

Mixed Economy of Welfare

- Contents this week
 - Concept of welfare mix
 - Pros & cons of the welfare mix
 - Measurement & Analysis
 - Welfare mix in the UK/US

- 1. Defining the Welfare Mix**
 - Recall from Week 1: what is 'welfare' from sociological & social policy perspectives?
 - Who are main 'actors' of welfare provision?
 - What are the key dimensions of analysing welfare mix?

- 2. Pros & Cons of Welfare Mix**
 - Why have welfare services been provided mainly by the state? Do you agree with state interventions?
 - What are the pros & cons for profit/non-profit sector welfare provision?
 - Do market/voluntary services perform better than the state? In what conditions?
 - Relate to your essays!

- 3. Measurement & Analysis**
 - In general, what are the key goals should welfare services achieve?
 - Let's think about health care systems. How would you compare the health care systems between the US and the UK? What are outcome measures would you use?

- 4. Welfare Mix in the US/UK**
 - Think about any private welfare services you have experienced (health, education, day care)
 - Think about how you paid for that (or who else paid?)
 - Was the service high quality, accessible, and responsive?
 - Were there any reasons to be dissatisfied? What was the problem?
 - Relate that problem with the structure of provision/financing/regulation.

Any More Questions?