
Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People
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Hydra wrote on Mon, 20 June 2005 00:25

You don't fix poverty by throwing money at the poor--you change their destructive lifestyles. How do you do that? By addressing each and every person on an individual basis and working with him to change his self-destructive habits.

Throwing money at them in the form of a welfare check every month is no way to change self-destructive habits, but that seems to be all that the government is capable of.

I never meant to say that I liked the way welfare was being delt as it stands, because I don't . I understand that a destructive lifestyle is not necessarily deserving of any kind of assurance cheque in the mail allowing them to keep that lifestyle continuous, I was referring to those you REALLY need it. And I'm sure I don't need to elaborate on who those people are, because 99% of them would be temporarily on welfare.

Quote:Last time I checked, neither of us have that right.

Not according to the Declaration of Independence. "Inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." That whole thing (not really expecting you to know that, though, since you're Canadian).[/quote]

Well, I've always been a tad confused about what exactly they mean when they say liberty, because I see liberty being raped out of many Americans all of the time. It depends on how far that definition is expanded, really.

Quote:There is no Constitutional guarantee of a warm bed to sleep in and free food, so why should I have money I've earned taken from me and given to someone else?

Because that is dependant on what you consider the role of government to be. I personally like the idea of giving everyone at LEAST a warm bed to sleep in, and food to those who have the initiative and will to earn it. Unfortunately, not everyone who has that can get the job done, but they've tried their best and I feel that is worth something-- at least on a moral level.