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Issue: How can economic justice and the conflict between the rich and the poor be adequately addressed?

THE RICH SHOULD HELP THE POOR

Rich people don't understand that poor people need the money more than they do. Some rich people don't even have to work. Some poor people need to work multiple jobs just to survive. Rich people buy a lot of things that they don't need. Rich people should give a portion of their money to poor people because they buy a lot of nonsense stuff that they don't need. For example, rich people buy expensive cars that they don't even use when poor people don't even have a car and have to walk everywhere. Rich people could donate old clothing, food, and water to people that don't have any money. The government could make a law that poor people don't have to pay taxes until they have enough money to pay.

There are also some other ways that rich people can help poor people. For example, rich people could buy houses for poor people and let them live there for free. Rich people could buy or start a company that helps poor people by giving them a job that pays them well. Rich people could also pay for poor people's children to go to college.

If I was rich, I would help people pay for their kids childcare. Childcare is very expensive so it would help them a lot. If parents had to work late their children would have to go to after school care or after camp care. I would pay for these things. I would also buy the children books so they could learn to read and do good in school. I would also pay for school supplies for children if I were rich. I would help poor people get a good job so they could eventually buy their own house and have a good life. I would also provide poor people with a car so they could get to work on time.

In conclusion, rich people should give money to the poor to help them live good long happy lives.