

WOMEN DO NOT SHARE EQUALLY IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Of the 24.3 million "poor" people in the U. S.,

- 10.2 million are children
- 9.4 million are women
- 4.7 million are men

Clearly, women are poorer....

Re: Families, there are:

- 25.9 million "husband-wife" families w/children
- 4.5 million single female-headed families w/children
- .5 million single male-headed families w/children

Clearly, more women care for children than men.

Re: Families + Poverty,

- 1.5 million husband-wife families w/children are poor (5% of the 25 m.)
- 1.9 million single female-headed families w/children are poor (42% of 4.5 m)
- .07 million single male-headed families w/children are poor (13% of $\frac{1}{2}$ m.)

*Clearly, to be a single-parent household w/kids inclines you to poverty;
to be a single mother w/kids inclines you severely to poverty.*

Re: Work & Wages,

- \$12,082 is median income of white male heads of households who work.
- \$6,413 is median income of white female heads of household who work.
- \$10,365 is median income of black male heads of household who work.
- \$4,465 is median income of black female heads of household who work.

Clearly, working does not bring women, especially if black, out of poverty, but does bring men out.

Re: Old Age,

- \$3,476 is median income of old men 65+
- \$1,899 is median income of old women 65+ (14% have no income at all)

Clearly, the American economic system, including Social Security and the transfers through the marriage mechanism, have not insured women an even deal at the end of their lives after raising children, providing a home for a husband, working as a community volunteer, and/or working in the labor market.

Figures from: Current Population Report, Population Characteristics, Series P-20;
1975 Handbook on Women Workers, U.S. Dept. of Labor Women's Bureau.

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