

# Re: Ending child poverty <sup>[1]</sup>

Letter to the Editor

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Many other countries -- including Sweden and Finland, which have much lower child poverty rates -- have also experienced sea changes in work and family life: more children living with single parents, young people in school longer, diminished labour force opportunities for young adults, etc. (Ending Child Poverty: A Promise Unfulfilled - Nov. 23).

The evidence shows that while, as sociologist John Myles observes, family formation may be unlikely to respond to public policy, public policies -- child care, housing, income support, education, labour policy -- make a big difference in how children live. Perhaps it would make more sense not to dismiss redistributive policies so summarily as "only a small part of the story."

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