

## **If You Read But One Thing About Universal Childcare This Week**

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Line them up here. In this one section of universal childcare analysis by one of the smartest people in the country, Michal Rozworski, we see a number of significant policy issues addressed:

1. affordable childcare.
2. universality.
3. feminism.
4. including mothers in the workforce more effectively.
5. a better shot a living wage for childcare workers.
6. national standards.
7. standardized curricula and best practices.
8. economies of scale [for those obsessed with the business plan]

Ultimately, a winning paragraph in a winning analytical piece

While caring for children is an essential task, it is also an unequally distributed chore according to gender and made difficult by unequal material circumstances. A universal system of childcare would at least give more mothers more choice about how to use their time and facilitate their participation in the workforce if they choose. In addition, and especially if it were publicly delivered, it could improve working conditions for childcare workers, standardize curricula and levels of care and increase efficiency via economies of scale.

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