

8/15/94

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WR-Columnists

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Attached is an updated list of editorial writers and national columnists who have written, or may write, about welfare reform. As previously discussed, we've assigned each of you a group of writers to keep in contact with over the coming months.

If you have not already done so, please take some time in the next week or so to drop a note to these folks, and enclose a packet of welfare reform materials. We have already provided you with copies of their published pieces, but if you need anything further, please feel free to call me or Amy Busch at 690-7850. Thanks.

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"Poor Data Yields Misleading Report on the Poor," Washington Times

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 2/13/94 "CBO's Necessary Operation: The Price of Doctoring the Health Numbers"
"The promise to 'end welfare as we know it' has been the President's standby recourse whenever his 'New Democrat' credentials are called into question. But people are used to being misled about welfare reform and, unless pressed to do so, most would rather not think about it at all."
- 6/19/94 "Welfare Terminator II; How Clinton Can End Reform as We've Known It"
Describes broad outline of Clinton plan; quotes Mary Jo Bane and Secretary Shalala. Clinton will have to be vigilant to escape the "welfare reform trap:" "If the President is able to retain control over the carefully modulated features of his current plan -- both as it wends its way through Congress and, what is still more important, as it is put in place by the state and local agencies that actually run the welfare system -- he will have done both welfare beneficiaries and taxpayers a substantial favor."

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

ACTIVITY:

- 3/2/94 Lunch with Secretary Shalala
- 3/22/94 Lunch with David Ellwood
- 6/15/94 Attended White House editorial meeting

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

12/22/93

Opinionline quote in USA Today:

"Welfare is an expensive, debilitating, demoralizing mess. It urgently does need reforming.... But we must be very, very wary about the impact of well-meant policies glibly prescribed by politicians on real people in real life."

1/9/94

"Safety of Condoms: Let's Not Promise, but Speak the Truth"

Government commercials promoting condom use fail to explain that condoms can't guarantee protection from AIDS.

3/27/94

"Teenage Pregnancy is an Issue that Crosses Party Lines"

Clinton should use economic and social incentives to curb rate of teen pregnancy; hard to change values, but current welfare system supports out-of-wedlock births and irresponsibility.

7/12/94

"Welfare Reform Poses Many Hard Questions"

State demonstration projects can be used to predict unintended consequences of Clinton and other plans before legislation is enacted.

8/7/94

"We Should Stop Ignoring Adoption as a Viable Solution"

Adoption should be reassessed by the public and by social agencies as a solution to the increase in unwanted births. Beck criticizes abortion and supports bills proposed by Sen. Metzenbaum and Rep. Chris Smith to encourage adoption.

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 7/19/93 "Clinton's Hard Sell on Welfare"
Welfare reform could be a political plus for Clinton, but plan could also be "very expensive, prolong welfare, and be wildly unpopular." Clinton faces problems with Moynihan, who wants to define the debate and determine "how many protections should be built into reform."
- 1/10/94 "Talking Straight to the Middle Class"
Clinton's new covenant requires participation and sacrifice from the middle class. The middle class wants to know what he's going to do about welfare reform -- "he promised 'two years and out' during the campaign, but no one said how expensive it would be."
- 2/7/94 "Shaking up 'Shallow' Republicans"
Republicans complain that Clinton has stolen their issues with welfare reform, crime, etc. "Granted, some of the conservative ideas are too radical for mass consumption, even though Americans might embrace the values underpinning them. The Charles Murray notion to end welfare, for example, shouldn't fly -- and won't: A recent U.S. News survey shows that only eight percent of the voters believe that welfare should be entirely cut off."
- 2/21/94 "Welfare: What Moynihan Wants"
Clinton must draft a bill according to Moynihan's criteria for welfare reform. Moynihan wants full funding of the 1988 Act and believes that time limits are fine as long as they do not mean "two years and you starve." Fundamentally, Clinton and Moynihan have similar goals.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

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6/28/94 Lunch with Secretary Shalala

