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## U2 Reflective Annotative Bibliography

### **Introduction:**

What are the causes and effects of poverty in the United States? There are many economical issues in the United states, many that need attention and need to be resolved. Amongst those issues is poverty, poverty is a big economical issue worldwide especially in the United States. You see impoverished people everywhere, but sometimes it hard to see someone in need struggling. I got interested in the topic of poverty because I'm surrounded by it. Living in New York you tend to see a lot of homeless people, on the trains, sleeping on benches, sitting on the street with a cup asking for money or help. It's hard to look at sometimes especially when they're a family asking for help or if they have pets with them and asking for dog food. I also live by a shelter and these families, unlike others had an opportunity to get a spot into a shelter but it's still hard to see. I wanted to write about poverty because I've always wanted to know why there is such a high poverty rate.

While I research about poverty I want to be able to find out who out of every demographic is the more likely to become impoverished and why. I also want to examine articles on how the government or influential people help to uplift people out of poverty or how they are helping the cause. There is gonna be a lot of sources that may or may not benefit my bibliography but reading them and knowing that many people see this issue and educate others on it is important. Along with that I want to be able to find up to and close to date sources to help my reflection.

**Source Entries:****Citation #1**

Schickedanz, A., Szilagyi, P. G., & Dreyer, B. (2021). Child Poverty and Health in the United States: Introduction and Executive Summary. *Academic Pediatrics*, 21(8), S81–S85.

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**Summary**

“Child Poverty and Health in the United States” is about how children are most vulnerable to poverty and which can be dangerous considering childrens health and growth. This article also explains the communities responsibility to future generations, how they should be protected from poverty. This article focuses on impoverished children in the United States, and one of the main points was “Clinical and Health System Responses to Poverty” this point examines peditrictions and their part in helping the impoverished by as stated in the text “More broadly in directly treating poverty itself, addressing its consequent social risks, and mitigating its adverse health impacts.” this shows that poverty is being taught and therefore people want to help and fix one of the biggest economic problems of the United States, which gets us onto the most important point about this article. There are “Leading clinicians, scholars, educators, economists, public health experts, policymakers, and community advocates” that are teaching others about poverty and the causes and effects of how being impoverished can be especially for children. Overall “Child Poverty and Health in the United States” writtne by Schickedanz, A., Szilagyi, P. G., & Dreyer,

B is a good read especially when you want to know more about poverty and have your questions about it answered.

### Reflection

The article “Child Poverty and Health in the United States” is a reliable and peer reviewed source that I agree with. I agree with this article because it brings up good points, for example 1 in 5 children live amongst the impoverished, and according to the text “No group is more vulnerable to falling into poverty in the United States than children, whose health and development are exquisitely sensitive to the adverse effects of being poor.” this quote shows how children are most vulnerable to poverty and how its a great risk for those who are already amongst them. Inorder to better understand this article I need to look up what these children face on their day to day lives. This author wrote a great credible source, and if I could tell him anything I would tell him that his examination on who is giving their attention to this issue the most is great because, not only are you giving them credit, but your sharing to others that there are people who care about poverty and want to see it fixed. This document tells me that children are most vulnerable amongst the impoverished.

### Quotations

- “The conditions of poverty are about much more than dollars and cents, or the simple lack thereof.”
- “It includes evidence on progress in our understanding of poverty's prevalence and health risks, presents solutions to treat child poverty at various levels from policy to clinical practice, and approaches the topic of poverty from an intersectional lens, recognizing that

poverty operates as a principal mechanism of structural racism and systematic social marginalization.”

- “Poverty cuts lives short and strips livelihoods bare.”

### Citation #2

Fay, Bill. “Poverty in the United States.” Debt.Org, 12 Oct. 2021, [www.debt.org/faqs/americans-in-debt/poverty-united-states/](http://www.debt.org/faqs/americans-in-debt/poverty-united-states/).

