

Poll: Vast Majority Support Four Simple Fixes to Welfare System

Messaging Priorities

- Waste and fraud in the welfare system should be eliminated.
- Able-bodied adults who receive cash, food, housing, or medical assistance should be required to work or prepare for work.
- To help the poor, the government should pay for real outcomes like ensuring people get off drugs or find a job-not just for providing services.
- Children are better off with a mother and father in the home. The welfare system should not penalize parents when they get married.

Majority Support Key Welfare Reforms

PERCENTAGE AGREEING WITH STATEMENT

94%

Waste and fraud in the welfare system should be eliminated

92%

Able-bodied adults who receive cash, food, housing, and medical assistance should be required to work or prepare for work as a condition of receiving those government benefits

88%

To help the poor, the government should pay for real outcomes like ensuring people get off drugs or find a job—not just for providing services 81%

The welfare system should not penalize parents when they get married

SOURCE: Online survey using a national representative sample of 921 U.S. voters conducted November 29, 2017, with a margin of error of +/-3.3 percentage points.

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Majority Say Welfare System Needs Changes

Q: Thinking about the welfare system in America today, do you believe ...?



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