

# A Conversation with Jim Winship



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Making *What We're Hungry For*

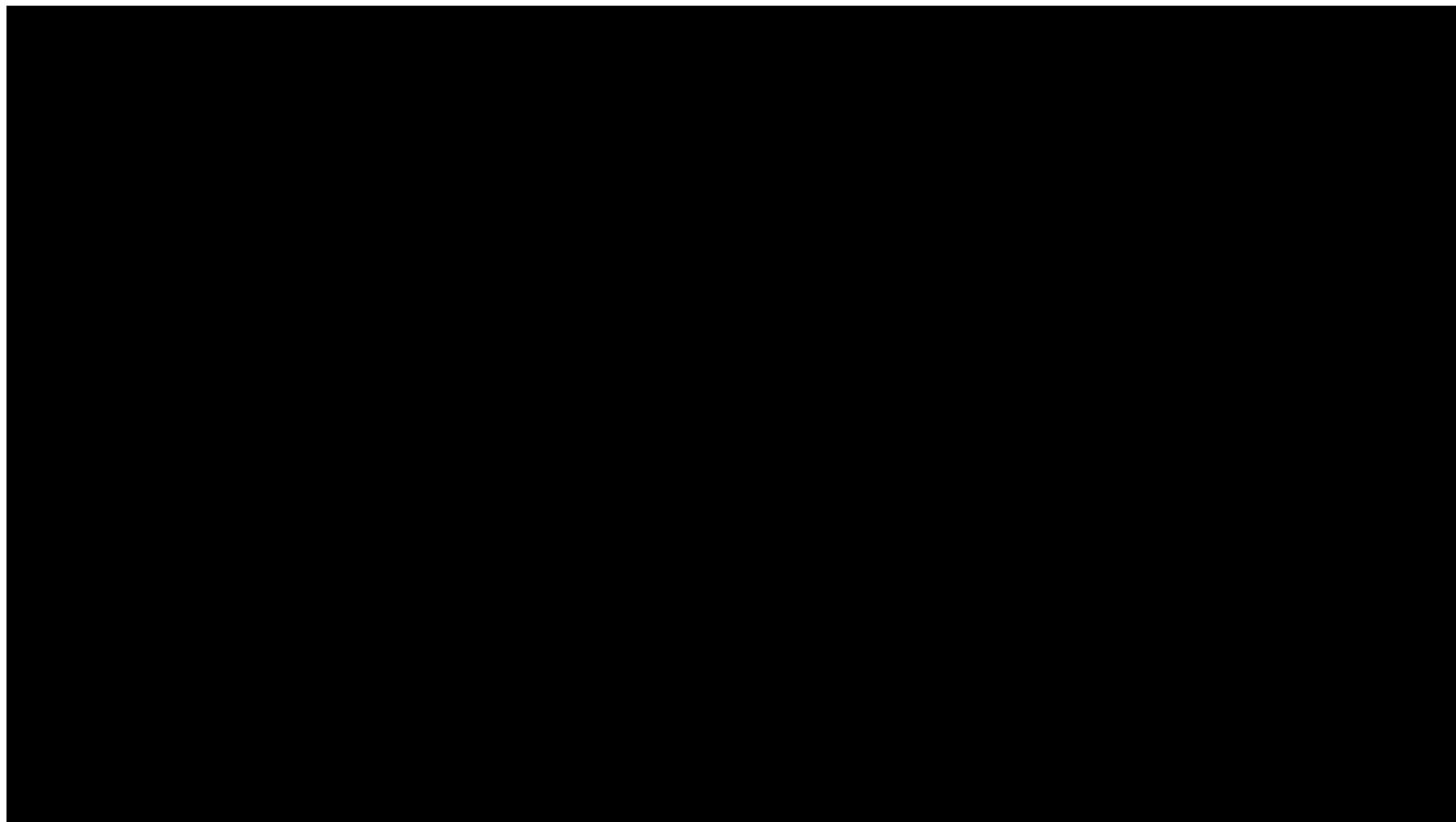