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 12/13/93 "Welfare Vow Easier Said than Done"
Welfare reform will be difficult to finance. Political debate will focus on the details of reform, not whether reform is necessary.
- 12/16/93 "Fixing Paternity Seen as Key to Welfare Reform"
Describes working group's recommendations for stronger paternity and child support enforcement measures.
- 12/19/93 "Welfare Panel Wants States to ID Fathers" Chicago Sun-Times
Praises Welfare Reform Working Group for proposing tough paternity establishment measures.
- 1/12/94 "Work-Based Welfare Backed by States' Group"
The association of state welfare administrators support Clinton's plan. But group wants states to pay only 10 percent of the expense of moving to a work-based system. Bruce Reed says that federal government may not be willing to assume 90 percent of the cost.
- 2/22/94 "New Welfare Limits Could Be Aimed First at the Young"
Description of the plan: phase-in and financing.
- 3/9/94 "GOP Welfare Proposals Becoming More Conservative"
- 3/17/94 "Welfare Proposal Threatens Aid to Elder Immigrants" Washington Times
Administration's plan may seem more moderate and acceptable to critics in light of the Republican plan to cut off aid to non-citizens. "If the Administration proposed reducing access to SSI alone," Rep. Robert T. Matsui said, "my guess is that ... it will pass."
- 3/22/94 "Welfare Reform Planners Deadlock on Thorny Issues"
Financing, sanctions, and work requirements are debated by the task force.
- 3/28/94 "Stands on Welfare, Crime, Put Clinton in Cross-Fire"
Financing welfare reform has emerged as issue splitting Clinton and those in Congress who support broader cuts in aid to legal immigrants.
- 4/4/94 "Clinton OKs Welfare Plan that Phases in a Time Limit" (Co-authored with Elizabeth Shogren)
General description of plan; discussion of phase-in and scale-back to reduce costs.
- 4/26/94 "Clinton Rejects Casino Tax Hike for Welfare Plan" (Co-authored with Elizabeth Shogren)
Decision not to raise new taxes has meant that Clinton plan will be scaled-back. Walter Broadnax says: "It is going to be a less robust plan, and we're going to be losing a part that is clearly important if we're going to stabilize the working poor and keep them from going on welfare."
- 5/20/94 "Matsui Outlines Latest Plan for Welfare Reform"
Description of Matsui bill. "Clinton again emphasized his opposition to a proposal from moderate Democrats and House Republicans to fund reform by cutting off all

social welfare benefits to legal immigrants."

5/26/94 "'Family Cap' on Welfare Benefits Will Get Boost"

Clinton has chosen to make family cap a state option. "The family cap has the potential to inflame the racial tensions implicit in much of the welfare debate."

6/14/94 "Clinton's Welfare Reforms Shaped by Predecessors' Frustrated Efforts"

"If some worry that unhappiness with the present system will produce change that is too radical, the most common fear is the opposite; that Congress will be unable to reach enough consensus to launch a significant departure. The same sort of left-right cross-fire that sank Nixon's and Carter's efforts is already pounding at Clinton's plan."

6/15/94 "Polarization Politics Seen as Key Obstacle to Plan"

"Clinton's plan has positioned itself firmly in the center of the welfare debate -- ordinarily the most preferred real estate in politics." But it may still be difficult to gain consensus.

7/14/94 "Reformers Key on Welfare Births"

(Need hard copy)

8/1/94 "Left Discovers the Right's Stuff: Family Values"

"Bipartisan sermonizing about the nation's moral course" is a new trend. Family values "have also moved into the spotlight because of President Clinton's focus on 'personal responsibility' and deterring out-of-wedlock births."

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 6/13/93 "Welfare Reform Could Make Clinton a Winner" St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Clinton needs to move on welfare reform; should look to Wisconsin experiment for ideas. Although reform is supported by conservatives, moderates, and some liberals, it will not be politically cost-free. "The left wing of the Democratic Party ... will be outraged by any tampering with a system they regard as sacrosanct."
- 8/16/93 "Perils of Welfare Politics"
- 8/18/93 "Does Clinton Have the Guts for Welfare Reform?" Chicago Tribune
Critical of Clinton's promise to "end" welfare: his budget actually expands funding for existing programs.
- 2/7/94 "Beware of Small Print in Welfare Reform" Washington Times
"When Democrats in Congress talk of reforming welfare by increasing spending on medical care, training or child care, they are marching toward a dead end. They will have to find the courage to support a program that their friends and allies, the welfare advocates, will describes as punitive, if not inhuman."
- 2/10/94 "Welfare 'Overhaul' Left Us with the Same Old Lesson" Rocky Mountain News
(Same as 2/7/94 piece)
- 2/15/94 "Remove the Social Safety Net" Atlanta Journal and Constitution
Describes Murray proposal to end welfare as "persuasive." But, "pending the Murray millennium, achievable welfare reform would include ending the housing subsidy for unwed mothers... Unwed mothers should be required to live in group homes... If a mother declines to live in such a setting but will not support herself and her child, her parental rights should be terminated. If she becomes pregnant while on welfare, her stipend should not increase."
- 3/29/94 "Lip Service or Solid Welfare Reform?" Washington Times, Rocky Mountain News
"It is a good sign that even in an administration that is as liberal as we are likely to see for some time, there is a debate raging over the proper path to welfare reform." Quotes Bill Galston as saying that the welfare system is responsible for 15 to 20 percent of the family disintegration in America.
- 4/18/94 "What Are We Doing with Our Children?" Washington Times
Describes recent Carnegie Corp. report on children. Need to change parental behavior and values, not policies of parental leave, etc. "If tomorrow, the number of children being born to single women dropped to zero, the problems of child poverty would almost completely disappear."

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

ACTIVITY:

7/13/94 Lunch with Secretary Shalala

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- 12/13/93 "The Entitlement Trap"
Clinton is embarking on welfare reform, which could be good for him politically. Describes time limits and broad outlines of plan. Plan will focus on those at risk of long-term dependency. But, with many necessary exemptions for certain mothers, the plan will probably be much less sweeping and won't "end welfare as we know it."
- 6/14/93 "A Hard Right Turn"
Clinton is placing a sudden "emphasis on right-sounding themes." "Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, a card-carrying liberal, last week questioned the fairness of allowing welfare mothers to stay home and collect benefits while their middle-class counterparts must work to make ends meet."
- 2/7/94 "Tough Talk on Crime and Appeals to our 'Better Angels'"
Welfare reform is potentially very expensive. Clinton's plan will "cost an estimated \$20 billion or more a year. The risk is that Clinton could be outflanked by Republicans who want 'two years and you're out' -- and no government help thereafter."

