



THE ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE  
OF WOMEN

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## Abstract

This thesis is about women's experience of economic dependence on a husband or on a state payment. It explores the attitudes and feelings that a small group of Adelaide women have toward their own economic dependence. Does their economic dependence cause them to feel dependent in extended ways?

This exploration highlights both social and economic advantages and disadvantages as a result of economic (in)dependence, and it uncovers some complexities and contradictions inherent in the concept 'dependence', suggesting a need to rethink this concept.

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