

Reasons Why Keeping People Poor May Help the Rich and Powerful

- ◆ Being poor keeps people more docile and easier to control.
- ◆ Lessens their ability to advocate for themselves (poor nutrition, less healthy, less energy, less money for organizing, tendency to apathy).
- ◆ Provides and identifies a large group of people with a poor voting record (politically good to know and plan for).
- ◆ Helps the rich to become richer through the availability of a population that can easily be exploited.
- ◆ Provides a pool of deprived people from which to obtain low-wage workers (passive coercion).
- ◆ A certain percentage of the rich and powerful are psychopathic and derive pleasure from the manipulation of the less powerful.
- ◆ Appearing to help the poor can be good for the egos of the rich and powerful.
- ◆ Some organizations derive income from dealing with the poor--they depend on having poor people for their existence.
- ◆ Provides employment for highly-educated overseers such as administrators and case workers.
- ◆ Establishes a harsh "lesson" for those in better income circumstances to "toe the line" (hell awaits if you don't).
- ◆ Sets up a useful law enforcement distraction to take attention away from wealthy wrong doers (who do the police believe look suspicious?).
- ◆ Provides a useful lesson about "success" (look what happens if you don't do what those in power think you should do—if there are winners, there must be losers).