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

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- 3/2/93 "Missing Pieces"
Reforming welfare and changing family values are two of the biggest challenges in social policy. Clinton faces a budget shortage to reform welfare, but Secretary Shalala insists that the administration will not abandon its pledges. Her promise "is lent credibility" by Ellwood and Bane's role in creating the plan. "It would be hard to find two people more deeply committed to -- or knowledgeable about -- pro-work, pro-family welfare reform." Democrats and Republicans should unite on the topic of family values.
- 12/7/93 "Anatomy of a Feud"
1/4/94 "Reconnecting Welfare to Work" (The Vancouver Sun, 1/8/94)
Praises Clinton for using health care and welfare reform to restore dignity and value to work. Reform will not be easy, but, "by demonstrating a passion for work, the administration will make it possible again to have a rational discussion of just what the government should do to help those who need help."
- 1/25/94 "Clinton: Avoiding the Elmer Gantry Trap"
Clinton must avoid overpromising -- and follow through on his campaign pledges. "He should embrace his favorite theme that you can't discourage welfare dependency unless you reward work with decent pay -- and health benefits."

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- 6/15/94 Attended White House editorial meeting
6/20/94 Attended Post editorial board meeting with Secretary Shalala

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- 12/13/93 "How Clinton Could 'End Welfare as We Know It'"
Describes basic themes of Clinton plan, views of Republicans, and Mainstream Forum demand for two-year time limit.
- 3/28/94 "Who Picks up the Tab for Aliens?"
Governors of high-immigration states are suing the federal government for financial compensation. In addition, some politicians are proposing legislation to cut benefits to immigrants. "But those federal cuts won't help much unless Congress also lets states off the hook for illegals' education, emergency medical care, and prison costs."

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

10/24/93

"What Do We Ask of Welfare?"

"The best way to reform welfare may be to focus on other issues like health-care reform, child-support enforcement or raising the minimum wage.... If the goal of welfare reform is getting recipients into the work force, addressing these issues will do far more than job training programs."

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- 12/4/93 "Can Clinton Hold His Liberal Flank?" National Journal (Co-authored with Jules Witcover)
Clinton used welfare reform to define himself as a new kind of Democrat. But radical changes in the welfare system are often perceived as directed at the black community. "Clinton will be seen as a President who failed to deliver jobs with a stimulus bill last year and who wants to tighten up welfare this year. It will take some skill to navigate those political waters."
- 12/11/93 "It's Put up or Shut up Time on Welfare" National Journal (Co-authored with Jules Witcover)
Clinton faces difficulties in forming Democratic consensus around welfare reform; he's being criticized as both too soft and too tough. But he is "a determined advocate and an innovative thinker."
- 1/29/94 "Three Tough Tests Awaiting Clinton" National Journal (Co-authored with Jules Witcover)
Crime, health care and welfare will be used in judging Clinton's second-year performance. Welfare will be a difficult issue; reform bill must be tough to gain Republican support, but it must also satisfy liberal Democrats. Financing training and day care will be problematic.

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8/12/94 "Stan Recants! Or Why Health Reform Is a Dud"
Clinton pollster Stan Greenberg is moving away from health care and "entitlement politics" to support measures such as crime bill. Greenberg acknowledges that voters want welfare reform, but health care reform has eclipsed the issue. Clinton "chose entitlement expansion over anti-entitlement reform."(Gigot)

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

12/7/93

"Who Has the Rights to Black Children?"

12/22/93

Opinionline Quote in USA Today

"I understand that new problems come with change. Frankly, I prefer the unsettled issues raised by welfare reform to the answers mired in AFDC. But there is one question that nags at me ... In our zeal for reform, how will we help young girls that there is something better to wait and work for than welfare?"

4/30/94

"The Two-Parent Family: Why Stop There?"

Sarcastic appraisal of the debate behind single-parenthood: "Remember, it's not the just the quality of parents that count in family life. It's the quantity."

6/19/94

"Welfare (2): Behind the Compromises"

Republicans consistently attack Clinton as a "compromiser," but they also force him to compromise to get things done.

6/21/94

"Rather Be Right or Be Effective?" Baltimore Sun

(Same piece as 6/19/94)

7/29/94

"What's Dearest to a Father's Heart?" Baltimore Sun

Maine's suspension of professional and driver's licenses is increasing child support payments. Notes irony of connecting parenting and licensing.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

ACTIVITY:

6/17/94

Meeting with David Ellwood

6/17/94

Meeting with Secretary Shalala

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

1/26/94

"Are We Awake Yet?"

Dealing with crime would have a positive effect on "the continuing problems of health care and welfare."

