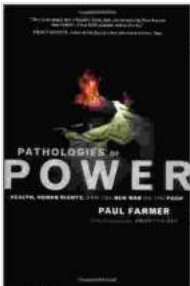


# Health Human Rights and the New War on the Poor in California

California is one of the richest states in the United States, but it is also home to a growing number of poor people. The poverty rate in California has increased significantly in recent years, and it is now higher than the national average. This increase in poverty has had a devastating impact on the health of Californians.



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Poverty is a major risk factor for poor health. Poor people are more likely to suffer from chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer. They are also more likely to experience mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety. Poverty can also lead to homelessness, food insecurity, and lack of access to health care.

The health consequences of poverty are not just a problem for poor people. They are also a problem for society as a whole. Poor health can lead to lost productivity, increased health care costs, and social unrest.

The good news is that there are things that can be done to address the health consequences of poverty. One important step is to ensure that all Californians have access to affordable health care. Another important step is to invest in programs that help people get out of poverty.

This book explores the intersection of health and human rights in the context of California's increasing poverty rates. It examines the ways in which poverty impacts health, and how health care can be used as a tool to combat poverty. The book also provides recommendations for policy changes that can improve the health and well-being of low-income Californians.

## **The Health Consequences of Poverty**

Poverty has a number of negative consequences for health. Poor people are more likely to:

- \* Suffer from chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer
- \* Experience mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety
- \* Be overweight or obese
- \* Have difficulty accessing health care
- \* Live in unhealthy environments

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## **Health Care as a Tool to Combat Poverty**

Health care can be a powerful tool to combat poverty. By providing access to affordable health care, we can help people get out of poverty and improve their health.

Health care can help people get out of poverty by:

\* Preventing and treating chronic diseases \* Improving mental health \* Promoting healthy behaviors \* Providing access to social services

Health care can also help improve the health of poor people by:

\* Reducing the risk of premature death \* Improving quality of life \* Increasing productivity

## **Policy Recommendations**

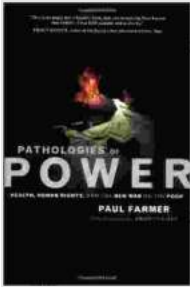
There are a number of policy changes that can be made to improve the health and well-being of low-income Californians. These include:

\* Expanding access to affordable health care \* Investing in programs that help people get out of poverty \* Raising the minimum wage \* Providing affordable housing \* Improving access to education and job training

These are just a few of the policy changes that can be made to address the health consequences of poverty in California. By working together, we can create a healthier and more just society for all Californians.

The health consequences of poverty are a serious problem for California. However, there are things that can be done to address this problem. By expanding access to affordable health care, investing in programs that help

people get out of poverty, and making other policy changes, we can create a healthier and more just society for all Californians.



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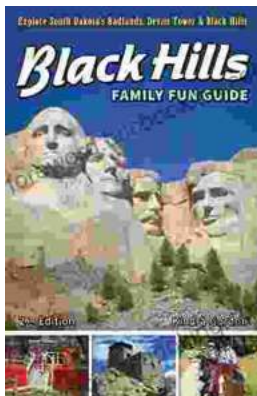
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