



POVERTY: WHY IS
THIS A PROBLEM??

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WHAT IS POVERTY?

- ▶ **Poverty is a state of being extremely poor. People in poverty lack the resources needed for life, such as food, clean water, shelter, and clothing. Most people have little to no money, and most likely have no house to stay in. They often don't eat for days, maybe even weeks.**



TWO TYPES OF POVERTY

RELATIVE POVERTY

- ▶ RELATIVE POVERTY REFERS TO THE PEOPLE WHOSE INCOMES FALL BELOW A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE— TYPICALLY 50% OF THE COUNTRY MEDIAN (AVERAGE) INCOME. THE MEDIAN INCOME CAN VARY AS A RESULT OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

ABSOLUTE POVERTY

- ▶ ABSOLUTE POVERTY REFERS TO THE PEOPLE WHOSE INCOMES FALL BELOW A SET BASELINE GIVEN BY THE COUNTRY. PEOPLE WHO ARE BELOW THIS LINE ARE UNABLE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS FOR FOOD, CLEAN WATER AND SHELTER. (THE NEEDS FOR LIFE)

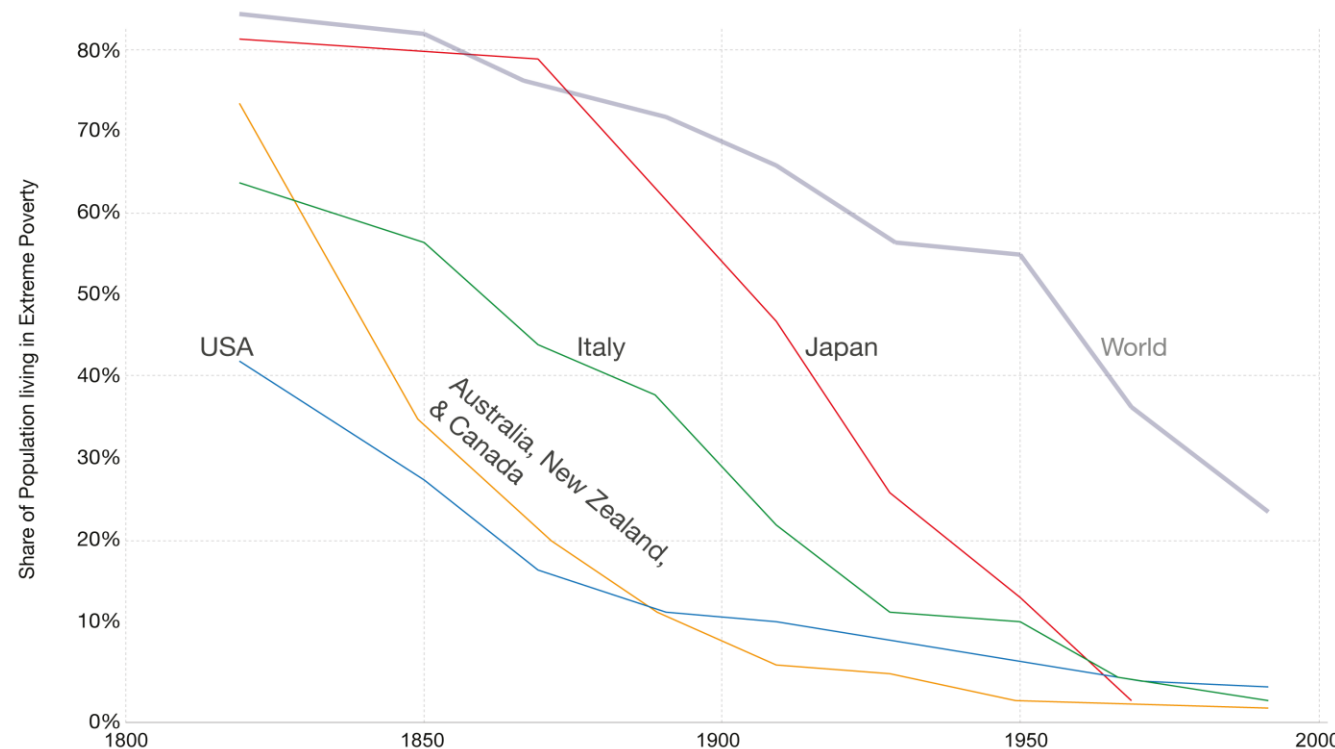
