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**Activity: Research  
Improving benefits**

**Learning objective**

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- evaluate the impact of increasing benefits and the possible impact on crime.

A. Using the link below, answer the questions that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwjNrxVd-1E>

1. What is Finland giving to some of its citizens?
2. What has basic income done for Juha?
3. What prevented Juha pursuing his business ideas before the introduction of basic income?
4. Does the money Juha receives give him enough to live on?
5. In a pure form of universal basic income (UBI), who would receive the benefit?
6. Who is receiving the benefit in Finland?
7. According to the Minister for Social Affairs and Health, what is the purpose of UBI?
8. According to Ilkka Kaukoranta, what is the problem of UBI?
9. What does Kaukoranta claim is a more realistic scheme? What are the disadvantages of this scheme?
10. What does Juha suggest will happen if everyone receives UBI?

B. Do you think UBI benefits are beneficial in helping people who are out of work? Give reasons for your answer. How do benefits support the ideas of Merton to reduce crime?

Footnote: In February 2019, the Finnish government decided to end the experiment with UBI.