

C Grade Round 1

That all young people aged 16-22 years old should receive a Universal Basic Income from the government.

Background:

A universal basic income (UBI) is a payment made by the government to all individuals regardless of their employment status, income or assets. This differs from the current Australian welfare system, where payments are normally based upon some sort of need (e.g. the aged pension, study allowances and parenting payments) and can be limited if you are employed or have access to a large amount of assets. Many UBI proposals are set at a level where the payment is supposed to allow an individual to meet all of their basic needs without additional income, but this isn't an essential feature of a UBI.

A UBI can either be in addition to many of the services that governments already provide (e.g. the public health and education systems) or it can be used to replace government services (e.g. people are now required to pay for health and education out of their UBI). This structure obviously impacts the amount that would need to be paid for people to meet their basic needs. Additionally, governments may still choose to make other welfare payments to people on top of a UBI (e.g. disability support payments).

Questions for consideration:

- Why do specifically 16-22 year olds need a UBI? How are they different than older or younger people?
- What expenses do 16-22 year olds have that they may need a UBI to assist with?
- What do you think you would use a UBI for when you turn 16?
- What income support/welfare do young people currently have access to?
- Is a UBI fair?
- How much will the UBI be? Will there be any restrictions or limitations?
- How will the UBI impact employment of young people? What industries might that affect?

Resources:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl39KHS07Xc>

https://www.nola.com/news/politics/800-new-orleans-youth-to-receive-cash-payments-under-plan/article_9cdab884-8b11-11ee-8253-b31b126ba243.html

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/children-youth/income-support>

<https://www.seoulz.com/ubi-in-korea-the-youth-basic-income-project-in-gyeonggi-do/>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-01-19/universal-basic-income-vs-job-guarantee/8187688>