



# Welfare has increased faster than working wage

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Americans have been asleep since the inception of our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

As a point of interest, the middle class annual income today is about \$50,000 down from \$54,000 at the beginning of the Great Recession. Hawaii, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts pay more in welfare than the average working folks earn there.

The Cato Institute released an updated 2013 study showing that welfare benefits pay more than a minimum wage job in 33 states and the District of Columbia and, even worse, welfare pays more than \$15 per hour in 13 states.

Welfare has increased faster than the minimum wage!

It's now more profitable to sit at home than to earn an honest day's pay. Here's a few numbers for you hardworking American taxpayers: Hawaii pays \$29.13 per hour or \$60,590 annually, the District of Columbia pays \$50,540 annually, California pays \$37,160 annually, Oregon pays \$34,300 annually, Alaska pays \$26,400 annually, and Alabama pays \$23,310 annually.

Here is something far better; it's political welfare. Yes, folks, it does exist thanks to you and your slumber. The salary of a retired president is \$180,000 annually for life, a senator (U.S. House of Representatives) is \$174,000 annually for life, and the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives is \$223,500 annually for life.

Think about this: Nancy Pelosi will retire as a U.S. Congress person at \$174,00 a year for life. She has retired as speaker for \$223,500 a year. Plus she will receive an additional \$193,400 a year as minority leader. That's \$590,900 a year for life, including free medical that is not available to us, the taxpayers. She is just one of hundreds of senators who float in and out every year.

I know we're not nuts, but we better wake up or we will destroy our America.