

- **1. WWI Historiography & BF1: Links and Recommendations**

- https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/3da7zw/battlefield-1-historical-accuracy
- <http://www.pcgamer.com/we-showed-battlefield-1-to-a-world-war-i-historian/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sh6sTbIFyPk&t=502s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Shmmza-lWY0&t=154s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYDA5usUzmg>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvzEZ1Sq4tl>
- http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2018/01/cold_lessons_of_trench_warfare.html
- https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/african-kaiser-a-sweeping-military-history-that-reads-like-a-novel/2017/03/15/e9ec903c-05a0-11e7-b9fa-ed727b644a0b_story.html?utm_term=.913adbc6c0e3
- <http://isj.org.uk/the-british-empire-and-the-first-world-war-the-colonial-experience/>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2008/nov/10/first-world-war-colonial-soldiers-racism>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6utTt8JWmlc>
- <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-one/inside-first-world-war/part-five/10542773/non-european-involvement-war.html>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/news/2017/nov/10/how-colonial-violence-came-home-the-ugly-truth-of-the-first-world-war>
- <https://www.bl.uk/world-war-one/themes/race-empire-and-colonial-troops>

- **2. Work Requirements: Notes and Links**

- Trump Admin: Welfare (2017) & Medicaid (2018)
 - In 2017, they rolled back mild and largely unused Obama-era welfare work requirement waiver encouragements (!) intended to deal with the slow recovery
 - The Medicaid work rules will apply to “able-bodied adults” defined by each state (!) which is likely to lead to situations like the UK aggressively defining out very disabled individuals and forcing them to work when they can’t. Might even include seniors if a state government is being particularly ghoulish. Also the definition of qualifying work is left to states and may include criminal justice style community service work, which doesn’t build skills/resumes
 - Trump CMS Chief Seema Verma (of Kentucky) frequently says things like that states should seek “innovations that build on the human dignity that comes with training, employment and independence” and “We see people moving off of Medicaid as a good outcome”
 - STL Tribune in Jan 2018: “The most recent federal figures show that Medicaid enrolls more than 68 million low-income Americans, including children, pregnant women, people with disabilities and the elderly.”

- 10 states are saying they want to impose work requirements on Medicaid now that they are allowed to
<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2018/01/12/trump-administration-opens-door-to-let-states-including-utah-impose-medicaid-work-requirements/> (Utah specifically wants to add a work requirement to its recent Medicaid expansion aimed at extremely poor mostly homeless people without kids)
- Kentucky's governor (whom Verma worked for) specifically has a nasty plan and was first in line for a waiver to start experimenting on this
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/kentuckys-work-requirement-for-medicaid-raises-questions-for-recipients>)
https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/kentucky-becomes-the-first-state-allowed-to-impose-medicaid-work-requirement/2018/01/12/b7b56e3e-f7b4-11e7-b34a-b85626af34ef_story.html?utm_term=.3cdd8e12d752
- Trump Admin budget also proposed TANF (welfare) funding cuts of billions (10%) from the number that has already remained frozen in nominal terms since 1996!
<https://www.cbpp.org/blog/president-trumps-budget-cuts-tanf-despite-stated-goal-to-reduce-poverty-boost-work>
- Work requirements for Medicaid are likely to be devastating for people early in recovery from an opioid addiction depending on how states define their work exemptions
<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/11/577453400/head-of-medicaid-directors-on-states-imposing-work-requirements-for-recipients>
- National Medical Association (an organization for African-American health professionals) opposed the work requirement guideline:
<http://www.nmanet.org/news/382442/NMA-Statement-on-the-Medicaid-Work-Requirement.htm>
- Historical background on work requirements:
 - Tommy Thompson's Welfare-to-Work Wisconsin + the 1996 federal Workfare reforms
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_Responsibility_and_Work_Opportunity_Act
 - The Wisconsin model has even spread to other countries like the Netherlands
 - Excellent reading on the history of US welfare reform: "American Dream: Three Women, Ten Kids, and a Nation's Drive to End Welfare" by Jason DeParle
 - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) replaced by Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) with a 2 year timeline to find work and a lifetime limit of 5 years of federal assistance
 - State block grant model and experimentation

- Literally more than half of recipients quit the program or were kicked off between 1997 & 2000
- <https://www.cbpp.org/research/family-income-support/why-tanf-is-not-a-model-for-other-safety-net-programs>
- Popularized by Richard Nixon
- Seems to totally discount consideration of female homemaking as work worth compensating, even or especially when it's a single mom. (Bad enough view to take on welfare but now also for your healthcare access??) Barbara Ehrenreich's critique noted this and highlighted the racist stereotypes embedded in these attacks and the "reform" push.
- "Culture of Poverty" critiques never really seemed to take into account lack of living wage jobs or the possibility of paying people enough of a welfare backstop for a part-time job to earn and save enough supplemental cash to be able to get out of poverty over a long period
- Sharp increases in unemployment and extreme poverty (esp. Child poverty) in the 2001 and 2008 economic crises did not match TANF enrollment trends which declined
- 2005 long-term funding going into the recession was wildly short, especially on childcare assistance to help make work requirements feasible:
<https://www.cbpp.org/research/conference-agreement-imposes-expensive-new-tanf-requirements-on-states-and-will-result-in>
- Work requirements were later expanded from welfare to SNAP food assistance
- TANF block grant funding was literally never increased even for inflation since 1996
- General info:
 - Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Jan 2018: "Work Requirements Don't Work" <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/work-requirements-dont-work>
 - The Atlantic March 2017: "The Problem with Medicaid Work Requirements" <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/03/why-work-requirements-in-medicaid-wont-work/520593/> Mentions things like felony convictions among Medicaid beneficiaries making finding work very hard & emphasizes that health support was intended to help people be able to work in the first place not to make them jump through hoops
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/18/upshot/medicaid-enrollment-obstacles-kentucky-work-requirement.html?hpid=hp%2Fupshot%2Fmedicaid-enrollment-obstacles-kentucky-work-requirement%3Ahomepage%2Ft-top&module=well-region®ion=bottom-well&WT.nav=bottom-well>