

Re: MSNBC (Oberg) – Deadly space lessons go unheeded

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:> :Jim Oberg wrote:

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:> :> "JazzMan" <No_Spam@airmail.net> wrote

:> :> > I have what's considered fairly decent insurance through my

:> :> > employer, coverage that I could in no way afford on my own

:> :> > since it runs upwards of \$6,000/year,

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:> :> You can't afford it? Or you prefer to spend the money on something else,

:> :> and expect somebody else to pay your medical expenses? Like your big

:> :> house, your cars, your vacations? Can't afford to pay for life–saving goods

:> :> and services, for other people's wages?

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:> :Can't afford it. I don't have a big house, or even a small

:> :house. In fact, I rent a lot for my mobile home because that's

:> :what I can afford. Even still, my rent has gone up by almost

:> :one hundred percent in the last five years and it's really

:> :hurting. I don't have a fancy new car, I drive an eighteen

:> :year old GM that I can keep running without spending a fortune

:> :on modern tools and diagnostic aids. I haven't taken a real

:> :vacation in years, well, actually, never. Not in my whole

:> :twenty five year working career. Why? The places I'd like to

:> :go (Scotland, Australia) cost too much to go to and stay at.

:> :Paying for my health coverage would consume enough of my

:> :after tax income that I would have to abandon my home and go

:> :homeless.

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:> Yet you can afford a computer and internet access.

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:> Yeah, right.

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:Yep, I can afford this P-200 computer that I built out of
:junk I dug out of a dumpster and parts I bought on closout
:at the local flea market five years ago. I think all total
:that I've got about \$60 into this rig. Spread out over five
:years I think that's about a dollar a month. Big whoop.
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:Internet access? Sure! Let's see,
:get rid of the internet access and save \$20 a month, that'll
:go a long way toward paying \$500/month for health insurance.
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:I don't have a cell phone, BTW, don't have cable or other
:pay TV services (too expensive), and pretty much have
:pared my monthly expenses down to the essentials of shelter
:and food. I do admit to splurging last Christmas and buying
:myself all three LotR soundtracks, that set me back almost
:\$50.
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:The whole "afford the internet" thing is a distortion designed
:to create a false impression in people's minds. Yep, just because
:I can afford the internet I'm automatically able to afford
:all the luxuries and toys in life.
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:Right...

Spend all the time, effort, and money you expend on the internet on
bettering your situation. Other people do it all the time. Sitting
there whining to the rest of us doesn't help you and merely makes you
look like a worthless beggar.

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"Some people get lost in thought because it's such unfamiliar
territory."

--G. Behn