

## Rural America

[T]he assault on the safety net is especially harmful to rural America, which relies heavily on safety-net programs.

Of the 100 counties with the highest percentage of their population receiving food stamps, 85 are rural, and most of the rest are in small metropolitan areas.

The expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, which Trump keeps trying to kill, had its biggest positive impact on rural areas.

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