

Chapter 9

On corporate WELFARE

There is much talk about America becoming a welfare state. It's true, gone are the days that individual citizens had to fend for themselves with no safety net. America has evolved over the years to believe that in a country as rich as ours, no one should starve. A variety of social programs were created during the great depression of the 1930's in an attempt to lift up those that have been left out of benefitting from our free enterprise system. Opponents of this social safety net rattle on about poor people being lazy, or worse, wards of a socialist welfare state.

However, the biggest welfare give away in America is the special governmental treatment that big corporations receive. This corporate welfare comes in the form of an unjust tax system and massive government subsidies for corporations already making billions of dollars.

IF the income disparity between the rich, the middle class and the poor continues to grow, America could digress again into social strife, as those not included in the corporate state become so desperate, they revolt. This decent into oligarchy and the end of democratic norms in this country is a very real possibility.