The Child Poverty Target: UK Lessons for the U.S.

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Children are 64% more likely to live in poverty than adults.
Child Poverty in the United States
Child Poverty in America - 2014

Figure 6: Percentage of children in low-income and poor families by race/ethnicity, 2014

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>Low income</th>
<th>Poor</th>
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<td>White</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Black</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
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<td>American Indian</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>43%</td>
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Poverty Rates by Age (1968-2011)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Where is America Investing?

- **Children**
  - State & Local: $8,000
  - Federal: $3,822
  - Total: $11,822

- **Elderly**
  - State & Local: $901
  - Federal: $25,455
  - Total: $26,356

The ratio of federal to state and local investment in the elderly is approximately 7x.
Congress Invests Less Than 8% in Kids

7.89%
Blair pledges to eradicate child poverty by 2020

By Paul Waugh, Deputy Political Editor

Wednesday, 18 September 2002

The Telegraph

David Cameron: My pledge on child poverty

By David Cameron

12:01AM GMT 09 Mar 2008
Figure 1: Absolute Poverty in the U.S. & U.K. 1989–2009


Smeeding & Waldfogel, 2010
Tory plot to scrap child poverty targets dealt whopping defeat in the House of Lords

Defeated: Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Iain Duncan Smith has been dealt a whopping defeat in the House of Lords over his plot to scrap child poverty targets.

Campaigners were celebrating tonight as peers voted 290 to 198 to force the Work and Pensions Secretary to keep the measures.
Support for the Child Poverty Target

251 organizations committed to ending child poverty in the United States endorse the Child Poverty Reduction Act of 2015. This act would establish a national child poverty target with the goal of cutting child poverty in half in ten years and eliminating it in 20 years.

“Child Poverty Reduction Act of 2015” –

H.R. 2408 (Reps. Davis, Lee, Connolly, Cummings, & 9 others)

S. 2224 (Sens. Casey, Baldwin, Brown)
Reps. Barbara Lee (D-CA) & Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) offered amendment with the support of Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) to:

- Fund a NAS study analyzing child poverty in the U.S.
- Study will offer recommendations on how to cut child poverty rate in half within a decade
Thank You!

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