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A family's official poverty status is based on pretax income, and thus does not include benefits received through the EITC or the Child Tax Credit CTC , nor does it include in-kind transfers, such as food stamp benefits, Medicaid, or housing assistance. For example, automobile manufacturers have been forced to comply with a series of costly fuel economy and air pollution regulations. A good point that Marty makes on this thought of religion as a national pillar is that when forming a country and creating the organization of it as a republic, one cannot look to religious texts for advice, one has to look to philosophical thoughts such as Enlightenment.

### **Labor Bargaining and the “Common Good”**

Randall Balmer Journal of American History The book's last sentence is like the spoonful of medicine distilled from Mr. Tragically, this wealth is being stolen in the name of economic efficiency and global competitiveness.

### **“Out of many, one”**

Through personal deductions or exemptions, the federal income tax code allows low-income families to exclude a substantial share of their income from taxation. Struggling lower-middle-class families are almost equally headed by single parents and married couples.

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In addition, refundable tax creditsâtax credits that can drop a family's tax bill below zeroâoften make marginal tax rates negative. The reality is that workers are not always inherently aligned, materially or politically, and neither are their communities.

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A low-income, single parent can face a marginal tax rate as high as 95 percent. In order to build power and effectuate change, workers must craft broader demands in partnership with their communities. Nearly one-third of struggling lower-middle-class families rely on income support from a government program.

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This disparity is primarily due to the varying eligibility for transfer programs. Many of these families also rely on government programs for income support.

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Struggling lower-middle-class families depend on an array of tax and transfer benefits. Most, but not all, of these ABAWDs are included within the 13 percent of participants in figure 8. Indeed, with the exception of Ohio, all of the states with child food insecurity rates above 25 percent are located in these two regions.

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