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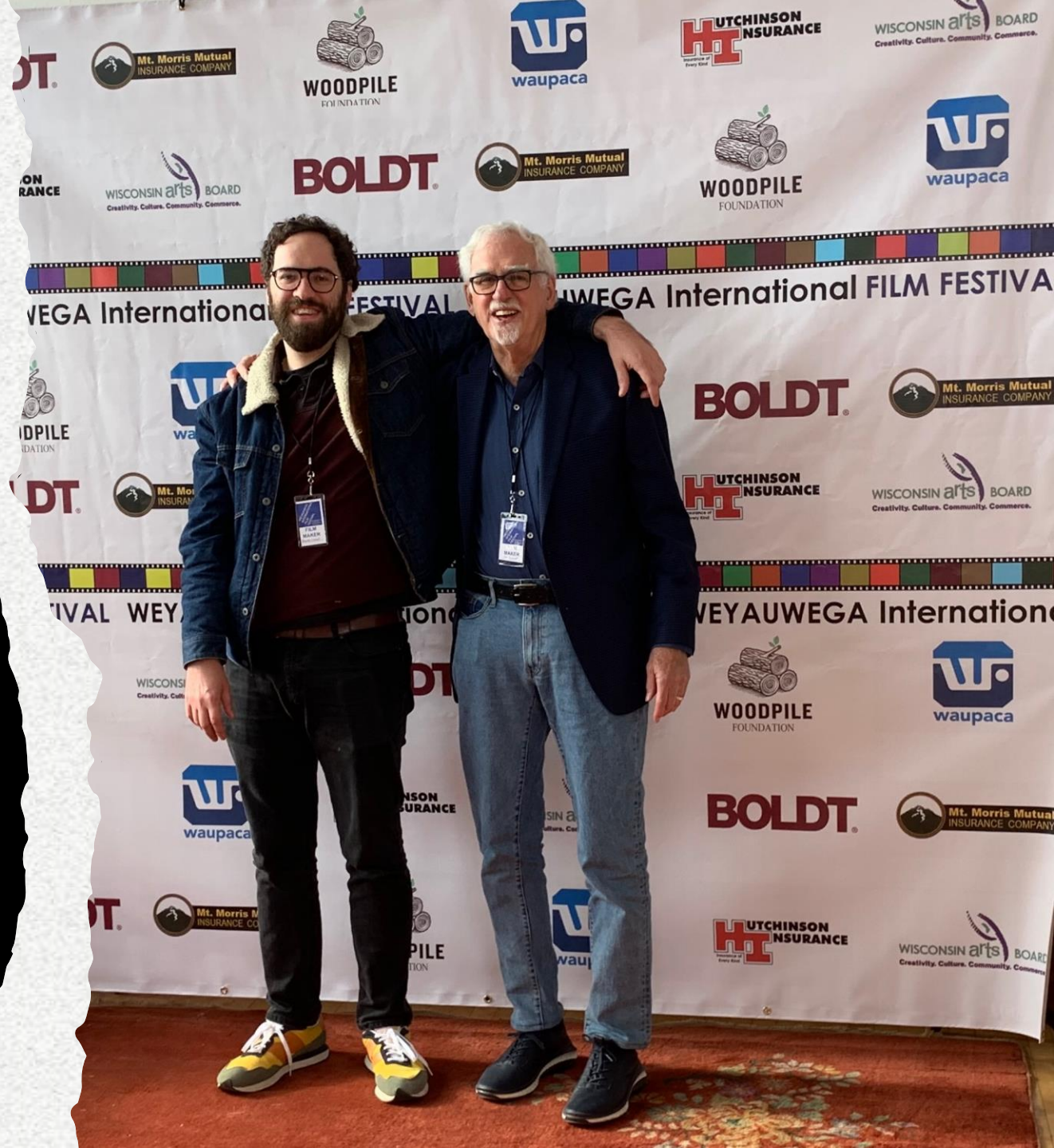
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Let's start  
with a clip  
from  
*What We're  
Hungry For*



