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IS IT TRUE THAT LIBERALISM IS THE SOURCE OF THE DECLINE OF THE "MIDDLE CLASS?" SURELY, THERE IS AN EVER-WIDENING GAP BETWEEN THE "HAVES" AND THE "HAVE-NOTS." HOWEVER, ARE THOSE WHO WORK FOR LITTLE MORE THAN MINIMUM WAGE ~~ARE~~ VICTIMS OF LIBERAL POLICY? HOW CAN SUCH A POSITION BE SUPPORTED WHEN THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT EVOLVED FROM THE ARISING OF THE HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES, AND THE RELAXATION OF CONTROLS ON BIG-MONEY INTERESTS? THE "SERVICE ECONOMY" IS A CREATED NECESSITY BY THESE FORCES TO PERFORM MENIAL TASKS THAT THE NEW RICH NOW FEEL "ABOVE." THE HARDEST LABOR THEY CAN IMAGINE OCCURS ON TENNIS COURTS AND GOLF COURSES

MERELY 20 YEARS AGO, MIDDLE-CLASS YOUTHS IN THIS AREA WOULD WORK, UNRESTRAINED, FOR LONG HOURS, IN THE GRAPE VINEYARDS, TO MAKE MONEY FOR SCHOOL OR TRAVEL. TODAY, SUCH WORK IS CONSIDERED BENEATH THEM. THEY SEEK EMPLOYMENT ONLY IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY, MOST OFTEN ONLY WHILE YOUNG, WHILE PREPARING FOR THE "FAST-TRACK" OF A HIGH-PAYING JOB IN THE HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES. NONE OF THIS IS BORN IN THE SOURCE OF LIBERAL POLICIES. THE ECONOMY NOW DRIVEN BY BIG MONEY FORCES, AND THE NEW-RICH, REQUIRE SUCH A CONDITION. FURTHER, THE EVIDENCE THAT MANY CORPORATIONS MOVE OVERSEAS WHERE LABOR WILL ACCEPT MUCH LESS IS A FURTHER KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THIS PROBLEM.

LIBERALISM IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASING DISPARITY OF "HARD VS. SOFT" WORK. THE GREED OF THE OWNERS, IN ALMOST EVERY "INDUSTRY," IS THE CAUSE. THEIR PURPOSES HAVE MERELY EVOLVED TO A GREATER EFFICIENCY, VIA AUTOMATION AND

THE MYTHS OF COMPETITION. THE ONLY REAL PROBLEM WITH LIBERALISM IS THAT IT
MAKES ITSELF SO EASY TO BLAME, ON TV TALK SHOWS AND THE NEWS. SUCH A ROLE
DEFLECTS ATTENTION FROM THE REAL CULPRITS: THOSE WITH AN UNBRIDLED COMMITMENT
TO TECHNOLOGY (NO MATTER WHAT THE COST IN JOBS OR EFFICIENCY) AND A LOOSENING
OF CONTROLS ON THE AVARICE OF THE RICH. CAN ANY HONEST PERSON DENY THAT BOTH
OF THESE TRENDS ACCELERATED MOST QUICKLY DURING THE REAGAN/BUSH YEARS? INDEED,
AFTER THE S & L DEBACLE, WHAT MORE PROOF IS NEEDED? WORKING PEOPLE LOST MORE
THAN ANY GROUP TO THAT MASSIVE SCAM. THE SAME SCAM IS CONTINUING, IN MANY NEW
AND VARIED FORMS. INDEED, DEMOCRATS OFTEN SEEM ON THE SAME SIDE, THESE DAYS.
WHERE ARE THE LIBERALS? CERTAINLY NOT ASKING THE TOUGH AND REAL QUESTIONS
ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON....

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