Subject: How equal are we? Posted by Crimson on Fri, 23 Jul 2004 22:52:41 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

No, you're not seeing the big picture. There are some people who just don't have the intelligence, skills, patience, whatever, to be a millionaire or a star athlete. Some people would love to get what they need and sit at home all day.

Like the joke about a rich businessman who approached some young (20-something) adult on the beach.

Quote: One day a fisherman was lying on a beautiful beach, with his fishing pole propped up in the sand and his solitary line cast out into the sparkling blue surf. He was enjoying the warmth of the afternoon sun and the prospect of catching a fish. About that time, a businessman came walking down the beach, trying to relieve some of the stress of his workday. He noticed the fisherman sitting on the beach and decided to find out why this fisherman was fishing instead of working harder to make a living for himself and his family. "You aren't going to catch many fish that way," said the businessman to the fisherman. "You should be working rather than lying on the beach!" The fisherman looked up at the businessman, smiled and replied, "And what will my reward be?" "Well, you can get bigger nets and catch more fish!" was the businessman's answer. "And then what will my reward be?" asked the fisherman, still smiling. The businessman replied, "You will make money and you'll be able to buy a boat, which will then result in larger catches of fish!" "And then what will my reward be?" asked the fisherman again. The businessman was beginning to get a little irritated with the fisherman's questions. "You can buy a bigger boat, and hire some people to work for you!" he said. "And then what will my reward be?" repeated the fisherman. The businessman was getting angry. "Don't you understand? You can build up a fleet of fishing boats. sail all over the world, and let all your employees catch fish for you!" Once again the fisherman asked, "And then what will my reward be?" The businessman was red with rage and shouted at the fisherman, "Don't you understand that you can become so rich that you will never have to work for your living again! You can spend all the rest of your days sitting on this beach, looking at the sunset. You won't have a care in the world!" The fisherman, still smiling, looked up and said, "And what do you think I'm doing right now?"

Anyway, my point is... where does it end?

First, you try to boost people over the wall... some people are too short and can't get over it.

Next, you make the wall lower, but there still will be people who can't get over it.

Next, you start pushing people off the wall so they can't get over either, and the ones who can't won't feel so bad about their failures.

Competition is what makes us succeed overall. "Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door"

You are truly the heart and soul of what's horribly scary about a liberal. Coupled with your blatant insistence not to look at facts or logic. You are a die-hard, hard core liberal to the bitter end with absolutely no open mind at all.