



Policy Perspectives

Directions: Read both editorials carefully. As you read, highlight word choices that show the author's **bias** (positive or negative). Answer the questions that follow, evaluating how each author's perspective is shaped and how it affects their argument. Support your answers with **specific examples** from the texts.

Editorial in Favor of UBI

Universal Basic Income is not just an economic policy; it is a moral commitment to human dignity. In a society where automation and artificial intelligence threaten millions of jobs, we can no longer cling to outdated systems of work as the sole measure of worth. UBI ensures that every citizen has the security to cover basic needs, freeing people to pursue education, caregiving, and creative endeavors without the constant fear of poverty. Critics paint it as an expensive fantasy, but history shows that societies thrive when inequality shrinks. UBI is not charity; it is justice long overdue.

Editorial Against UBI

The idea of Universal Basic Income may sound compassionate, but in reality, it is reckless and irresponsible. By guaranteeing money without requiring work, UBI undermines the very ethic that built this nation: hard work and self-reliance. It would create dependency, discourage ambition, and place unsustainable strain on taxpayers. Instead of handing out checks, we should invest in job creation, skills training, and infrastructure; real solutions that strengthen communities. UBI is a dangerous distraction from the policies that actually promote opportunity and growth.

1-2. What is the central claim of Passage A? Passage B?

3-4. Identify **two words or phrases** in Passage A that reveal a positive bias toward UBI, and **two words or phrases** in Passage B that reveal a negative bias.

5. Which editorial appeals more to **emotion (pathos)**? Which relies more on **tradition and values**? Explain with evidence.

6. Evaluate: Which argument do you find more convincing, and why? Support your answer with reasoning.