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6/15/94

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 8/25/93 "Credit where Due -- EITC"
Praises Clinton's EITC expansion as "making work pay." But he also "needs to make a life on welfare less attractive." EITC is the easy component of true welfare reform.
- 1/21/94 "The Right Abandons 'Workfare'"
(Need hard copy)
- 4/25/94 "Tough Enough: A Promising Start on Welfare Reform"
Despite some flaws, the Clinton plan is a "sturdy vehicle for compromise." Republicans fear that Clinton has stolen their issue; Matsui's fears are "incomprehensible." Matsui seems to feel it's better "to pass a bill that's pleasing to the Democrats' left wing, or else delay it until 1995."
- 8/8/94 "Cynics' Lesson"
Looks for loopholes in Clinton's pledge to "end welfare as we know it." Sanctioning process is bureaucratic, and "same wage" requirement may prevent welfare recipients from getting useful municipal jobs. But, "taken as a whole, Clinton's bill is a more serious attempt to grapple with the welfare problem than anything any previous president has proposed."

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- 6/15/94 Attended White House editorial meeting
7/13/94 Attended Finance Committee hearing

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

4/26/93

"Clinton's Value Problems"

Clinton is "suddenly diffident" on welfare reform. "Real welfare reform may be politically impossible: expensive, complicated and, if it isn't really tough-minded, only marginally effective; in truth, the money may be better spent cutting the deficit and improving health care."

6/21/93

"Make the Daddies Pay"

Calls for equal expectations from fathers -- child support enforcement is key to welfare reform. Highlights Children First program in Wisconsin which has had modest success with collections -- but massive staff increases will probably be needed.

7/5/93

"Cities, Heal Thyselves"

12/13/93

"The Out-of-Wedlock Question"

Critical of the Administration's stance on out-of-wedlock births -- not tough enough on teen pregnancy, etc. "But Bill Clinton knows how difficult it is to hold a family together, and how important it is to try -- and that knowledge will doubtless inform his rhetoric and enhance his credibility as the debate continues."

12/20/93

"There Are Jobs in Chicago"

Welfare recipients need long-term, continued help in moving into jobs. Clinton's "two years and off" is a "political slogan." Recipients need responsibility from the first day, and they need to be shepherded into the workforce -- as successful programs such as America Works show.

4/4/94

"Bill Led Three Lives"

4/18/94

"Shepherds of the Inner City: How to Help Troubled Adolescents -- and Make Welfare Reform Succeed"

Praises "shepherding" programs like Choice and America Works, which give sustained attention to teens and welfare recipients entering the workforce. Clinton "can't really reform welfare 'as we know it' without reforming the welfare bureaucracy as we know it. To do that, he'll need more shepherds . . . and fewer social workers."

5/9/94

"The Politics of Promiscuity"

Clinton's sexual harassment charges, and their effect on public perception of the President.

5/13/94

"Learning How to Say No: Clinton's New Teen Pregnancy Program Will Counsel Abstinence"

"Clinton's "plan is to give localities \$300 million to devise their own versions of [Grady Hospital's] program for the 1,000 schools with the highest out-of-wedlock birthrates across the country. If it does nothing more than create a national corps of Teen Leaders, it will be money well spent."

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

ACTIVITY:

4/7/94	Interview with David Ellwood
5/25/94	Lunch with Secretary Shalala
6/15/94	Attended White House editorial meeting

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2/28/94

"Let States Act First on Welfare?"

Political debate in Congress and disagreements over reform will prevent action this year. In the meantime, states should be encouraged to experiment with local reform measures.

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

11/19/93 "Subsidized Illegitimacy"
11/22/93 "Pull the Plug on Welfare to Solve Poverty"
"Whether or not the welfare check is the conscious reason, it is the condition that allows people to act on all the other reasons [to have children out-of-wedlock]. Take it away and the society built on babies having babies cannot survive."
1/28/94 "Silver-Tongued Presidency"
Clinton has shaped the welfare debate by focusing on "getting people off welfare, while the real issue, and the only way to really break the welfare system is keeping them from getting on in the first place ... Neatly sidestepped is the basic question of why people who wantonly start families they cannot support have a claim on the Treasury purely by dint of their own irresponsibility."

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

11/20/93 "Inside Washington" -- Host Gordon Peterson, with Charles Krauthammer, Nina Totenberg, Carl Rowan, and Evan Thomas
"The road to poverty and despair in the country is through illegitimacy and we ought not to keep that system alive through government action, which is what we're doing ... I'm not against supporting people who are poor. I'm against rewarding illegitimacy by giving a check on the day that the child arrives. That I think is a perverse incentive system which is creating and sustaining a pathological social system."

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

10/23/93

"Social Programs that Work"

Describes reporter Jonathon Freedman's book, From Cradle to Grave: The Human Face of Poverty, as a ground-breaking discussion of grassroots programs that work to help end poverty.

