



When it comes to fixing the deficit, be careful what you cut. Eliminating the Earned Income Tax Credit now would increase child poverty by 23 percent in the future. And since poor children are more likely to drop out of high school, they are less likely to find steady work as adults. Not to mention that paying for each year of high school dropouts costs us more than \$125 billion over the course of their lifetimes. [Learn more about the high costs of cutting at *becarefulwhatyoucut.com*.](#)

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