

# In the News: Laziness isn't why people are poor. And iPhones aren't why they lack health care.

**Professor Stephen Pimpare writes about poverty in The Washington Post**

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"Why do we insist that if you are poor, you should also be miserable? Why do we require penitence?" writes Stephen Pimpare, lecturer in the Politics & Society program, in *The Washington Post*.

In the column, Pimpare discusses the root of poverty, dispelling the common notion that "poverty in the United States is, by and large, the result of laziness, immorality and irresponsibility."

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