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School Lunch Program Portfolio

In the 1940's the United States was faced with many different crises at the same time. For one, they were in the middle of a world war. Additionally, the repercussions from the war had created other issues within the United States at the same time. After the conclusion of the world war, the attention of the United States Government turned to face the crises facing their homeland. Two of the main issues plaguing the United States were the major economic crisis and the farming crisis. To try and solve as many of these issues as possible in order to appeal to the American public, then president Harry Truman signed into law the School Lunch program. This program allowed for farmers to give their surplus goods to schools to be able to feed children who belong to the lower class families of the United States. The reception of this program was positive, as it was framed as a way to help dig both lower class families and farmers out of an economic crisis. There was a lot of positive impact that the program had during the late 1940's and into the 50's. However, the utility of the program has started to come into question recently, as more information about child nutrition gets discovered. In reality, a lot of the food provided by the school lunch program is not nutritious enough for children, as a lot of the food is carbohydrates. There are similar issues that have also arisen surrounding the program, and for it to be effective now, there needs to be modifications to suit the needs of modern day America.

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