THE HISTORY OF POVERTY

- ▶ **Poverty has been a problem for years, because of course, people have lived in poverty even before America was founded. But poverty became a big problem in 1881, when 44% of the world was living in poverty. Even though this issue became this big of a problem, it started to decrease very quickly since then.**

The reduction of extreme poverty in countries that are rich today, 1820–2000

The absolute poverty is defined as living with less than \$1.25/day. This is measured by adjusting for price changes over time and for price differences between countries (purchasing power parity (PPP) adjustment).

OurWorld
in Data

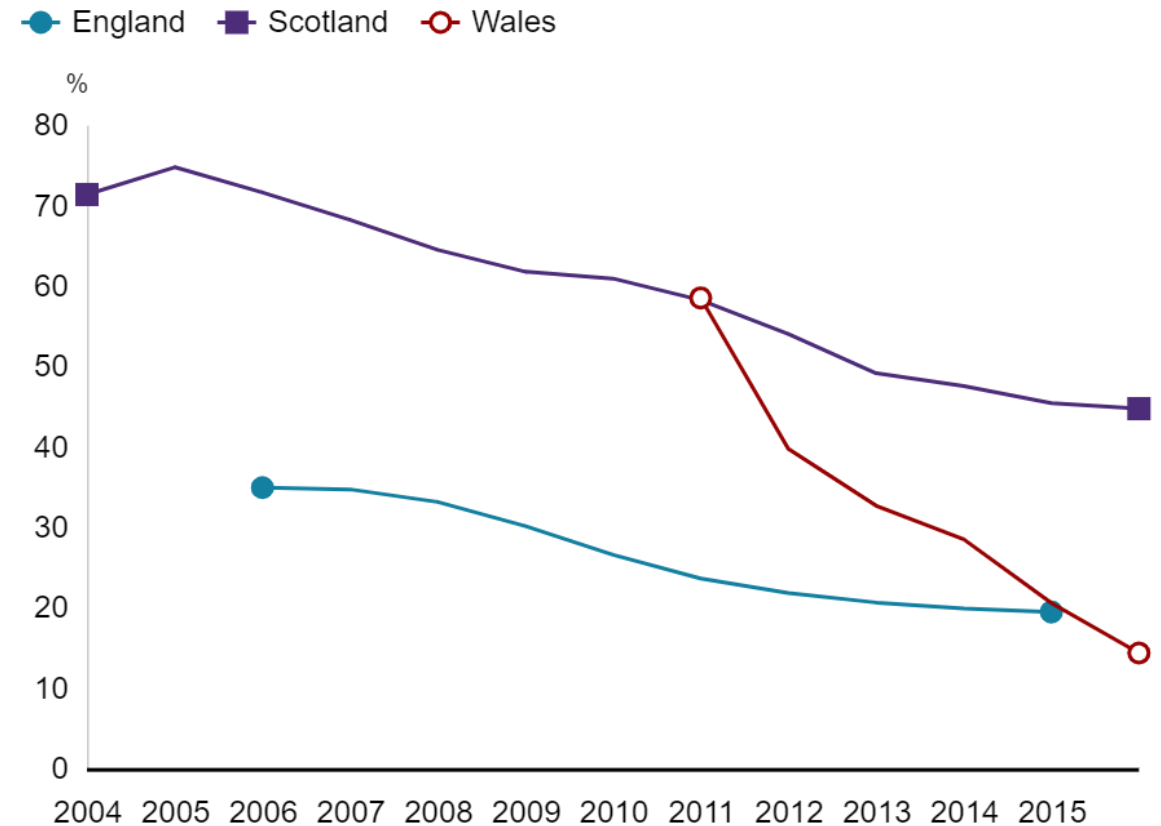


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POVERTY IN SCOTLAND

- ▶ [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=GSOJO4YAZU4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSOJO4YAZU4)
- ▶ THE GRAPH SHOWS THE AMOUNT (IN PERCENTAGES) OF PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT IN POVERTY.



