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(i) Anyone has the option to opt out of employment at any time -- to care for the young or elderly, to undertake creative activities or voluntary work

(ii) Those with few skills no longer have to choose between poor jobs with bad conditions or else lose their benefits. Employers offering McJobs will be forced to offer better terms.

(iii) It becomes easier to take up work with irregular income (e.g. a lot of creative work)

(iv) Money wasted by the state in means testing and tracing benefit fraud is saved

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