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Put Me In Charge

Alfred W. Evans (2010) writes in his article how the poor must work for more. As an example believes the poor should be given food rather than food stamps, in order to make sure they are not wasting the food on junk food. If they want something more expensive, such as a steak, they should get a job to pay for one. He explains how if the poor wants a little extra, like the use of alcohol, an Xbox, and things like that, it is only fair they obtain a job whether it be a government job or not. In a sense I agree with Evans it is unfair the poor uses other people’s money to buy unnecessary things they do not need. I do realize it is hard getting jobs, but that doesn’t mean you can spend other people’s money to buy things not for the greater good.

Fast Check

Carole Fader (2013) wrote a letter of what she witnessed as a woman abused her Lone Card. She bought meats with her Lone Card and junk food with cash, then after loaded the groceries into a nice truck. Fader (2013) goes on to say those on welfare shouldn’t drink, do drugs, get pregnant, or get piercings. I agree that those on welfare should be monitored so those of us paying for them know our money is being spent wisely on them, not paying for things they don’t need.

Why Tea Party Lawmakers Are Trying to Conflate Poverty and Drug Addiction

This article states how Georgia wants to pass a law for those on welfare to be drug tested. Unfortunately this case will not hold up in court. In my mind it is a good idea for those on welfare to be tested. Why give help to those who abuse it? Testing those on welfare will allow kids to grow up in a safer environment and even allow those on welfare to obtain a job easier.

Drug Testing for Welfare Recipients and Public Assistance

This article is about drug testing those on welfare. Yet, it goes on to say that the “suspicion” of someone using drugs or “random” testing of anyone would be unconstitutional. If someone on welfare is
convicted of a crime or has past experiences with drug abuse I think it is only fair to test them. Those of us not on welfare work hard for our money only to give it to someone who abuses it and waste it on drugs.

What 7 States Discovered After Spending More Than $1 Million Drug Testing Welfare Recipients

This article claims that if we test people on welfare and they fail they should be taken off of any government help programs. It only seems fair that if someone isn’t using the money given to them in the right ways why should they get the money at all? Also by taking them off welfare will cut down costs and save everyone else money. But the article questions this because I some states drug testing has been going on for a while and there has been no progress. I think it is still worth a shot to try to get those who abuse welfare off the program and give more to those who use it for the greater good. If after a while there is still no success we should try a different method.

Ten Examples of Welfare for the Rich

There are multiple tax breaks and subsidies for the rich corporations. This articles gives you a list of how the federal, local, and state government provides these corporations. Such as showing the amount of money given to such large corporations. They have been given millions, some even billions, to places like amazon or Microsoft. Corporations like these already make so much money, but I am sure a little extra won’t hurt if they use it towards bettering their products or research. If they are using it for higher salaries or paying off their wrong doing they should not be allowed this money.

Poor Pee-Ple

This video makes fun of drug testing those on welfare. The legislators contradict themselves when they say the poor abuses drugs more than the common population, yet says only 2% of those on welfare fail. All the legislators then refuse to take the drug test even though they are being paid by the tax payers as well. Not saying they are using drugs but is it unconstitutional to them? If so why would they require others to do it? This video makes me think that more research should be looked at before siding with those who want the test.
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