

Defence of Welfare and people that depend on it

(based on the experiences of “Larkin Warren”)

Definition of Welfare:

-Provision of a minimal level of **wellbeing** and **social support** for all citizens, sometimes referred to as *public aid*.

- In most developed countries welfare is largely provided by the government, in addition to charities, informal social groups, religious groups and inter-government organizations.

Mr. Romney’s opinion:

- “*And so my job is not to worry about those people*”

- “*I’ll never convince them, they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives*”

→ Wanted to become president without worrying about **47%** of the country! (nonsense number: talks about people not paying federal income tax)

Larkin Warren:

“Applying for government benefits was exactly that – a way of taking responsibility for myself and my son during a difficult time in our lives”

- Single Parent mother, working two jobs

→ not even enough money to continue studying

- With the help of her mother, she got readmitted to the University of New Hampshire. (Full-time undergraduate)

- By the end of the first semester her work-study earnings weren't enough!

→ A friend suggested A.F.D.C. / food stamps

(Aid to **F**amilies with **D**ependent Children)

!! Strict controls, what her money was spent for!!

————→ Graduated with the help of social support, two weeks later she was off welfare and became an English teacher.

Today: - Satisfied with her life, supports herself + child

- Thankful that she had the privilege of getting welfare

“My main aim is to thank my country for giving me the chance to rebuild my life and the only thing it’s asked for me in return is to pay taxes”

Source:

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/23/opinion/sunday/taking-responsibility-on-welfare.html?pagewanted=all&_r=1&