# A Father-Son Filmmaking Team





**In 2020-2022, I made a documentary ... and FIVE FRIENDS**

# What I Learned



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## HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT IN THE PAST WEEK



Charts based on analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey and the Current Population Survey-Food Security Supplement (Judith Bartfeld)

The cumulative impact of the pandemic-related assistance programs and increase in the benefit levels

The screenshot shows the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel website. At the top, there are navigation links for News, Sports, Packers, Business, Communities, USA TODAY, Obituaries, E-Edition, Legals, and a search icon. The main article is in the 'POLITICS' section, titled 'About 92,000 children under 6 in Wisconsin to receive additional food assistance' by Patrick Marley. The article is dated May 5, 2021. To the right of the article is an advertisement for EYEBUY DIRECT, which offers 2-day delivery for eyeglasses. Below the article, there is a small photo of a child and a smartphone displaying the article.

The infographic has an orange header with the title 'September Emergency Allotments'. On the left side, there is a video of a woman in a blue jacket speaking. On the right side, there is a blue box with the title 'Emergency Allotment' and a list of three bullet points. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

### September Emergency Allotments

#### Emergency Allotment

- The USDA has approved Wisconsin's request to provide Emergency Allotments to FoodShare households for the month of September 2022
- Wisconsin's FoodShare Households will once again receive the maximum monthly food benefit amount
- Expect to see benefits available for use on QUEST cards on **September 18**



# What I Learned

- ARPA Child Tax Credit is the leading reason child poverty fell so precipitously from 9.7% in 2020 to 5.2% in 2021, the lowest rate on record.



The image is a screenshot of a blog post from the Economic Policy Institute. At the top left is the logo for the Economic Policy Institute. To the right of the logo are navigation links: "About", "Areas of Research", "Data Library", and "Publications". Below the navigation is a blue horizontal bar with the text "Working Economics Blog" in white. The main content area has a white background with a thin grey border. It contains the text "Posted September 22, 2022 at 4:00 pm by **Elise Gould**" in a small font. Below this is the main title of the post: "Child Tax Credit expansions were instrumental in reducing poverty rates to historic lows in 2021" in a large, bold, black font.

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Posted September 22, 2022 at 4:00 pm by **Elise Gould**

