



WELFARE IS POVERTY

Public assistance payments are so low and so uneven that the Government is, by its own standards and definitions, a major source of the poverty on which it has declared unconditional war.

The national average provides little more than half the amount admittedly required by a family for subsistence; in some low-income States, it is less than a quarter of that amount. The low public assistance payments contribute to the perpetuation of poverty and deprivation that extends into future generations.

· HEW Advisory Council on Public Welfare
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