that most of the poor in this country have a far higher standard of living than the well off did 100 years ago. Most people that live their whole lives in poverty do so because they are irresponsible and lazy. And the more the government does to try to help these people the more harm it does to the whole country. I have seen it close up and personnel. There are far too many people that are fine living off the government even when it means giving birth to children knowing they will become wards of the state, they care about no one but themselves. # " Most people that live their whole lives in poverty do so because they are irresponsible and lazy ". Where did that come from? Wait a minute, I know, they are the right wing nut job ramblings of Fox News groupies and racists. # It comes from lots of day to day experience. Like when you are behind someone at the grocery check out and they pay for their groceries with food stamps and then have cash for their 6 dollar a pack cigarettes. Sorry but why should I be paying for their groceries. I would be willing to bet if you could observe the lives of the majority (at least 7 out of 10) of people receiving some form of welfare the conclusion would be how undeserving they are. # " Most people that live their whole lives in poverty do so because they are irresponsible and lazy. " Ah yes, demonize the poor. Bankrupted by medical bills? You're lazy. Only Americans think this way, a holdover from our Calvinist heritage: Wealth is God's reward for virtue and poverty is God's punishment for sin. # When