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Level- [Columbia University Center on Poverty and Social Policy](#) (National)

1. Write a paragraph of the values of the organization. What are the organization's goals? What are their values? What do they do?

The goals of [Columbia University Center on Poverty and Social Policy](#) are to try and decrease the rising poverty in the United States while also attempting to understand it more. It envisions a world where people won't suffer from poverty and will have ways to improve themselves and rise from their economically vulnerable positions. They create articles, study, and even create poverty trackers. This is all an attempt to raise awareness to this issue so more people can know how bad this problem is and give them motivation to try and go out to fix it.

2. Review of a report.

The report I chose was [A Poverty Reduction Analysis of the American Family Act](#) and I must say I liked it. In it I wasn't flooded with many complex words that I wouldn't know, but rather a table with data. It was easy to understand what they were trying to get across, which is how the American Family Act helped provide families some economic security by reducing child poverty by state. The report showed that there was actually a good change in it as, in some instances, child poverty was reduced by over 60%. This report showed that the fight against poverty is a battle that may be hard, but with enough action, can be winnable.

3. What are three connections with what we learned in the class?

One connection I can make is between this and gentrification. As some neighborhoods get richer and richer they could push some of these people out. And if they're closer to the lower-end of poverty or are poor then they won't have a good place to live.

Another connection I could make is the area where poorer people live. Due to them being poor, as discussed in class, the tax money is most likely gonna be lower, meaning worse education. This can be a big issue as if they aren't able to get a good education then they won't be able to get the knowledge and academic background needed to escape poverty. This would put them in a hole that would be almost impossible to get out of.

And lastly I want to go to talk about paradigm shifts for my final connection. As I've never had to grow up poor due so I doubt I'd be this informed if it wasn't for school and organizations like [Columbia University Center on Poverty and Social Policy](#). The way I look at life is very different to the way poor people do, like whether or not they're going to have food on the table. So the more I go to school and see organizations like this it helps me see their reality and not just mine.

4. What are some things that I liked? What could be improved?

One thing I liked is the mission. I feel like more people must be made aware and fight against poverty even if it doesn't directly affect them. Another thing that I liked is the report. It was very easy to read and understand without losing focus. The main website also had many other reports and statistics that could be looked at in order to see the poverty rate. The website itself was very well organized in general and I found almost everything I needed easily. One

thing that I do have an issue with is finding the main goals. Despite the main site being very well organized I had a lot of problems finding their goal.