

Urban Renewal and Its Critics

- When does a “neighborhood” become a “slum”?
- How does one achieve a balance between “renewal” and “preservation”?

Title I of the 1949 Housing Act

- Federal Urban Redevelopment Program
- “...the city supposedly was to be cleansed of its ugly past and reclothed in the latest modern attire.”
(Jon C. Teafor)
- It was all things to all people:
 - central city business
 - mayors and city councils
 - social welfare leaders

urban redevelopment won congressional approval “because different groups of people, like the blind men feeling the elephant, made entirely different assumptions as to the essential nature and purpose of this legislation.”

- *Catherine Bauer*





