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 1/17/93 "Confirmation Shalalacking"
Moynihan criticizes Shalala for not highlighting welfare reform in her confirmation testimony.
- 2/7/93 "A Pregnant Silence"
Clinton spoke to National Governors Association about welfare reform but did not mention out-of-wedlock births. Action needed on teen pregnancy -- maybe a national campaign led by Hillary Clinton.
- 1/30/94 "From Dunbar to Despair"
Welfare reform, health care, and educational improvements such as Head Start all fit together for Clinton.
- 7/19/94 "Reducing Reform to Baby Talk"
Describes welfare reform's progress on Capitol Hill. Focuses on teen pregnancy and behavior modification in Clinton plan. Real solution is giving teens jobs and hope for the future "so they do not have to define themselves in terms of making or having babies."
- 7/21/94 "Welfare Reform and Abstinence" St. Louis Post-Dispatch
(Same as 7/19/94 piece)

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

ACTIVITY:

- 6/15/94 Attended White House editorial meeting
7/18/94 Interview with MJB -- "Reducing Reform..."

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7/28/93

"An Investment in the Future"

Congress may put \$1.5 billion into the child welfare system. Praises Michigan's Families First program that helped children stay out of foster care and saved the state over \$46 million in three years.

3/2/94

"Punishment is Not a Contraceptive"

The idea of the family cap is appealing on the surface, but will it punish the children for the "sins of the parents?" Research shows no link between benefits and family size; family cap shouldn't be used as a contraceptive measure. "The first step to preventing additional children is to make the most reliable birth controls available to poor women and to do it in an atmosphere of trust and helpfulness rather than punish them or their children."

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

10/14/93

"Clinton's Successes May Fail Him"

Although praises Clinton, argues that his policies are contradictory and will lead to failure. "Already we're looking at a four-car fatal -- welfare reform vs. health care financing vs. NAFTA vs. the illusory hope of job training."

1/27/94

"Moynihan Vital to Clinton Plans"

Moynihan wants welfare reform passed this year and is unhappy with Clinton's health care priority.

4/14/94

"U.S. Pulse Eludes GOP Poll"

Clinton doing well by following public's concerns in welfare, crime, etc.

6/16/94

"Clinton's Thankless Triumph"

Clinton's welfare plan being attacked by both sides, but Shalala is quoted as saying it's because "we've got 'em." "The Clinton welfare plan fits neatly with the rest of his domestic agenda to make the most use of every American ... If you listen carefully to the specific proposals, Republicans and Democrats are saying more or less the same thing."

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

6/19/94

"Welfare (1): Beyond the Shouting Match"

Praises Clinton's plan -- beyond the sloganeering is true progress. Clinton plan is "more fiscally and operationally prudent" than other proposals.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

6/14/94

Interview -- Fox Morning News:

Forum on welfare reform with Oliphant, Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-Mass), Sen. Larry Pressler (R-S.D.)

ACTIVITY:

6/15/94

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 11/3/93. "New White Underclass Now in the Making?" Washington Times
Welfare stereotypes have focused on black recipients, but out-of-wedlock births also linked to poverty among white families. Criticizes Murray's proposal to abolish welfare benefits to single mothers. "There's probably nothing wrong with the underclass that jobs and, whenever necessary, a reinfusion of the work ethic and family values wouldn't fix."
- 12/4/93 "Indifference Brings Risks" Washington Times
Deadbeat dads aren't only people responsible for the plight of the poor. Politicians, businesses, and society as a whole has isolated the underclass, both economically and socially.
- 3/20/94 "Seeking Alternatives from Welfare Critics" Washington Times
Criticizes Murray. In polls, "voters seem more conservative in their diagnosis of what's wrong with the welfare system than they are in their prescriptions of how to fix it."
- 5/11/94. "Wrong Target for Welfare Reform" Chicago Tribune
Criticizes Charles Murray's proposal to end welfare; he ignores many of the significant changes in inner-city life. "Welfare pays too little to attract very many young women or girls to the rolls all by itself." Cutting it off will only create new problems.
- 5/14/94 "Punitive Turn for Politics of Poverty" Washington Times
(Same as 5/11/94)
- 7/27/94 "Changing Family Patterns" Washington Times
Although we need to encourage work and two-parent family life, unwed mothers should not become scapegoats within the welfare debate. "Couple the shrinkage in marriageable men with the tendency of women, wed or unwed, to be channelled into low-paying jobs, and you have a recipe for hardship, family stress and moral breakdown."

