

Title: UBI for the people

General Purpose: To persuade

Specific Purpose: I want you to support the adoption of Universal Basic Income in the United States.

Thesis: The United States would have a higher quality of life if we adopted Universal Basic Income.

Organization Strategy: Problem-Solution

Introduction:

Look to your left now look to your right. Now look in front of you, now look behind you, now scan the room. Did you know that 1/10 people in America are suffering from poverty. Well today I will attempt to persuade the class about a solution that has been adopted by the country of Norway. Universal basic income is a standard stipend used to cover the cost of living in your geographic location. The United States would have a higher quality of life if we adopted Universal Basic Income. I will show what areas of life that will be improved, such as health and the workforce. Then I will go over the ways we can get involved in adopting this new policy.

Body :

Health insurance, rent and food are basic human needs that are not always met by the typical 9-5. According to Scott Santens with Medium.com poverty in the USA can be eradicated with a low price of just around 1000\$ a month per adult (12,000 annually) and 300 per child. This study was assuming that the individuals would still keep their occupation. One less fear of not affording this month's rent will relieve 10% of our population. Financial stability has been on the climb in the list of priorities we have as

humans, before it was just hunting and gathering. Even looking back a couple decades the national minimum wage hasn't increased but the cost of living has. **Universal** basic income would help close this gap as well as address other issues the United States is facing. One example of this is the national homelessness crisis. A common argument against free money to everyone is the assumption that the poor would abuse drugs and alcohol but According to Ben lesser with dualdiagnosis.org it is not your average homeless abusing more it is typically the upper and middle class.

The next aspect of life improved by UBI is our entire economy. With less financial responsibility individuals can start working on personal development. Attending higher education such as college or trade schools will provide more employees for the work force and lead to more fulfilling lives. I know I am not alone when I say college is expensive and it can be stressful to balance working and school work. If UBI were to be implemented students would be able to afford going to college full time without working during the semesters. This is also a benefit for universities as success rates will increase. This will also benefit younger generations as we are more prone to debt from education and less students would need to take out loans.

Besides personal development the people of the United States have to worry less about job security. This is especially relevant in 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The reason that unemployment is not as sufficient in this sense is because unemployment hurts those trying to work on themselves. With UBI we allow individuals to progress without fear of losing this money. Ways we can start the adoption of UBI is educating the general public. Endorsing politicians that support UBI is a huge step in the correct direction. Did you know that currently 54 % of Americans are opposing a guaranteed federal income according to Hannah Gilberstadt @ pew research.org

Conclusion:

Supporting UBI for the entire country will promote job growth as well as happiness in our country. This policy will take time but with positive reinforcement from the majority we will accomplish my goal. We as a country need to start supporting the less fortunate.