

Lecture Outline: Overview of Poverty and Inequality
Readings: EPD Ch. 1

I. Poverty

A. Causes

- Flawed Character
- Restricted Opportunity
- Big Brother
- Reality

B. Cures

- Flawed Character
- Restricted Opportunity
- Big Brother
- Reality

C. Some Evidence

- NPR-Kennedy-Kaiser Poll
(<http://www.npr.org/programs/specials/poll/poverty>)

II. Other Measures

A. Wealth

B. Transitory vs. Permanent Income

C. Life-cycle

D. Government provision of Goods and Services

E. Non-monetary issues ('Social Equality')

Source: <http://www.npr.org/programs/specials/poll/poverty/staticresults1.html>
 Results from the NPR/Kennedy School/Kaiser Poll on Poverty in America

**9. You mentioned (ITEMS) as major causes (for poverty). Which one would you say is the most important cause?
 (Results for total respondents who mentioned more than one cause as major)**

8/9 Most Important Cause Summary

	Total	<100 %	100- 200%	200% +
Drug abuse	13	22	12	11
Medical bills	6	10	9	5
Too many jobs being part time or low wage	13	17	13	12
Too many single-parent families	8	6	8	7
A shortage of jobs	6	10	7	5
The welfare system	6	3	5	6
Too many immigrants	4	5	5	4
Poor people lacking motivation	11	8	10	12
Decline in moral values	13	6	13	14
Poor quality of public schools	16	9	12	17
None of these	1	1	2	1
Don't know	3	2	4	3
No item a major cause	2	*	1	2