Dear Sirs:

I love Capitalism and free enterprise. The American people have benefited from it over the years. Socialism has major problems, as evidenced by what is going on in Western Europe now. People should have to qualify for, and earn things, like education and healthcare, in order to value and appreciate them. We have lowered standards in this country to the point where everyone gets everything and takes it for granted. Then things like a college degree, are no longer worth anything. It is not racist to have a merit based system. I taught business, psychology and math classes at the community college level for seventeen years. Many of my students on scholarships were not qualified to be there and had to take remedial classes. There were other qualified, deserving students who were not admitted. This was a travesty of justice to me. I also taught four groups of international scholarship students from primarily Central American and the Caribbean. They did well and received their Associates Degree. They had to return to their own countries at the end of the two year program, even though they did not want to. It was a requirement of the program that they try to better their own country, rather than escape to ours. If you work hard and are successful, you should not feel guilty about it and you should not be forced to share your good fortune with others, unless you choose to. There are a lot of slackers out there that want free handouts without putting forth any effort. They don't try to assimilate and learn the language. They make demands. The American Dream is equal opportunity to earn a living not being given an equal amount of everything. Thank you.

~Donna Hornbuckle