**Child Tax Credit expansions were instrumental in reducing poverty rates to historic lows in 2021**



## The Benefits and Costs of a Child Allowance

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 23 September 2022

Irwin Garfinkel, Laurel Sariscsany, Elizabeth Ananat, Sophie Collyer, Robert P. Hartley ,  
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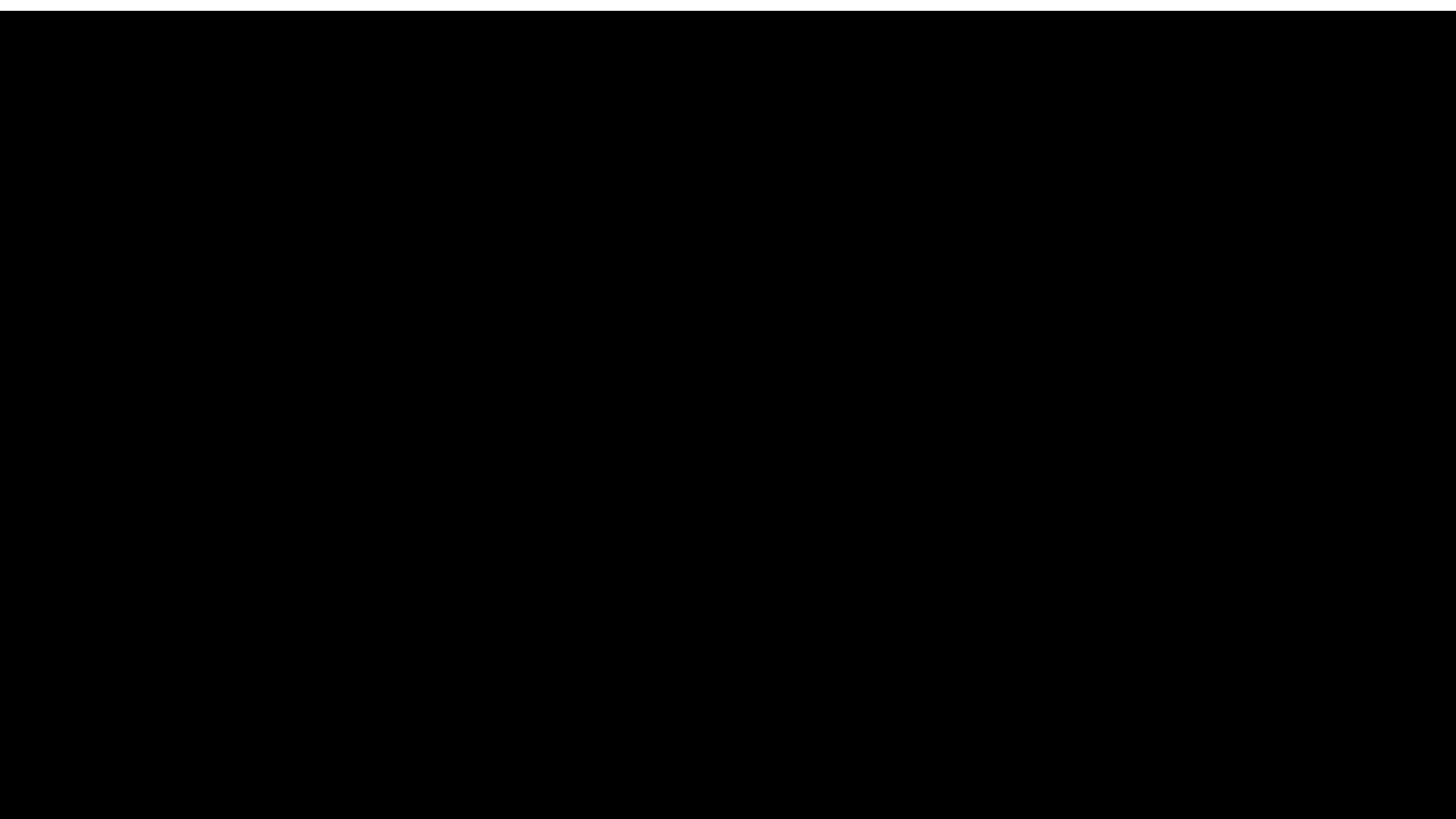


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- Our baseline estimates suggest that making the Child Tax Credit fully refundable and increasing its generosity is a remarkably good investment.
- The cost of the \$3000/\$3600 child allowance is \$97 billion per year and our best estimate of the total benefit for society is \$929 billion per year.



Wallace Stevens: “So much depends on a red wheelbarrow glazed with rainwater beside thered chickens.”



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## ***Justices in Wisconsin Order New Legislative Maps***

The ruling, coming just months after liberals gained a 4-to-3 majority on the State Supreme Court, could undo gerrymanders that have given Republicans lopsided control of the State Legislature.

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## **The Presidential candidates' positions on income security and food security could not be more different:**

- Mr. Trump argues that the SNAP program discourages work and attracts fraud. As President he repeatedly sought to shrink eligibility and expand work requirements, and every budget he issued would have cut spending on it by at least 25 percent.
- As a Senator, Ms. Harris championed the [Hunger-Free Americans Act](#) to address food insecurity, which focuses on increasing funding for food assistance programs. She has called for the return of the child tax credit as a top priority and would add a \$6,000 benefit for infants.

# What might be possible in Wisconsin

## **Universal free school meals**

- Eight states — California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Vermont — have passed Healthy School Meals for All policies so schools can offer all students school breakfast and lunch at no cost to families.
- State Senator Mark Spreitzer told me that this would be feasible with a divided legislature.

## **Loosening the restrictions on universal summer meals**



What might be  
possible in  
Wisconsin?

So much depends on November 6





## What I Learned (*or was reminded of*)

- That even with the most comprehensive food security policies, there will still be a need for food in cases of **emergencies**.
- For the present, the existence of a consistent source of monthly food makes a huge difference for many individuals/families.



# My Final Thoughts

# Your Thoughts and Reactions

