

Re: OT: Inflation in the US

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radiosrfun wrote:

[...]

I don't know, I just don't know ... but, looks as if we are going to need smarter politicians than we have now. Krist, in California we gave up looking for them—we have just been hiring actors to play the part of governors! <LOL>

However, when a young man, I lost a job—over-extended myself—yanno, the standard story of "The BIG Mistake." I was too proud to let the family know (brought it on myself—I was to be the one to get me out of the mess.) As everything began to "shake out", spent three weeks at a salvation army and got a job in construction (engineering degree at the time too.) First paycheck was enough to get into an apt., a few new clothes and eat well. Took my time, turned down "easier jobs" and got on with a well established, well paying company which had been stable for decades with excellent services/products—worked there with excellent benefits (paid doctor, hospital, prescriptions, even psychiatric!) and wages until they were purchased by a foreign interest and CHANGED! Met my wife, bought the house and moved on to greener pastures. Point is, today would that be so easy? I mean with laborers on every corner willing to work for wages I'd/most would laugh at?

Even my kids, I had to help them much more than I needed. Not because they are lazy, not because they would not work, not because they were not educated. I was at their sides and seen the reality—the opportunities had "dried up", compared to my time—lucky I had contacts which could assist in the industry—became not what-you-know but who-you-know. This new generation, in my humble opinion, faces even more severe "hills to climb."

Example:

Down in the LA area, showed up to work and the foreman was just "on my b*tt!" Told him off and walked off ... several blocks later that same day, had a new job which paid a little bit more.

The money, ten/twenty bucks to someone on the street which strikes my heart?—I only have the power to give it, or not. What they do with it is on them—I lost all desire to be a control freak decades ago ... my kids have all been raised, don't wish to be a pseudo-parent to any others.

Others mileage may vary ...

Regards,

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