

# The Denial is Strong in This One

In the past I have pondered whether it is ethical to accept “welfare” from government, but I have *never doubted* that it is dangerous. I have compared it to milking a grizzly bear.

Over on Medium some poor woman said that my characterizing welfare as “the cruelest slavery” is a lie. Her evidence: when her family had their welfare cut off, they went through “hell”.

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Then she scolded me for my “conservative mindset”. *Strike TWO!*

I should have left her alone, but I pointed out that she only proved my point. Her family went through “hell” when the welfare was cut off *precisely because they had been enslaved by it* and didn’t know how to make it on their own. She’ll never admit it; probably not even to herself.

If I were cold, heartless, and didn’t care about people, I’d *encourage* them to become dependent on handouts which can be used to control and manipulate them- and to punish them when they aren’t sufficiently controlled and manipulated.

But I *do* care, so I warn people instead. Even when they shove their fingers in their ears and scream so they can’t hear me.