Work, Poverty and Welfare

Worksheet 7.1: Policy Solutions

The column on the left below identifies some of the main definitions and explanations for poverty discussed in Chapter 7. Write a sentence explaining what each of these is. In the column on the right, identify and explain the policy solution that might be adopted to solve the issues on the left. The first example is done for you.

Definition/explanation of poverty	*Policy solution*
Absolute Poverty – lacking minimum resources needed to maintain health	Provide at least the minimum resources to all
Relative poverty	
Blaming the individual	
Blaming the generosity of the welfare state	
Blaming the culture of the poor	
Cycle of deprivation	
Inadequacy of welfare state	
Unequal structure of power and wealth in capitalist society	