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What Does Obama Really Believe In?

In Tough’s article “What Does Obama Really Believe In”, he does not want Obama to avoid talking about poverty because when Obama meet the trouble of solving the problem poverty, giving up is not a good idea. Tough’s purpose for writing this article is that he wants Obama to talk about poverty again and try to find a new way to solve the issue of poverty. While there is no doubt that Obama has done a lot for some types of poverty, Tough argues that he hopes that Obama can achieve what he promised during the election.

Before becoming president, Obama argued that urban poverty was a major policy focus for his campaign. Take Roseland as an example, in the beginning, Obama worked in Roseland. Moreover, he was engaged in improving education and giving them better life. Obama proposed to set up “youth-counseling network”, which provide mentoring and tutoring to teenagers.

When Obama began to run for president, he focused on new solutions: concentrated urban poverty, which means that we cannot isolate solving the problem of poverty. However, he did not fully think about his proposal.

After becoming president, what Obama did was not successful in reducing poverty. Obama, in the beginning, paid attention to priorities. While the stimulus may not have made things much better, it stopped them from getting much worse. As a result, Tough points out that Obama started to focus on education and school reform in order to help poor students get away from poverty. While education could help people getting away from poverty, this was an issue that we cannot avoid it: social gap. Social gap was not the only issue that Obama met. When Obama tried to solve the problem of poverty, the economics crisis happened. Due to Economic crisis, he could not concentrate urban poverty. On the contrary, he invested this money that he wanted to use in urban poverty in the people who live in confortable. Obama considered that it was necessary for him to protect people who live in comfortable get away for poverty.

While Obama tried to solve the problem of poverty, something happened that beyond his image. Tough argue that Obama cannot solve the problem of poverty is not terrible; however, he stopped to talk about poverty is awful. It is necessary for Obama to talk about poverty again and find a new solution.