

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (1964) → US's subsidy on food for poor

↳ (Before 1979) household who were eligible were allowed to purchase food stamps → Allowed ppe to buy food at mail outlets → Eq. In Jan 1975, family of 4 get max

Eq. of AD VALOREM (monthly allotment) of \$153 in food coupons. i.e. Subsidy depended on family income

↳ Rate at which household's food was subsidized depended on income
↳ Family of 4 (Had income of \$300) paid \$83 → paid \$1 to receive \$1.84 worth of food
↳ Another paid \$25 → \$1 for \$6.12 worth of food $\frac{153}{25} = \frac{1.84}{.83}$

↳ (Had income of \$100) 84% subsidy at paying \$25 gives \$153 food.

↳ Here price of each good (on x & y axis) is 1 as both are measured in terms of money (Food & other items)

↳ Hence slope = $-P_1 = -1$

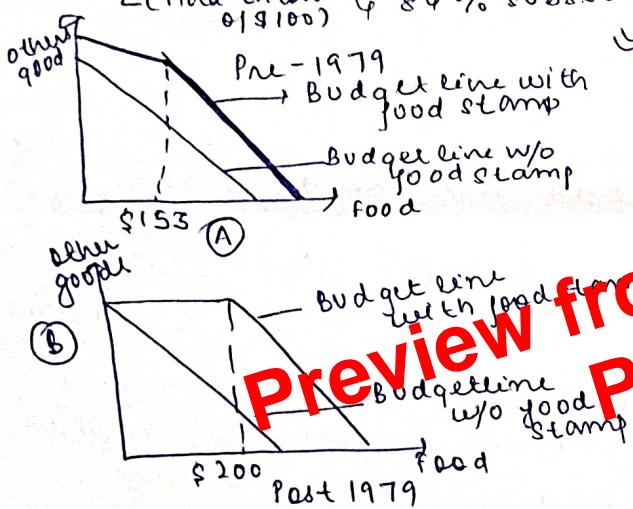
↳ For subsidy of 84% ⇒ Actual price

$$= P_1 - \gamma P_1$$

$$= (1 - \gamma) P_1$$

$$= \gamma = \frac{25}{153} = -0.16$$

$$= (1 - \frac{25}{153}) = \\ \text{Slope} = -0.16$$



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As food stamps cannot be sold
consumption of other goods remain same

↳ Budget line will rotate to right by \$200

↳ Slope has no change as other goods consumption remains same.

↳ A perfectly balanced inflation where prices & income rise at the same rate, budget set remains same.

↳ Income ↑, price fixed → Budget line shift right/outward
↳ Now they are atleast as rich as they were before if not more rich. → They have more purchasing power & choice.

↳ Price ↑, price ↓ same → consumer's ability to buy food ↑ increase
↳ They can also have extra income left through to buy other goods

→ Both cases make consumers better off by being able to afford at least what could before, if not more.