Ideological Viewpoints: Can you determine the bias?

Read the following viewpoints and label them either “Left-wing” or “Right-wing”.

A Boys without dads
Finally, someone has had the guts to stand up and speak the truth of the dysfunctional family and the impact that growing up fatherless has upon the children and the teens of both sexes within the black communities. (The Many Fatherless Boys In Black Families- Editorial, Nov. 26). While the Globe brings to light the issues, it holds back from stating the obvious fact that our government provides financial incentives to perpetuate the situation.

In Canada, we have strong, state-sponsored financial incentives for unwed teenage mothers to have and to keep their children, even in the absence of a caring nuclear family with which to provide a proper upbringing. Perhaps it’s time to adjust the way we help these troubled teens to avoid unwanted conceptions rather than reward them financially for having babies.

ROBERT SCIUK, Oshawa, Ont.

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B The assertion that black boys and young men without fathers in their homes are those who are doing the killing and being killed in the wave of the reckless public violence that has struck Toronto is a figment of the imagination of those who superficially look at the problems of violence and criminality in the same way as the proposition that banning 50 Cent from Canada would be a step in preventing gun violence.

We need to look at the big picture - how the schools are forcing black kids to drop out, why there are more black youth in closed custody than open custody. We must look at why systemic racism is still embedded within our institutions.

Maybe if the system focused more on education our black boys, stopped jailing them in large numbers, stopped racially profiling them and labeling them as criminals, and provided more community-focused counselling and intervention, then there might be some measure of hope to some who are fatherless.

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Explain why you chose the way you did:

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