

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

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On Fri, 28 Jan 2005 22:15:49 -0600, in a place far, far away, JazzMan <No\_Spam@airmail.net> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

>> *The fact that it's not taxed if your employer pays it, but is taxed if  
>> you do, is one of the fundamental problems with the system.*  
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>*Not only that, but for someone making 5\$.15 an hour it doesn't  
>matter simply because even if they spent 100% of their net  
>income on medical insurance to the exclusion of food, shelter,  
>child costs, etc, they still wouldn't be able to get good  
>medical care.*  
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>*I challenge all you allegedly intelligent people here to sit  
>down and write out a simple budget using real world numbers  
>and show proof that someone making minimum wage can afford  
>health insurance and live a minimal life out of the rain on  
>at least 1,600 calories a day.*

Why are they making minimum wage?