

What's a government

—what they're supposed to do and what they're doing

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Abstract

In people's expectation, the government is who that should be helping disadvantaged social groups, make the country better, create a substantive equal society. Let's take a look in Taiwan's situation among the poor, and the effort the government had made to deal with this problem which every country has to face. Also, let's peek in how they operate, and discuss about where we can make an improvement, by taking a look in the legislature's progress on formulating laws.

I. Purposes

- A. To help the participants know about Taiwan's current policy in this area .
- B. To realize the importance of a considerate government.
- C. To make a simple conclusion and study out some viable policies .



◆ National Health Insurance

It's a special health care system in Taiwan. National Health Insurance has been the baking for us to face all kinds of disease.

Target

- Keep the nationals healthy
- Narrow the medical resources gap between urban and rural areas
- Extend the national average life expectancy

Introduction

It was instituted in 1995. NHI is mainly financed through premiums, which are based on the payroll tax, and is supplemented with out-of-pocket payments and direct government funding. In the initial stage, fee-for-service predominated for both public and private providers. In the face of increasing loss and the need for cost containment, NHI changed the payment system from fee-for-service to a global budget.

◆ Living allowance

Living allowance is a common policy that every country must have. To ensure the needy's right of subsistence is protected Taiwan's government also lay down a series of laws to accomplish this.

- Elderly guaranteed annuity basis
- Veterans genera dependent subsidy
- Emergency relief
- Elderly farmers welfare benefits

Good point

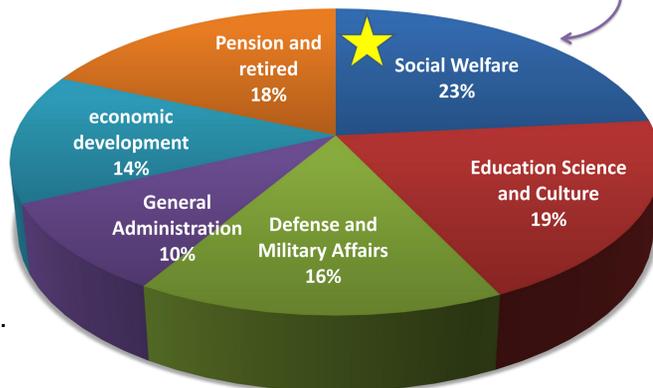
- A. Extend payments Orientation
- B. To enhance the dignity of receiving welfare
- C. Increase in coverage

Bad point

- A. Identity segment

II. Policies

Annual expenditure of the central government



War on Poverty

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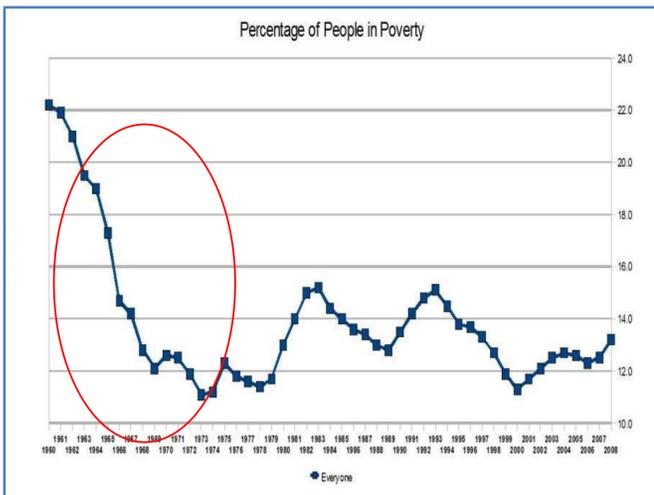
In 1964, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of USA started a legislation called "War on Poverty."

Since then, people debated about it's influence for decades.

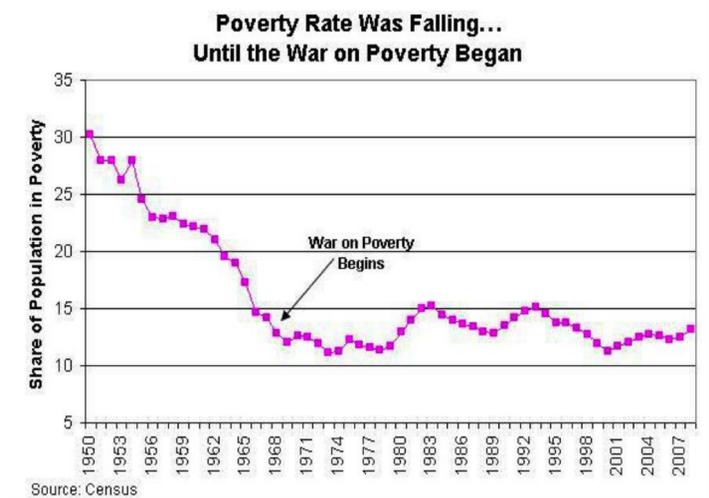
Is it that putting a end to poverty isn't the government's responsibility?

Or is it just unrealizable for governments to achieve so?

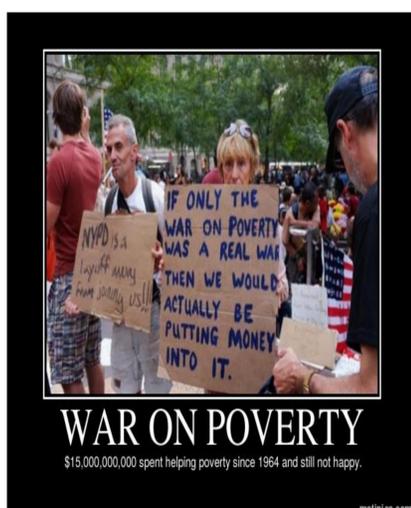
Supporters



Opponents



People's reaction



Conclusion

Through the subsequence reactions of the "War on Poverty," I don't think the government is capable to solve the poverty issue. Instead of counting on the government to deal with all problems, I believe it's more influential for the people to fight for themselves.