

## Brainstorming... Causes of U.S. Poverty

<b>Personal</b>	<b>Unjust Societal Causes</b>
Addictions: Drugs, Gambling	Born into (Generational Poverty)
Overspending/Debt	Limited Supply of Living Wage Jobs Unjust Distribution of Profits
Uneducated/Low Skill Development	
Poor Work Ethic	Expensive Standard of Living/Inflation Lack of Affordable Housing
Crime and Violence As a Personal Pattern	Low Quality Education due to Neighborhood Poverty/Low Tax-base
Disabilities/Mental Illness	Lack of Affordable Health Care Debt Caused by Health Care Needs
	Toxic Environment: Domestic Abuse, Violence, Crime, Pollution
	Discrimination: Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Socioeconomic Status
	Lack of Status, Power, Influence, Social Connections that Open Doors
	Cultural Individualism that is Intolerant of Social Services and Dependency and Highly Tolerant of Greed
	Lack of Political Will to Address Poverty