## The Economic Wisdom of Poor People

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This is a collection of various "words of wisdom" I have heard over my many years from a wide variety of people who think they are smart but are in reality know less than nothing about anything. The news media seems to seek out these people for interview at every economic turn. Some of it is even spoken by the media itself. I have heard this crap for too long. So to purge myself of the disgust I decided to assemble the various stupidities into a speech given by one select person representing all. Over the years I have observed a huge distinction between low-income people who are striving to work their way up the economic ladder and do and "poor" people who are perfectly content doing the least possible but see themselves as victims of those who strive. Their key attribute is entitlement syndrome and that is what this piece is about. Nothing in this piece applies to striving low-incomers and I am not interested in any moronic attempt to equate the two.

It is written in the typical style I have heard here in the southern United States. In a number of cases the dialect resembles that found in some black communities but I have heard poor whites say identical things and in print there really is no difference. So, do not try to read any race or even gender into this as it is universal. My intent with this is to make people wake up to reality. You can not solve problems while wearing the blinders of political correctness. I would like to see the problems solved. I think they can be solved. But it is going to take an attitude change among both poor and non-poor alike.

Is this the truth? You bet! Is this politically correct? Absolutely! Really, you ask? Well, every individual statement in the following is politically correct in of itself so if all the parts are correct then it logically follows that the entirety must be politically correct as well – well, maybe politically correct like a fox. I have often said that political correctness is bullshit and on this horrid example I rest my case.

For the record, my political perspective is that of Libertarian. Democrats tend to believe that government subsidies are the answer to social problems and seek to impose that and enrich themselves. Republicans tend to believe that the Bible is the answer to social problems and seek government to impose that and enrich themselves. My perspective is that neither is the solution and that the answers to many of life's problems can be found in personal motivation without government or religious involvement. My personal observation over the years is that free money only encourages more laziness and that religion discourages personal motivation. I have observed many with personal motivation that moved up the economic ladder without either government or religious help in any way or in other cases made wise use of help. I have never seen the other approaches work in of themselves. Regardless of who is given credit, personal motivation is what actually worked. Governments and religions can and have played a role in making things possible but personal motivation is required for success.

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The real title of this presentation is:

The Ecomic Naledge of Por Peoples by I. B. Noes

I are a por person and I work hard an pays lots of taxis. I using dis optunity to tell yu rich folks tings yu not noes bout how we lives an how yus unfare to us. We ben gittin pooer while yu ben gittin richa for very long times. How much mor pooer can we git? What yu gonna does with all dat monys yu doesn't needs. We needs it. The only difrence between us is that we is de havnots and yu is da havs. What makes yu so special? The US Constusion says dat guvment is ta provide wefares to aws de peeples. So yu owes it to us. The bible says dat de meek is to inheit de earth. Evbody noes dat the por be meek. Dat means we owns everythings and yus greedy peeples ain't letin us hav what is ours. So even de bible says yu owes it to us. God cares bout us. He don't care about da rich.

Evbody noes dat capitism is for da greedy. What about us needy folks? We does all de work and de rich gets all de monys. Dats not fare. The Constution says wes all supost to be equals. How can we bes equal if wes not all paid de same? Jest cause yu goes to school don't mean yu smart and doesn't means yu shuld be payd mor. Wes got eggication tu. Yu don't needs to noe much to does alright. All ya needs to noe is dat demcrats bes fo de people and de pubicans bes for da rich.

Yus pubicans savs yur monys. Dat bes stupid and greedy. Aws de monys yo saves bes monys we doesn't get. We noes dat it bes smart to spend yo monys. The furst of every year we git a big EIC check from the govment to buy a bigga TV screen and speekas than yu eva will. Its free mony – evbody noes that free mony is ment to be blown. It dusn't matta what de thing is priced. All dat maters is what de monthy payments is. Den, if ya can't make payments yu declar bankupsy and keep de stuff fo free. Yu pubicans even puts yur monys on Wastreet. Den when de market goes down you lose. Us por peoples don't lose nutin cause we doesn't gamble with our monys. In fact, we gets a biga chek fom de govments so we can spend it to stemlate de econmy so yus peoples keep getin richa. We bys lottery tickets instead and somedays we gonna have much more dan yu. But yus keep trying to stop us. We cud sho yas how to makes monys but yu won't let us.

Yu rich pubicans don't preciate us. Yes, we cause lots of pobems but dats what makes yus peeples rich. Lots of yur works bes to take care of us. If we didn't cas trubles den yus peeples wudn't bes employed. Den yu wuds be por tu but yu not knows howta lives like us does. If we stops doing our thing den haf de layas and doctas bes unployed.

Us por peoples pays all de taxis. Evy time dey is a tax cut it only gos to de rich pubicans. We neva get a tax cut. We keeps paying mor and mor. All our tax monys gos to de rich an greedy publicans to buy fancy cars and stuff. We gotta stop dis wefare for da rich. Dey needs to be paying hiya taxis so we can gits de tings we need – de tings we is owed. Ya see, de mor monys yu gives us de mor we spends and de mor monys yu makes. So givin us monys makes you richa, us richa, and evyone richa. We ben noing dat fora long

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time. When yus gonna figure it out? Yur greed is what makes us all por. Ya see we noes mor bout ecomics dan you relize.

Enough of this moronic bullshit. I wish all of this were imaginary. But it is not. A large number of sheeple honestly believe this bullshit – and they vote for more bullshit. And the problems will continue forever. The Bible tells us that the poor will always be with us. The reason becomes obvious if one removes the blinders of political correctness.