Towards a New Social Contract: Beyond Basic Welfare I BWB Texts 80

The world is changing rapidly. Automation is transforming the workplace, the nature of work is changing, and inequality is growing. These changes are putting a strain on our current social contract, which is based on the idea that people who work hard will be able to earn a decent living and support their families.



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The old social contract is no longer working for many people. Wages have stagnated, benefits have been cut, and job security is a thing of the past. As a result, more and more people are falling into poverty. This is not just a problem for the poor. It is a problem for all of us. Poverty is a drag on the economy, it leads to social unrest, and it undermines our democracy.

We need a new social contract that is based on the idea that everyone deserves a fair chance to succeed. This new social contract must be based on the following principles:

- Everyone deserves a basic level of security. This means that everyone should have access to healthcare, education, housing, and other essential services.
- Everyone should have the opportunity to earn a decent living.
 This means that we need to create more good jobs and make sure that everyone has the skills they need to succeed.
- Everyone should have the power to shape their own lives. This means that we need to give people more control over their work, their communities, and their government.

Creating a new social contract will not be easy. It will require us to make some tough choices. But it is essential if we want to build a more just and equitable society for all.

Here are some concrete recommendations for creating a new social contract:

- Increase the minimum wage. The minimum wage is too low to support a family. We need to raise it to a level that allows people to earn a decent living.
- Expand access to affordable housing. Housing is a basic need. We need to build more affordable housing and make it easier for people to afford the homes they live in.

- Invest in education and training. Education is the key to success.
 We need to invest in education and training so that everyone has the skills they need to get a good job.
- Create more good jobs. We need to create more good jobs by investing in infrastructure, clean energy, and other areas that will grow our economy.
- Give workers more power. We need to give workers more power in the workplace. This means passing laws that protect workers' rights and make it easier for workers to form unions.

These are just a few of the things we can do to create a new social contract. It will take time and effort, but it is essential if we want to build a more just and equitable society for all.

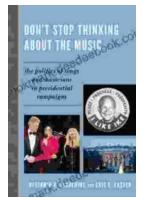
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