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This article draws on research conducted with people who have experience of claiming welfare benefits in the UK. The research found that people who claim welfare benefits often have to perform their welfare status in order to access benefits. This involves presenting themselves in a way that is

consistent with the stereotypes of welfare recipients, and it can be a degrading and humiliating experience.

The precariousness of welfare is not simply a matter of financial insecurity. It is also a social and cultural issue. People who claim welfare benefits are often stigmatized and excluded from society. They are seen as lazy, workshy, and undeserving. This stigma can make it difficult for people to claim benefits, and it can also lead to discrimination and exclusion.

The performances of welfare are a way of resisting this stigma. By performing their welfare status, people who claim benefits are challenging the stereotypes that are associated with welfare recipients. They are also asserting their right to access benefits, and they are demanding a more just and equitable society.

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The performances of welfare can take many different forms. Some people may choose to perform their welfare status by dressing in a way that is consistent with the stereotypes of welfare recipients. Others may choose to perform their welfare status by talking about their experiences of claiming benefits. Still others may choose to perform their welfare status by participating in protests or other forms of activism.

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