

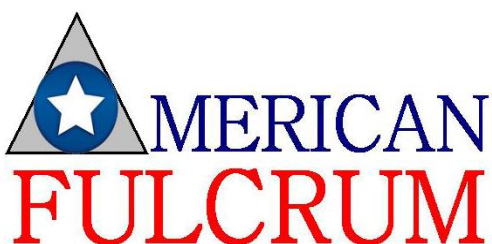
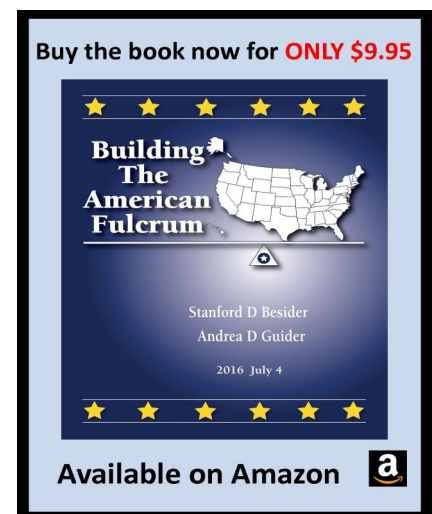
US Welfare System



US federal and state spending on the US means-tested welfare system is at its highest level in United States history. And according to the current President's budget plans, means-tested welfare spending will increase for the next decade. The common misconception is that more US government spending on means-tested welfare programs will do more to assist poor and low income Americans to move off of the US Welfare System. The US federal and state governments currently operate roughly 80 means-tested welfare programs that provide cash, food, housing, medical care, and social services to poor and lower-income Americans. The total federal, state, and local government spending on these programs now exceeds \$1 trillion annually.

US government spending for US welfare programs is expected to reach \$1.08 trillion in 2016. This is an increase of \$156.8 billion over the last 5 years and represents a sharp contrast to the plans put in place by the US government to help move Americans off US welfare assistance. The increased budget each year for the US Welfare System is proof that the current system is failing all of America. There must be a cap immediately put on US welfare spending and a reverse budget plan put into operation. The goal of US government should be a 5 year plan to reduce US welfare spending in the same increments it has increased over each of the last 5 years.

In the *US Welfare System* chapter of *Building the American Fulcrum*, plans and programs are detailed that work to remove Americans from our US Welfare System and get them back into the American workforce.



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