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This edition of the Citizen's Income Newsletter is a collection of papers on various themes surrounding the CI debate.

The leader has been contributed by Samuel Brittan, who makes the case for continued progress towards a simpler and more universal tax-benefit system.

Stuart White highlights the tension between utilitarian aggregation and the endurance of putative 'civil interests'. The maintenance of those civil interests is contingent on economic independence ('the republican property right') and Dr White develops the common ground between that independence and alternative forms of a Citizen's Income, as part of a wider Republican treatise.

Michael Northcott takes as his starting point the British Medical Association report on *Growing Up in Britain* to focus on the consequences of driving economies by inequality. He questions the dominant orthodoxy from a Christian standpoint, relating the teaching of the gospels to the deficiencies in modern society's wealth distribution.

Bill Jordan examines the forces that divide societies, the policies that can counteract these forces and the institutions necessary to allow social cohesion and the promotion of widespread democratic participation.

The breadth of approach represented throughout this collection is a reflection of the appeal of a Citizen's Income. Each paper makes its own valuable contribution to the debate in which we are all engaged.

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