I. Facts of Poverty in America

II. Two types of explanations of persistent poverty: blame the victim and blame the society

1. BTV. Two varieties: (a) Genetic inferiority; (b) Cultural inferiority
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