

DOMESTIC SOCIAL POLICY

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Books for purchase (all paperback):

Danziger and Haveman, Understanding Poverty
 Mead, The New Paternalism
 Gans and Danziger, Changing Poverty, Changing Policies
 Wilson, When Work Disappears -
 Sawhill, Welfare Reform and Beyond

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

Course requirements: There are two quizzes (**February 12 and March 5**), each worth 30 percent of the final grade. A final paper (**distributed on April 17 and due on May 1**) will count for 40 percent of the grade. **There is no final examination.**

1. Policy Analysis and Making Policy Decisions (1/15 - 1/22)

Okun, Equality and Efficiency, Ch. 2 ("The Case for the Market")
Lindblom, "The Science of Muddling Through"

2. The Commitment to Reduce Poverty (1/27 - 2/3)

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

3. Definition of the Problem (2/5 - 2/10)

When Work Disappears Ch. 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, Ch. 9, 10
Changing Poverty, Ch.2
 2008 Green Book* Appendix E

FIRST QUIZ 2/12

4. The "Causes" of Poverty (2/17 - 2/24)

Changing Poverty, Ch2 - 7

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

Mead, "Misunderstanding Poverty"

5. Poverty Programs and Their Impact (2/26 - 3/3)

SECOND QUIZ 3/5

6. Rethinking (3/17 - 3/26)

Wilson, More Than Just Race Ch. 1

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

Sawhill, "The Behavioral Aspects of Poverty"

Mead, The New Paternalism Ch. 2-4

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

McLanahan, "Consequences of Single Motherhood"

Wilson, Ch. 8

7. Welfare Reform (3/31 - 4/17)

Mead, The New Paternalism Ch. 8

Bane, "Welfare Reform as We Might Know It"

Sawhill, Welfare Reform and Beyond Ch. 1 - 18 and skim Ch. 19 - 23

Understanding Poverty, Ch. 7 (to page 201)

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

Jargowsky and Sawhill, "The Decline of the Underclass"

Changing Poverty Ch. 12-14

Edelman, "Poverty in America: Why Can't We End It?"

8. Where from here? (4/21 - 4/28)

POLICY ANALYSIS PROBLEM DISTRIBUTED 4/21

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

<http://democrats.waysandmeans.house.gov/singlepages.aspx?NewsID=10490>