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## Social Policy: Crash Course U.S. Government and Politics Video

1. In America, what does social policy consist of? What are the three goals of social policy?
2. Of the three previous goals, which are generally agreed upon as being good, and which often cause controversy?
3. Why have Americans not traditionally cared for social policy?
4. What do Americans tend to favor over social policy?
5. When does the history of American governmental social policy begin?
6. Prior to the 1930's, what benefit did the federal government offer?
7. Why did the Great Depression change the way people viewed the government?
8. What were private charities unable to do during the Great Depression?
9. What idea did the Great Depression help solidify?
10. Which two major programs emerged from the New Deal?
11. When was the Social Security Act started? What was it a reaction to?
12. What did Social Security provide?
13. How do Social Security and Medicare work?
14. How is wealth redistributed by social programs?
15. Why is Social Security popular with both liberals and conservatives?
16. What is happening to the number of people receiving benefits and the number of people paying into them? Why?

17. If trends continue, what may happen to Social Security?
18. Which government body controls Social Security spending?
19. What action can be taken to ensure Social Security remains funded?
20. Why is there a strong incentive for Congress to fix any problems with Social Security?
21. What social program is in more trouble than Social Security? Why?
22. What benefit did the Aid to Families with Dependent Children provide?
23. What is a non-contributory program?
24. What non-contributory social programs exist today?
25. Which program has replaced the AFDC?
26. Why did conservatives argue against the AFDC in the 1980's?
27. Which president was able to push welfare reform through Congress? What act was passed?
28. What did the 1996 Welfare Reform Act emphasize?
29. What restrictions have been placed on TANF benefits?
30. What are the restrictions on TANF benefits supposed to do?
31. Did the 1996 Welfare Reform Act work?
32. What did the economic downturns of 2001 and 2009 reveal?
33. What is one social policy that almost everyone agrees on? Why?