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On Sat, 6 Sep 2008 23:58:28 -0700 (PDT), bill.sloman@xxxxxxxx wrote:

On Sep 7, 5:46 am, Joerg <[notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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On Sep 6, 3:54 pm, "Jon Slaughter"  
<[Jon\\_Slaugh...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:Jon_Slaugh...@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Does this argument make sense? (cause a friend of mine seems not to think so)

The fact that kids who's parents that "live" on welfare also end up "living" on welfare verses the kids who's parents do not live on welfare prove that welfare does not work in getting people off welfare.

The US system of giving parents inadequate welfare, so their kids don't live well enough to be able to do well at school is indeed a foolish system.

European welfare is pitched that little bit higher and seems to avoid this particular pitfall.

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Yeah, right. I've heard kids openly say "Why should I apply for a job? Then I have to pay taxes and I get more money from welfare anyway."

That was in the country where you now live, and the very reason why I left that country.

[...]

I can't say much about the Netherlands – though a kid who can't get a job is very likely to claim that they prefer to live on welfare, rather than admit that they can't persuade anybody to hire them.

I can say more about poverty in Melbourne in the late 1960's where the Melbourne University Economics department did a huge and detailed poverty survey which they then analysed with the university's shiny new IBM 7040/44 computer. For a while I was going out with one of the researchers and took her to a graduate student party where one of the duller right wing students made pretty much the same claim that you've just made, and I greatly enjoyed watching her take him to pieces on the basis of the survey results, which she knew intimately.

Basically, people fell into poverty in Melbourne at that time because something went wrong – usually medical – which pulled them out of work, and they had considerable difficulty getting back into work if they didn't skills that were in heavy demand. Employers preferred to hire youngsters –because they were cheaper and more biddable, and we frightened of hiring adults who had had to drop out of work – for whatever reason – for fear that it might happen again.

Aha! So that's your excuse ?:-)

...Jim Thompson

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Liberals are so ignorant...

They don't even know the definition of ignorant

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