WHAT ARE SOME PROGRAMS THAT ARE IN PLACE TO HELP SOLVE POVERTY?



- ▶ THERE ARE MULTIPLE PROGRAMS SET FOR POVERTY IN AMERICA
- ▶ 1) THE SNAP (SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS)
- ▶ 2) MEDICAID
- ▶ 3) THE SSI (SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME)

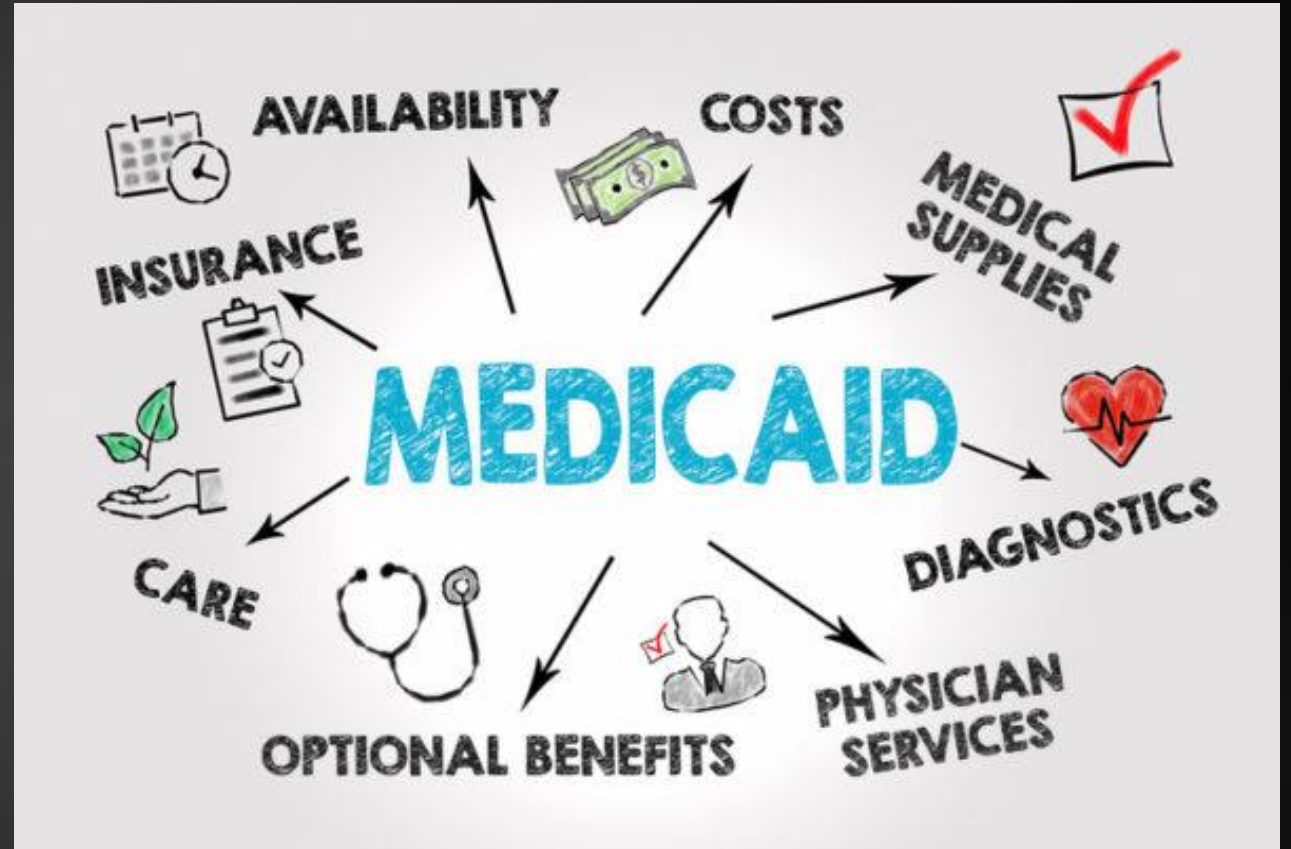
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS(OR SNAP)

THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS SNAP, IS A PROGRAM THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH POVERTY. THEY PROVIDE BENEFITS TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH AN ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARD. THE TRANSFER CARD IS USED AS A DEBIT CARD THAT ALLOWS THE PEOPLE TO BUY FOOD IN AUTHORIZED RETAIL FOOD STORES.



MEDICAID

► Medicaid is a federal and state program that helps with medical cost for people with limited income. Medicaid also provides some things that Medicare doesn't such as, nursing home care, and personal care services.





THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

► THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, ALSO KNOWN AS SSI, IS A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES MONTHLY CASH ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE LITTLE INCOME AND FEW ASSETS. IN DECEMBER 2013, NEARLY 8.4 MILLION PEOPLE COLLECTED SSI BENEFIT. THE MONTHLY AMOUNT THEY PROVIDE FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL IS \$721 AND \$1,082 FOR A COUPLE.

WHAT STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN IN SOLVING POVERTY?

- ▶ The government has set up a few things to solve poverty. Those things are things like, making more jobs, raising the minimum wage, increasing the earned income tax credit for childless workers, supporting pay equity, providing paid leave and sick days, establishing work schedules that work, expanding Medicaid, and reforming criminal justice system and enact policies that support successful re-entry.



SHORT-TERM PLAN

GETTING PEOPLE TO DONATE MONEY

- ▶ FOR A SHORT-TERM PLAN WE WANT TO GET PEOPLE TO DONATE MONEY, SO WE CAN USE THE MONEY THAT IS DONATED AND BUY THE NECESSITIES FOR THE PEOPLE IN POVERTY.
- ▶ 1) FIND 2 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IN POVERTY.
- ▶ 2) SET UP A GOFUNDME FOR POVERTY
- ▶ 3) GET PEOPLE TO DONATE MONEY TO THE GOFUNDME
- ▶ 4) AFTER 4 WEEKS, COLLECT ALL THE MONEY FROM THE DONATIONS
- ▶ 5) SEPARATE THE MONEY FOR THE 2 COMMUNITIES
- ▶ 6) USE THE MONEY COLLECTED TO BUY FOOD, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN CLOTHES, AND CLEAN BLANKETS.
- ▶ 7) GO TO THE COMMUNITIES AND GIVE THEM ALL THE STUFF WE BOUGHT.

LONG-TERM PLAN

CREATE FREE HIGHER EDUCATION(COLLEG E)

For a long-term plan we want to make free higher education, that would mean that we would make free colleges, such as technical college.

To make a technical college, your steps would go like this:

- 1) You'd first have to find a location, find out where you want it to be so it is easily accessible to the people you are aiming for, so for us, it would be people in poverty.
- 2) Get people to donate money, you need money to pay for what you need to build a school, and for the funding.
- 3) Figure out a layout for the building, what's its shape, where do you want specific classes.
- 4) What do you want to teach, maybe business, art, math, science, what degrees will you be providing as options?
- 5) Build the building you previously planned
- 6) Get supplies for the classrooms, you need tables, paper, pencils, if you teach art, get art supplies.
- 7) You need to find teachers who can volunteer to help, if you don't have teachers, who is going to teach the students.
- 8) Have a successful year 😊

OUR RESOURCES

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That's all Folks!