### Summary

“Poverty in the United States” explains how poverty is unlikely to disappear and who amongst people living in the U.S. are mostly affected by poverty. The article also defines who are amongst the most impoverished, for example 23.7% of young adults who don’t have a high school diploma are amongst the impoverished or 26.4% of people in families whose head households are unemployed are also among the impoverished. The main points about poverty that’s stated in this article are the causes and effects of poverty in the United States. The causes and effects that are stated are “Poverty and education, poverty and health, poverty and food, and last is poverty and crime” these show how poverty can affect a person and their well being. This article speaks volume into the topic of poverty, as poverty is greatly affecting many people in the United States. “Poverty in the United States” explains great points and one of the most important points made is “Government Programs that Lifts or Help Keep People Out of Poverty” this is such an important topic to expand on because given the high poverty rate in the U.S. you’d want to know what the government is doing to help get people off the streets and help them live a better life. Account to the article the government has some programs that help, those including “Medicaid, Family planning services, Low income Home Energy Assistance and more”. Overall

Bill Fay the writer of “Poverty in the United States” has written some great points on poverty in the U.S.. forming good supporting evidence from the effects of poverty, what is being done to end poverty, who is more likely to end up in poverty and many more.

### Reflection

This article “Poverty in the United States” brings up great points and redeeming evidence. I agree with this article because it explains how and why poverty is a big issue in the United States and overall worldwide and it should be taken into consideration what people in poverty go through. This article shows many facts and evidence about poverty. The article states that “Poverty is unlikely to disappear anytime soon” this quote alone shows how big of a crisis poverty is and how much it affects people. The text is a great source, but I would like to know more about how the government is helping, a more in depth explanation on what they do and not just programs they have to help people in poverty. On the other hand what I really liked and understood about this article is how he went into explaining the cause and effects poverty has on people and how it affects the community. Not really understanding the more in depth reason on how the government is helping people in poverty hand in hand is something I might look up on more. Searching up on poverty lead me to this article and this author, and his source is a great understanding behind poverty, and if I were to see him I would tell him that his article is a big help on seeing the bigger picture behind poverty and that his writing style complements his work because it’s easy for people to understand and talk about. “Poverty in the United States” helped me understand my research question and makes it easier to write about.

### Quotations

- “Impoverished families tend to have less education, more health problems and less access to nutritionally adequate food. They also are more likely to live in high-crime areas.”
- “Refundable tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, kept 7.9 million people out of poverty, and food stamps have the same result for 3 million people.”
- “According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United States has the third highest poverty rate among the world’s developed countries.”

### Citation #3

*YouTube*, Anna-Helén Bay, 11 Jan. 2022,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9N7QaIOkG8>. Accessed 9 Nov. 2023.

### Summary

The TED- Ed video “Why is it so hard to escape poverty?” is about the reality of government help and having a job when you are so called “lifted” from poverty. The video explains how it’s still hard to get by with bills even if the government is helping you pay for other aspects of living. As stated in the video “Your new job pays you just enough to disqualify you from the benefit programs” this quote is one of the main points and it explains that even after being lifted from poverty it’s still hard to get by with bills and groceries and especially when you have to take care of your family. One of the most important points in the TED-Ed video “why is it so hard to escape poverty?” Is that welfare programs help as an alternative to government programs so that people that were lifted out of poverty don’t have to struggle to stay off the streets and in shelters.

## Reflection

The TED- Ed video “Why is it so hard to escape poverty?” is a good source that allows viewers to experience the viewpoint of the impoverished and they try and come out of that lifestyle. I agree with this source because this is a good representation of the help you get from the government and other willing groups, but under certain circumstances, as stated in the video “So how can we redesign benefits in a way that doesn’t penalize people for working?”. While watching the video I wanted to know more about how other countries handle their benefits and pay compared to the United States in a more indepth explanation. If i could say anything to this creator I would tell her that this made me more understanding on the topic of poverty.

## Quotations

- “Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.”
- “Solving the welfare trap requires respecting peoples agency autonomy.”
- “If those in poverty know they’ll gain no net benefit from working, they’re incentivized to remain in government assistance.”

## Conclusion

Overall my three sources taught me that poverty is a bigger issue than perceived. I learned that poverty affects lots of people in the United States, especially kids. I was surprised to learn that when people are lifted out of poverty they still have more troubles and financial needs. It’s harder for people to stay dependent when they have big families and government programs aren’t helping as much. What I learned about poverty is important because I believe it’s good to know how your economy and community struggle everyday in order to help fix the problem. I believe

the people who need to learn and hear about poverty the most is the government so they can make better solutions that can help the impoverished in the long run, and help people get back on their feet.