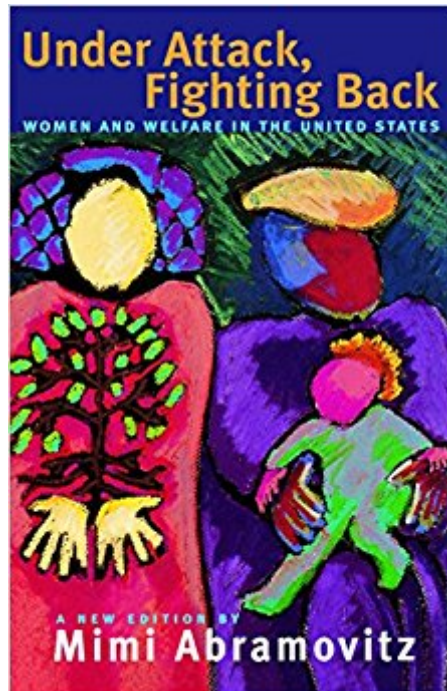




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Mimi Abramovitz is a professor at the Hunter College School of Social Work and author of *Regulating the Lives of Women: Social Welfare Policy from Colonial Times to the Present* (1988), as well as many articles on women, poverty, and social policy for professional journals and the popular press.

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