

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Changing the definition of poverty



By R.J. Matson, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

Between the lines

"The new poverty figures are arriving just in time to show the success of many of the very programs that are being subject to budget cuts and scrutiny at the federal and state level," Arloc Sherman, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/census-estimates-show-491-million-americans-live-in-poverty-more-than-previously-known/2011/11/07/gIQAefJWvM_story_1.html

Talking points

1. Using a new measure, the U.S. Census Bureau lists many more people as poor. What do the cartoons focus on - the larger number of poor or the method of counting them?
2. Search for newspaper reports to discover how the Census formula and the poverty numbers changed.

Additional resources

More by R.J. Mastson

<http://blog.cagle.com/2011/11/measuring-poverty-4/>

More by Jeff Koterba

<http://blog.cagle.com/author/jeff-koterba/>

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