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

11/20/93

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 11/1/93 "Job Loss Preceded Decline of Family in Black Community"
- 11/19/93 "Hollowed Communities..."
During the War on Poverty, local indigenous institutions such as churches were supplanted by "certified experts." Communities became "collections of problems," and lost the people who had held them together.
- 1/12/94 "Success and the Single Mother"
Comments on the debate on single motherhood; argues that child health is more dependent upon proper supervision than marital status of parent. But concludes that two-parent families provide a safety measure to children, much like a "seat belt" in a car.
- 2/18/94 "A Crusade for America's Children"
We need another movement, like the civil rights movement, to help children on a global level and give them hope for the future.
- 2/25/94 "Out of Wedlock, Out of Luck"
Must look to particulars of single motherhood -- not all situations the same. Shouldn't condemn all single mothers, and should recognize that Murphy Brown character is different from 15 year-old high-school dropout. Cites Bill Galston and Annie E. Casey study: "a child born before his parents finish high school, reach age 20 and get married is almost guaranteed a life of poverty."
- 2/28/94 "Not the Economy, Stupid, But Jobs"
Not even a recovering economy is producing enough jobs. Clinton's welfare reform proposal rests on job creation. Examines various proposals to expand workforce.
- 3/3/94 "Lifeguards Wanted"
Young black males need help at all levels -- almost impossible to start at the wrong place or point in their lives.
- 3/9/94 "'Superfluous Father Syndrome'"
Describes Don Eberly's National Fatherhood Initiative -- an attempt to bring fathers into their children's lives through cultural as well as policy-based changes. More than child support and economic involvement -- children need emotional support and interest from both parents.
- 3/11/94 "It's the Home that Makes the Difference"
Cites a Harvard Law School Study: "A boy's chances of becoming delinquent are calculated to be over 90 percent if his father is lax, overstrict or erratic in discipline, if his mother constantly leaves him to his own devices, if both parents make him feel unwanted and unloved, and if his home is 'unintegrated,' that is, not really a home, just a place to hang his hat."
- 4/11/94 "What a Difference Marriage Makes"
Marriage matters because it creates bonds beyond the nuclear family -- widespread support systems are able to give help.

4/15/94

"How Much Does Hope Cost?"

Although there's a general consensus among politicians and academics that the first years of a child's life are "critical to her mental and social development," there is no consensus on policy. May be able to avoid Murray's draconian proposal by teaching mothers and young parents how to care for their children -- "that alone might induce them to limit the number of children they have to the number they can properly care for."

5/23/94

"Clinton's Community Spirit"

Clinton often speaks about galvanizing communities, but journalists ignore the message as something they've heard before. Mistake to treat this message as non-newsworthy.

5/27/94

"Several Kinds of Poverty"

Describes the diversity of welfare recipients and causes of poverty. Praises Ellwood for recognizing distinctions between the working poor and hard-core welfare recipients. Questions what can help those who suffer from a "lack of values."

6/8/94

"And a Change of Heart"

Calls for faith-based programs to help poor. "The most successful programs for dealing with the urban and rural underclass have less to do with technique than with transformation of a specifically religious kind."

7/27/94

"Urban League Action Plan"

Praises Hugh Price, President of the National Urban League, for offering solutions -- financial contributions, economic and educational reform, etc. for the black underclass. Price is giving both the black and the white middle-class "something to do."

7/29/94

"A Helping Hand to the Underclass"

Praises Hugh Price, President of the National Urban League, for calling for (public sector) jobs for the underclass.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

ACTIVITY:

6/20/94

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

1/14/94 "Head Start Pays Off Better than Prisons" Denver Post
Praises recommendation to expand Head Start -- cost of early intervention small compared to cost of failing to provide good start for poor children.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

11/20/93 "Inside Washington"
Host Gordon Peterson, with Charles Krauthammer, Nina Totenberg, Carl Rowan, and Evan Thomas

ACTIVITY:

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TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

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6/15/94

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

12/8/93 "The Swedish Disease: Decline of a Modern Welfare State" Washington Post

6/8/94 "Psycho-Facts Revisited" Washington Post

"People feel their incomes are stagnating, even though median family income has risen a fifth in the past 25 years."

7/6/94 "Saving the Welfare State from Itself" Washington Post

European governments are "striving to reduce budget deficits and spur economic growth by trimming some welfare benefits. But the cut-backs are small and unpopular, precisely because people are so used to being protected."

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ARTICLES:

2/11/93

"When Politics and Language Collide, Language Loses" Washington Post
Meaning of term "welfare" has changed -- now is pejorative. Ironic that Secretary Shalala recently denied being "pro-welfare."

PIECES:

7/20/94

"Welfare Reform Passing Health Care Reform in Congress" -- "All Things Considered"
Compared to health care reform, welfare reform is moving easily through Congress. Republicans have difficulty opposing a bill so close to their ideals. Liberal Democrats such as Matsui might pose more of a problem.

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

12/28/93 "Clinton Aides Debate Whether Welfare Reform Will Interfere with Legislation on Health Care"
Discusses controversy within Clinton administration over possible conflicts over simultaneous pursuit of both reform policies.

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6/15/94 Attended White House editorial meeting

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"Clinton is going to take on welfare reform in the state of the union, and the key here is they're going to want to cut off welfare. The question is, after you cut off welfare, is there some money for job training, child care. That's the real question."

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11/20/93

"Inside Washington" -- Host Gordon Peterson, with Charles Krauthammer, Nina Totenberg, Carl Rowan, and Evan Thomas
Criticizes proposals to cut off welfare benefits for bearing illegitimate children. But supports creation of orphanages: "We have reached a point in this country where we allow children to stay in unbelievable conditions with drug-addicted parents and I'm for returning to a system of good, well-run, caring orphanages and not for putting them in foster homes where they get beaten to death, and not leaving them in family situations that are absolutely deplorable, and not giving parents a second, third, fifth and tenth chance to kill their children, either literally immediately, or eventually over the long haul."

