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<https://faculti.net/poverty-human-rights-and-the-cost-of-living-crisis/>

This video discusses the relationship between human rights, poverty, and the recent cost of living crisis. While the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related treaties do not explicitly include the right to be free from poverty, poverty is connected to the realization of various human rights, particularly economic, social, and cultural rights. The speaker argues that violations of property rights and positive obligations by the state can lead to poverty.

Poverty is described as a chronic deprivation that restricts individuals' capabilities and rights, including the right to an adequate standard of living, which encompasses food, housing, and clothing. The speaker emphasizes that if individuals could fully enjoy their human rights, they would be less likely to experience poverty.

The discussion also addresses the recent increase in poverty due to global crises, particularly in the context of rising inflation and living costs, which have left many unable to afford essential goods. This video crisis is seen as a deepening of already existing poverty conditions rather than a new phenomenon.

The speaker proposes that addressing and prioritizing economic, social, and cultural rights is crucial for creating societal resilience against future crises, preventing poverty, and fulfilling the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Ensuring mechanisms for income protection and social security is highlighted as necessary to safeguard against poverty and promote the realization of rights amidst economic challenges.