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Subject: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2005 16:23:28 GMT  
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Generally, rich people are rich because they have an ambitious drive to be successful, and they work hard to achieve that success.

Generally, poor people are poor because they lack that drive and work ethic; they also lead a self-destructive lifestyle that keeps them poor.

In short, rich people keep doing the things that make them rich, while poor people keep doing the things that make them poor.

The only way to turn a poor person around from poverty is to change his individual lifestyle.

Agree or disagree?

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Javacx](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2005 17:28:42 GMT  
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It's a good thing you put down "generally", otherwise there would be some serious issues with your argument.

And because you put down generally, that's why I believe welfare is a necessity in society. How it is managed is, of course another story, but that isn't something I'm versed in or care really to argue about. The fact of the matter is, some poor people are that way out of sheer misfortune in life-- lay offs, circumstance, whatever. They have the drive to succeed, and they eventually will. But that doesn't mean they don't need a helping hand in order to get to where they need to go.

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Posted by [kinghigh1](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2005 17:53:08 GMT  
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.....what else can you say,javac got a point.

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Posted by [Fabian](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2005 17:56:24 GMT  
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Another good point

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2005 18:40:29 GMT  
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Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2005 20:50:21 GMT

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2005 22:02:18 GMT

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You paid absolutely no attention to what I said, did you?

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sat, 18 Jun 2005 02:57:09 GMT  
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Yeah, but that doesn't mean we should take their money and absorb it into the government coffers just because some kids are spoiled...

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Posted by [zgunner12](#) on Sat, 18 Jun 2005 03:05:07 GMT  
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Posted by [kinghigh1](#) on Sat, 18 Jun 2005 03:13:23 GMT  
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WTF are you talking about.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [zgunner12](#) on Sat, 18 Jun 2005 03:15:52 GMT  
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At least in my general area.Or as I always say "You can't believe everything in the news."

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sat, 18 Jun 2005 04:36:11 GMT  
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My mother spends her day around people "in need" of welfare. She works as undercover security for stores, stopping shoplifters. She sees daily, a misuse of bridge cards. People buying beer, shrimp, and steaks with their money they make, but plop down a fucking WIC check for the essentials.

In short, welfare should be reserved for people recently unemployed and looking for a job. People that do drugs should AUTOMATICALLY be exempt from any form of welfare until they break addiction and the government should make sure they continue that as long as they have a check. They should also have to sign a form saying they will not have any more children while on welfare. They must also be looking for a job while on the check. Theres probably alot of points Im missing, but Im sure you'll let me know about them.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [kinghigh1](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 00:57:56 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 01:22:50 GMT  
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kinghigh1 wrote on Sat, 18 June 2005 20:57No need if you know you missing a shit load.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [kinghigh1](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 01:58:39 GMT  
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lol, your point...

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [bigejoe14](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 02:47:02 GMT  
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Are you black?

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [kinghigh1](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 03:01:59 GMT  
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nah, I'm white

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 03:18:34 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [prox](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 03:38:33 GMT  
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Wealth is inherited. However, poorness isn't. If you're born poor you have a choice to make, you can either stay poor, or wake up and do something about it. If your parents are rich you're pretty much going to be rich too, that's a fact. You don't have a billion dollar father to live in a trashcan.

[something's terribly grammatically wrong with this paragraph, I'm falling asleep here. Somebody fix it ]

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 03:56:27 GMT  
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prox wrote on Sat, 18 June 2005 23:38: Wealth is inherited.... If your parents are rich you're pretty much going to be rich too, that's a fact. You don't have a billion dollar father to live in a trashcan. No amount of money guarantees endless wealth; you can make hundreds of millions of dollars and literally squander it all.

As well, you aren't guaranteed your parents' possessions/assets if they have a will that dictates who receives what when they die (unless they don't have a will, that is). Even then, you can still squander what you inherited and end up poor. You aren't guaranteed wealth simply because your parents are wealthy.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 04:20:52 GMT  
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I do agree with Prox's last statement. You don't inherit poorness from your parents. You make your own future using everything you have, even if it isn't much.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 05:38:46 GMT  
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Hydra wrote on Sat, 18 June 2005 23:18: Why does there need to be a government program when private charities and the poor individual's close friends and family could do the job?

