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Social Media Toolkit - About

Course Description

The United States social safety net is a complex system with many programs and often difficult eligibility requirements. Many of these programs only deliver in-kind aid (not cash) to people living in poverty, a lot of whom can fall through the cracks and can’t make ends meet.

Basic income, the idea of providing people with a minimal level of cash support on a consistent basis, remains a point of debate in the United States and beyond. In this Teach-Out, you will join leading experts to explore the emerging idea of basic income and other associated social safety net programs.

The Teach-Out will address the following questions:
What is basic income?
What is the difference between basic income and universal basic income?
Why is basic income generating so much interest now?
How does basic income work? What are the benefits and the challenges?
How might basic income help create an inclusive economy?
What is the social safety net? Who does it help and who does it leave out?
How do we currently measure poverty and determine who is eligible for safety net programs?
How do automation and a changing economy affect the basic income conversation?

Note: This Teach-Out originally launched in July 2018. Some of the examples, studies discussed, and perspectives may have changed since we recorded these conversations, but the core content of the Teach-Out remains extremely relevant today. Please enjoy this relaunched version of the Teach-Out, we encourage you to engage in the discussion forums with other learners.
Social Media Toolkit - Media Assets

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Chris Hughes - Why Basic Income?

William Elliott - Income vs Wealth

* There is nothing you can call monetary neutrality. It is a body that is really big and there are quite a lot of things that can go wrong with it. We need a system that is more stable and predictable. The current system is not.

Chris Hughes
Co-founder of Facebook

* What's happening to the middle class is like now we're seeing an acceleration of trends that cause the division of economic opportunity. The result is that if you earn a little bit of benefit, you lose your voice. In your daughter's life, you are the one who pays taxes. What's really happening is that middle-class families are losing power, year after year, where a select few are getting everything.

Chris Hughes
Co-founder of Facebook
Explore the emerging idea of basic income and other associated social safety net programs in the “Exploring Basic Income in a Changing Economy Teach-Out.”

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The United States social safety net is a complex system with many programs and difficult eligibility requirements. Many deliver in-kind aid (not cash) to people living in poverty who can’t make ends meet and often fall through the cracks. Join William Elliott, professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan and leading researcher in the fields of college savings accounts, college debt, and wealth inequality, in the “Exploring Basic Income in a Changing Economy Teach-Out.”

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