

'Don't give us the humiliation of a means test. Don't make us wait a month. Don't take child benefit away from women and give it to the man in the household.'

Child benefit is being downgraded and devalued. Yet the Child Poverty Action Group has always maintained that it is extremely important to the mothers who receive it. In the first detailed large-scale survey of mothers' attitudes to child benefit, CPAG has collected evidence that endorses this view. *Mother's Life-line*, by setting out the findings of this survey, gives mothers a voice. And it places their views in the context of the arguments put to the government in favour of the retention and improvement of the universal child benefit scheme.

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