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

Date?	"Cutting Illegitimacy Cuts Welfare" "To be silent on illegitimacy is to condone it. To condone it is to subsidize it. To subsidize it is to cause it. By now, it's our fault."
8/5/93	"Welfare Side Effects" <u>Washington Times</u> "There are a few good features in the Clinton plan, particularly the Earned Income Tax Credit." But it will not end welfare. He supports ending benefits to single mothers.
8/18/93	"Welfare Reform Disaster Spotter" Clinton plan not tough enough -- sanctions weak.
1/13/94	"Hostage Crisis on the Hill." Praises Sen. Moynihan for holding health care hostage until welfare reform is proposed. Calls for "tough-minded" plan like Republicans' or Mainstream Forum's.
6/23/94	"A Far Stretch of Welfare Reform Anticipation" <u>Washington Times</u> Praises Rep. Jan Meyers' bill as "Murray-Lite:" teen mothers who become pregnant - - even with a first child -- after the law is enacted, will be denied cash benefits.
7/21/94	"Murphy's Law, as Amended" Criticizes Clinton plan for not being tough enough on teen pregnancy and out-of-wedlock births. Calls for "cutting off cash to new out-of-wedlock mothers."

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 7/29/93 "High Rate of Immigration is Changing More than America's Economy"
"Many immigrants cost more in welfare, health and educational services than they pay in taxes. However, their economic activity - earning and spending - makes them, I believe, substantial net contributors to national wealth." However, the "entitlement mentality" in the United States today serves as a "magnet" for migrants and weakens ideals of self-reliance and upward mobility.
- 10/31/93 "The Tragedy of Illegitimacy"
- 11/18/93 "Underwriting Family Breakdown"
Supports Charles Murray: "Marriage should be the sole legal institution through which parental rights are exercised."
- 1/27/94 "Clinton and the Moynihan Factor"
Moynihan's chairmanship of the Finance Committee makes him dangerous to the Republicans -- he can impose "sobriety" on health care reform while insisting that welfare reform proceed.
- 5/1/94 "The Children's Passage of Pain" -- child abuse
- 6/19/94 "How Welfare Legitimized Illegitimacy" Los Angeles Times
Clinton's bill is "a mild response to the lethal crisis in welfare." Liberals are focusing "on the condition of the poor, not on the attributes of the poor that contribute to their condition." Argues that Clinton will have only a minor role in reform, because "congressional government is gaining momentum against his marginalized presidency."

TELEVISION APPEARANCES:

- 12/5/93 "This Week with David Brinkley" -- Interview with Secretary Shalala

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

- 12/4/93 "Can Clinton Hold His Liberal Flank?" National Journal (Co-authored with Jack Germond)
Clinton used welfare reform to define himself as a new kind of Democrat. But, radical changes in the welfare system are often perceived as directed at the black community. "Clinton will be seen as a President who failed to deliver jobs with a stimulus bill last year and who wants to tighten up welfare this year. It will take some skill to navigate those political waters."
- 12/11/93 "It's Put up or Shut up Time on Welfare" National Journal (Co-authored with Jack Germond)
Clinton faces difficulties in forming Democratic consensus around welfare reform; he's being criticized as both too soft and too tough. But, he is "a determined advocate and an innovative thinker."
- 1/29/94 "Three Tough Tests Awaiting Clinton" National Journal (Co-authored with Jack Germond)
Crime, health care and welfare will be used in judging Clinton's second-year performance. Welfare will be a difficult issue; reform must be tough enough for Republican support, but must also satisfy liberal Democrats. Financing training and day care will be problematic.

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COLUMNS/EDITORIALS:

7/4/94 "Starting Work as We Know it"
8/8/94 "Where Have Our Values Gone?"
Social and moral values of society are crumbling -- "Redemption has to begin with television and with education."

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PIECES:

7/24/94

"For the Sake of Black Children"

Praises Sen. Metzenbaum's proposal to forbid states from prohibiting biracial adoptions.

7/26/94

"Override Weld's Welfare Veto"

Calls for the Massachusetts Legislature to override Weld's veto of proposed welfare reform plan. "Weld should forget about federal waiver request and make the Legislature's prescription work."

8/4/94

"The Senate Stunner"

Massachusetts state Senate voted to sustain Weld's veto of the welfare reform plan. "The Senate's vote is dangerous and should be reconsidered -- the plan included less punitive measures than Weld supports: incentives for employers to hire former welfare recipients and an emphasis on helping teenage mothers get education and jobs."

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PIECES:

- 12/13/93 "Welfare Reform in the Making"
1/1/94 "The Unfair Immigration Burden"
Congress should provide funding to states with high proportion of immigrants.
1/21/94 "Finding Jobs for Welfare Clients"
Praises Guiliani's plan to hire America Works to place welfare recipients in jobs.
3/13/94 "Welfare Reform Meets Reality"
Clinton should not try to be too bold with limited resources. By fully funding the 1988 Act, he would improve the system. Phasing-in reform with a limited population is a good start to a continuing process.
5/23/94 "Far apart on Welfare Reform"
"The President's plan is shaping up as the only one of the three [Republican, Mainstream Forum] that combines compassion with sensible obligations."
7/18/94 "New Player in the Welfare Game"
Praises Matsui bill and calls for combination of Clinton and Matsui proposals. "Spend more money on the 1988 reforms to get as many recipients off the roles as possible. In the meantime, create large-scale experiments with time-limits."
8/2/94 "Languishing in Foster Care"
A pilot program sponsored by New York's Department of Social Services pays agencies a flat rate per child in an effort to move children out of foster care.

