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Conservatism lacks compassion

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These days, there appear to be many more conservatives who are essentially "survival-of-the-fittest" social Darwinists than there were during the 1950s through 1970s.

They want to eliminate all federal government safety-net programs, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and college student loans.

You will find many of them in Congress within the "freedom caucus," the old Tea Party, and the "movement-conservatives."

You will find a heavy dose of such thinking in conservative think tanks such as Americans for Prosperity, the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute.

While some of these groups are open and transparent about their beliefs, many use stealth tactics to influence opinion and political decision-making.

Others can do the same research I have done and will likely come to the same conclusion.

I highly recommend the books "Dark Money" by Jane Mayer and "Democracy In Chains" by Nancy MacLean.