Well, the problem with charity is that it is circumstantial and does not necessarily address everyone that may "need" welfare. I have little problem paying a percentage of my taxes to see that someone else can get back on their feet and help support my own healthcare.

The way I see it, to those who need it, to give a little is to get a little. If the government wants to regulate it, so be it. I have no problem letting them do the grunt work over something I would

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have little time to do anyway.

Quote:Besides, don't I have a right to be greedy?

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 05:41:37 GMT  
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Hey, if you've got beachfront property in Panama City, invite me over so I can visit or something.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [kinghigh1](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 11:42:12 GMT  
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Yeah, me too

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 04:25:16 GMT  
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Javaxcx wrote on Sun, 19 June 2005 01:38Well, the problem with charity is that it is circumstantial and does not necessarily address everyone that may "need" welfare.

Sure, no single charity can ever administer to everyone who needs a "helping hand"--that's why there are literally hundreds if not thousands or even tens of thousands of charity organizations on the entire North American continent.

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.

Quote:I have little problem paying a percentage of my taxes to see that someone else can get back on their feet

That's the problem with welfare--it doesn't help people get back on their feet.

It doesn't force them to change their self-destructive lifestyles. It enables them to continue being poor since it's a source of free money for them to squander on beer and lottery tickets.

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 ).

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?

Sidenote (not directed at you, Javaxcx): it's funny how people who often accuse others of being "heartless" and "selfish" only want to play with other people's money--never their own. The government doesn't need to step in and take my money from me and give it to someone else. I can do it just as well on my own without needing the government to take it from me.

Why don't you get your hand out of my pocket and put it back in your own? Instead of taking my money from me and giving it to others, you can try giving up some of your own money. Who's the greedy one now, hypocrite?

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Though the property will be as good as ours in the next few days (contract competitor can't find financing in time allowed by his contract; we already have financing all lined up), we probably won't close on it 'till July.

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 05:39:36 GMT  
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"Hydra"and the pursuit of happiness

Thank you for pointing this out Hydra, the pursuit of happiness requires one to "pursue" it, not have it handed to them.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 09:48:06 GMT  
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You know where a really nice place to get help back on your feet is? Church.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 17:40:06 GMT  
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I have absolutely no problem paying for disability. I think that is a good thing. My brother is on disability because he has autism and cannot get a job. Because of his peculiar social nature he always loses them at the interview. He can't help that though. He's 23 and works at the library now one day a week. That's not enough to get by on. What I am not for however are people just scamming the welfare office. I don't want any kids to starve, but I think they should have Welfare

case workers, who would seem to make the system larger, but maybe in the long run will save some money. Also they could maybe give designated welfare checks. This is a check for food. Already made out to whatever grocer is near their house. This check is for utilities, made out to Nicor Gas. You know what I mean?

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 20:26:44 GMT  
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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.

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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.

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Just simply to point it out, the Canadian Charter isn't that much different. "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice." Of course the idea we have of "reasonable limits" to our rights, whereas American rights are absolute, might have something to do with the difference of opinions; rather than not knowing what the Declaration of Independence states.

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You're not a church-goer, are you? Would be great if you are, but I've had the impression that you aren't... Unless you're talking about churches handing you money.

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Subject: Re: Rich People vs. Poor People  
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2005 17:17:26 GMT  
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No, I'm not a church goer. My beliefs don't follow any organized religion. But I know several churches will give you a box of food when you can't afford groceries. My dad's friend's wife, before the friend married her, was down on her luck and the mormon church set up her up with a modest apartment and helped her get a job, and now she's most definitely on her feet. No one cares about the faceless government giving them money (even though the government doesn't have a dime until it takes the money from us -- they don't realize this or think about it)... but taking money from the church is like taking money from God himself, and its significantly less likely to be abused.

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Yeah, it's interesting to watch that if you happen onto some money, you're more likely to spend it irresponsibly, but if you know where it came from, or who gave it to you, you're more likely to spend it wisely.

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