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Media Imagery and the Competition Over Motherhood in America



The media's fixation with motherhood has produced two prevailing and opposing images: the "canonized celebrity mom" and the "demonized welfare mother." How and why did these images arise, and what are their implications for mothers and for public policy?

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