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PIECES:

3/28/94

"The \$64 Question"

Fears that family cap suit in New Jersey may jeopardize reform efforts in other states.

7/18/94

"Punting on Welfare"

Criticizes Clinton's plan as "halfhearted work programs yoked to increased welfare spending ... Real reform is most likely to occur in the states," through "shock therapy."

ACTIVITY:

8/4/94

"For Those on the Dole, It's off to Work We Go"
(Secretary Shalala's response to 7/18/94 piece)

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PIECES:

12/30/93

"The Welfare Agenda"

2/27/94

"A Beginning on Welfare Reform"

Praises Clinton plan's phase-in. Would send strong message and allow government to experiment with a large but limited population.

4/4/94

"Financing Welfare Reform"

Financing reform should not come from cutting benefits to the needy.

5/2/94

"Welfare Reform Meets the Deficit"

5/16/94

"Welfare Reform: The Jobs Problem"

Praises Clinton plan and criticizes proposals to limit subsidized jobs (three years, etc).
"If the federal government commits itself to assisting the poor through work rather than welfare, it needs to stand behind that commitment."

5/24/94

"Welfare Reform's Other Critics"

Clinton plan criticized by Republicans for not going far enough; now Matsui and Miller say it goes too far. Argues that liberals should agree the system is broken: "shaking up the current system and trying to make it more conducive to work and independence is surely right."

5/31/94

"Hard Questions on Welfare"

Describes New Jersey family cap as "being within the range of state experiments the federal government could permit." Welfare reform is about influencing behavior, or at least reducing disincentives for work and responsibility.

6/12/94

"And Now, Welfare Reform"

Clinton's plan, although scaled-back, is fair and plausible. But Republicans and Democrats will infuse politics into the issue and risk harming the poor.

6/16/94

"A Solid Start on Welfare Reform"

Praises the Clinton plan; Republicans can raise useful concerns to "make bipartisan welfare reform possible."

7/18/94

"Welfare Reform: Why Not?"

Praises Clinton's bill; calls for reform this year. "The broad principles of the plan are sound. So why not get on with it?"

7/21/94

"Still no to Entitlement Caps"

"Health Care reform is the right way to get at entitlement spending. Caps are, by contrast, pretend reform."

7/25/94

"Fair Questions on Welfare Reform"

Matsui worries about punishing children through sanctions. But Matsui, Clinton, and moderate Republicans should seek common ground: "it's ultimately a mistake to build reform around worries about the small minority of welfare recipients who refuse to take jobs."

7/31/94

"A National Dialogue on Kids"

Calls for child protection within welfare reform debate. Family preservation is not always best for children (abuse, etc.)

8/11/94

"Food Fight"

not be entirely cashed out or merged with other federal-state welfare programs.

ACTIVITY:

6/20/94

Meeting with Secretary Shalala; Meg Greenfield, etc.

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PIECES:

- 11/9/93 "Experiments in Welfare Reform"
Discusses Georgia and Wisconsin waivers. Praises Wisconsin plan to move recipients off rolls within two years.
- 12/13/93 "Starting to Work on Welfare"
Supports Murray's proposal to end welfare. "Republicans can look to do a little one-upmanship with the president" by proposing an end to welfare, not just an end to welfare as we know it.
- 1/7/94 "Clinton's Health Care Deflection"
1/9/94 "The President's Welfare Non-Reform"
Clinton should move on welfare reform -- it's good politically. But he does risk alienating those in Congress whose support he needs for health care reform.
- 2/2/94 "From Welfare to Guaranteed Employment?"
Clinton's welfare reform rhetoric is divorced from reality. His plan is "a new and costly government program -- workfare." But Republicans and conservative Democrats "can use the momentum built by Mr. Clinton's own rhetoric to push real welfare reform."
- 3/24/94 "Taxes and Welfare Reform"
Clinton has promised to end welfare as we know it, but with David Ellwood in charge, his plan will only increase spending on poverty programs.
- 7/1/94 "Does a Mother's Slap Constitute Child Abuse?"
No substance.
- 7/5/94 "This is Welfare Reform?"
Three main criticisms of Clinton plan: does not contain time limits; offers no disincentives to illegitimacy; writes off a whole class of people.

ACTIVITY:

- 7/12/94 "A Radical End to the Welfare Status Quo"
Secretary Shalala's response to 7/5/94 piece
- 7/21/94 Meeting with Secretary Shalala
Attendees: Wesley Pruden, Josette Shiner, Tod Lindberg, Mary Lou Forbes, Ken Hanner, Suzanne Fields, Cheryl Wetzstein, Kathleen Vance