has become evident, and hence claims that it should be concealed.

# Discussion

### Identification

There are many underlying facts and figures represented in the summary of this article as it talks about the pros and cons of welfare dependency. Adults mainly are responsible for sabotaging the welfare schemes such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Free Housing provided to them by the government or self-regulating welfare associations. To some extent, the claims made by the author in this article are valid as adults often tend to deceive the idea of welfare through minimizing opportunities for themselves. There are so many points stated by the author in his article as he talks about a billion people participating in the social safety net, or the tangible benefits of welfare to children's education, income, and nutritional status. Moreover, he talks about the significant barriers in support of children with physical or mental disabilities. These examples develop the main idea which the author is trying to represent in his article.

There is enough support in the claims made by the author in convincing the audience that welfare reforms corrupt the poor. The audience portrayed by the author is the poor and underprivileged ones who are constrained from resources. There are so many qualities presented by the author in this essay which reflects on the central issue of welfare making people either self-sufficient or lazy. The identified significant barriers to care are something that is present in the communities and thus requires attention from the government and welfare organizations. The labor market and the less educated one draw more extensive attention from the colossal deficit gap but need extra care in terms of fiscal support. Most people in the article have stated welfare entitlement as a dubious practice, and thus need poor people to struggle with life support instead then given aid.

# Conclusion

After reviewing the article and making the aforementioned response, my reaction to the author's claim is uncertain. Financial aid or welfare reforms help economies to a considerable extent, and there are so many statistical evidence present to show how vital this concern is for people to overcome. I do not find common ground with the author's claim on leaving the poor to struggle and drown for the rest of their lives but rather show them a pathway from which they can achieve more significant and more valuable things for themselves. What's new in the essay for are the facts presented by people on how dubious the practice of welfare can become for the poor. There are many things which I like about the article, such as creating more significant wage subsidies through expanding earned income tax. Cash assistance to the poor can create many opportunities for both the people and the economy as a whole.

# Works Cited

Porter, Eduardo. "The Myth of Welfare’s Corrupting Influence on the Poor." The New York Times. The New York Times 20 (2015).