

Payday Lending and Florida Students

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What is payday lending?

• Who is paying attention to this industry?

• How can we curb predatory lending?







Definition

- Payday Lending is a type of <u>predatory lending</u>:

 Unfair credit practice that harms the borrower and eventually affects the credit or ownership interest of the borrower
- Payday lending growth



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National Statistics

- # McDonald's compared to # payday lenders

 Florida ranks #14
 - (728 McDonald's/1,164 payday lenders)

•California ranks #1

- (1,165 McDonald's/2,451 payday lenders)
- These states currently prohibit payday lenders oCT, GA, MD, MA, NJ, NY, NC, VT





The Lender

- Business model DEPENDS on repeat loans
- Not focused on applicant's ability to repay
- Providing a "valuable" service
 OValuable or lucrative?
- Follow the money:
 - oTies to Wall Street
 - oFunded by banks that were bailed out in 2008





The Borrower







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The Borrower







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Recognize any of these?













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Locations

- Lower-income neighborhoods
- Storefront lenders used by 75%
- Online lenders used by 25%
- Online sources
 - Payday Loans: 28,400,000 results in .3 seconds
- TV Commercials









- Female (25-44 years of age) or
- Separated/divorced or
- Renter not homeowner or
- No 4 year degree (yet) or
- Earning less than \$40K/year





How It Works



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About that fee...

Simple formula for Annual Percentage Rate:

(cost of loan/amount of loan) divided by length of loan x 365 days

In this scenario: (\$55/\$500) divided by 14 days x 365 = **286.79%**

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Back to our scenario:



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Here's what REALLY happens:





















What about Florida students? How do they fit into this scenario?



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If you are a college student and cannot buy the necessary supplies needed for the next semester because the check that has been sent from home is a bit late, or because the student loan is taking too much time to be processed, you could chose to apply for a back to school PayDay loan. There are several college students who work during the year. However, the money that is earned sometimes is not enough to buy any of the books and supplies needed for the following semester. Back to school PayDay loans can prove to be very helpful. Besides, these are quick and easy to obtain and there is no paperwork required or other forms of documentation. The only requirement is that you have a steady income. You could apply for a PayDay loan online and receive the money quite fast, so you can go ahead and be completely prepared for the new semester.

PayDay Loans for Teachers

Some teachers around the world have to deal with a low income period, particularly in the summer months. If you have to live paycheck to paycheck during the summer months, you could apply for a PayDay loan. A PayDay loan would be ideal, at least until you receive the first full paycheck. All you need to do is fill out a simple application form online and receive the money that you need within a short period of time to purchase whatever supplies you need before starting school in September.





We're Not Alone: United Kingdom

- 2% of undergrads used payday loans in 2014
- 2% = 46,000 students
- Ads run on <u>sandwich wrappers</u> in cafés near university campuses and colleges
- Encourages a casual attitude about loans





Who is paying attention?

- National People's Action Research:
 - Profiting from Poverty: How Pay Day Lenders Strip Wealth from the Working Poor for Record Profits
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- Pew Charitable Trust surveys
- Chicago's Financial Literacy Summit
- President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability of Young Americans









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What's being done?

- CFPB proposed regulations to rein in payday lenders
 - oPros
 - More aggressive targeting 400% rates and above
 - Requires lenders to ensure borrowers have means to repay
 - Limits on rollovers: only allows 2 rollovers in a 12 month period
 - Ceiling rate of 28% for credit more than 45 days
 - Monthly payments cannot go beyond 5% of pretax income

oCons

- Payday lenders can use federal regulations to overrule tougher state regulations
- Loopholes that might be exploited by payday lenders

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Loophole: Tribal connections do not have to follow state or local laws.

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NEW: Payroll Debit Cards – Another Loophole?

- Some allow borrowers to borrow for days worked in between pay periods
- How do the providers of payroll debit cards make money?
- Follow the money...





Providers of Payroll Debit Cards

- Around the country most payroll cards are issued by eight big banks:
 - JP Morgan
 - Bank of America
 - Wells Fargo
 - Citibank
 - U.S. Bank
 - PNC
 - Comerica
 - BB&T



What can WE do?



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Educate our Students

"An informed consumer is less likely to be taken advantage of."

Warren Buffet



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Ideas to Consider

- Teach our students about ALTERNATIVES to payday lending
- Incorporate money management into campus financial literacy initiative or college success classes
- Start a mentoring group of students helping high school students with money management





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Lesson Plans

- St. Louis Federal Reserve
 - <u>https://www.stlouisfed.org/education_resources/assets</u>
 <u>/lesson_plans/paycheck/IYP_lesson8.pdf</u>
- Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov)
 - <u>http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0022-</u> <u>financial-educators</u>





Community Resources

- Bank On Florida
 - oDesigned for unbanked/underbanked people
- Florida Prosperity Partnership
 - oVITA
 - Promoting awareness with local task forces



Advocacy Opportunities

• Write legislators – empower students to have a voice in this matter

 Join forces with other community-based organizations or faith-based groups to promote awareness



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