

welfare state *(wel-fare-state)*

Definition

n. A system in which the government undertakes to protect the health and well-being of its citizens, especially those in financial or social need, by means of grants, pensions, and other benefits.

Example Sentence

The **welfare state** aims to provide support for individuals who are unemployed or unable to work.

More Example Sentences

Critics of the **welfare state** argue that it can lead to dependency on government aid.

Synonyms

social safety net; public assistance; social security

Antonyms

laissez-faire; free market; capitalism

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