

PSC 237

DOMESTIC SOCIAL POLICY

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Books for purchase (all paperback): Danziger and Haveman, Understanding Poverty / Mead, The New Paternalism/ Levitan et.al., Programs in Aid of the Poor (8th edition) /Wilson, When Work Disappears/ Sawhill, Welfare Reform and Beyond

Most all of the other readings will be in the reserve book room or on the web.

Course requirements: There are two quizzes (**October 15 and November 14**), each worth 30 percent of the final grade. A final paper (**due December 14**) will count for 40 percent of the grade. **There is no final examination.**

1. The Scope of Policy Analysis (9/5 - 9/10)

Okun, Equality and Efficiency, Ch. 2 ("The Case for the Market")
Wildavsky, Speaking Truth to Power Ch. 7 (especially pp. 174-181)

2. Making Policy Decisions (9/12)

Lindblom, "The Science of Muddling Through"

3. The Commitment to Reduce Poverty (9/12 - 9/19)

Heclo, A Poverty Politics
Understanding Poverty, Chs. 1, 6
Bane and Ellwood, Welfare Realities Ch.5
Holcombe, "AFDC's Formative Years (1935-1960)"

4. Definition of the Problem (9/24 - 10/10)

Wilson, When Work Disappears Chs. 6,7
Banfield, The Unheavenly City Revisited Ch. 3
Banfield, The Unheavenly City Ch. 6
Bane and Ellwood, Ch 3
Mead, The New Politics of Poverty, Ch. 3,4
Mead, The New Paternalism, Chs. 9,10
Levitan, Programs in Aid of the Poor pp 1-18
2004 Green Book*, Appendix H. Data on Poverty, pp.H-1 – H-7)

FIRST QUIZ 10/15

5. The "Causes" of Poverty (10/17 - 10/31)

Wilson, When Work Disappears Chs. 1-5
Sowell, Markets and Minorities Ch. 2
Jacobs, The Political Economy of Organizational Change , pp. 1-8, 153-158
Katz, The Undeserving Poor pp. 9-35
Jencks, Rethinking Social Policy, Ch. 4
Mead, A Misunderstanding Poverty
Levitan, Programs in Aid of the Poor pp. 19-26

6. Programs to Combat Poverty (11/5 -11/7)

Levitan, Programs in Aid of the Poor, Chs. 2-5

7. The Impact of Transfers (11/12)

2004 Green Book, (Appendix H - from A Poverty Rates Under Alternative...), H-7 – H-8 plus tables

SECOND QUIZ 11/14

8. Rethinking and Reform (11/19 - 11/26)

Bane and Ellwood, Chs. 1,2,4,5

Sawhill, "Poverty and the Underclass" pp. 215-230

Mead, The New Paternalism Chs 2-4

Jencks, Rethinking Social Policy Chs. 5,6

Understanding Poverty, Chs. 2 - 4, 8, 9 (skim)

McLanahan, "Consequences of Single Motherhood"

<http://www.prospect.org/web/page.wv?section=root&name=ViewPrint&articleId=5064>

Wilson, Ch. 8

Levitan, Programs in Aid of the Poor, Ch 7

9. Welfare Reform (11/28 - 12/12)

2004 Green Book, Section 7

Mead, The New Paternalism Ch. 8

Bane, A Welfare Reform as We Might Know It

<http://www.prospect.org/web/page.wv?section=root&name=ViewPrint&articleId=4857>

Sawhill, Welfare Reform and Beyond, Chs 1 – 18 and skim Chs 19 - 23

Understanding Poverty, Ch.7 (to page 261)

Besharov, A The Past and Future of Welfare Reform (Winter 2003 edition of The Public Interest)

POLICY ANALYSIS PROBLEM DISTRIBUTED 11/28

POLICY ANALYSIS DUE 12/14

* The Green Book can be accessed on the web at:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wmprints/search2.html>

Click on the 2004 Greenbook and enter Poverty in the search box.