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Abstract

In this paper I intend to explore the extent to which the Children's Aid Society (CAS) contributes to what they are trying to prevent and remedy. By this I contend that CAS can be a double-edged sword in their mission to help children; in efforts to create normalcy and stability in a child's life, often the very opposite occurs. I intend to examine the power of CAS and their interactions with families, and the children in those families that they seek to help. In this examination of power I will explore the diversity and importance of culture and values throughout society, and therefore throughout the children they are trying to help. More importantly or overall, I intend to examine the concept of observation and its effects, as this has been my main tool in exploring this organization.

I do not contend that I have any answers; however, I set out to offer a perspective, my perspective, concerning this organization and their interactions. The purpose and significance of my thoughts depend on the listener; this is not an argument set out to be proven, but it is a recording of what I think and what I have seen with my eyes.