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Foreword

The 2009-2010 high school debate topic is " Resolved: the United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States."

In compliance with 44 U.S.C. §1333, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) of the Library of Congress prepared this bibliography to assist high school debaters in researching the topic. This bibliography is intended to assist debaters in the identification of further references and resources on this topic. In selecting items for this manual, CRS has sampled a wide spectrum of opinions reflected in the current literature on this issue. No preference for any policy is indicated by the selection or positioning of materials cited, nor is CRS disapproval of any policy or article to be inferred from its omission.

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Good luck to each debater in researching, preparing, and presenting arguments on this year's topic.

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Introduction

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This selective bibliography is intended to help debaters identify resources and references on the debate topic. The bibliography lists citations to books, congressional publications, federal agency resources, and studies completed by think tanks, university institutes, and private non-governmental organizations. Resources are organized into topical categories (General, Measurements/Definitions/Costs, Cost/Consequences of Poverty, etc.) and most citations include a link to the full text. Debaters may look for these and related resources at their local high school, research, government depository, and public libraries.

The purpose of this debate manual is to provide debaters with a brief overview of the information concerning the 2009-2010 high school debate topic. The compilation is not intended to supply complete coverage of the topic.

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