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# How do you feel about Mitch McConnell saying that we now need to cut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to fix the 1 trillion per year deficit created by tax cuts?

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I think it's time Americans **wake up**.



This right here. This is the agenda. Virtually everything else pales before it. And **Americans have been in denial** about it for decades now.

*This is a hard Quora answer to write. To discuss all the laws, policies and programs that have brought us to this point would take a book written over months, not something I can type here in a few minutes on my phone. I won't be able to credit every source or detail every point. But I'll attempt to touch on some broad factors. **Forgive me for nutshelling it this way.***

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First, realize that today's Republican party is in no way **"Conservative."**

Today's Republican Party does NOT want to **"keep things the same."** No. Even as they purport to embrace a past era of prosperity, they actually **want to reverse** the very policies and practices that brought that **American standard of living** about.

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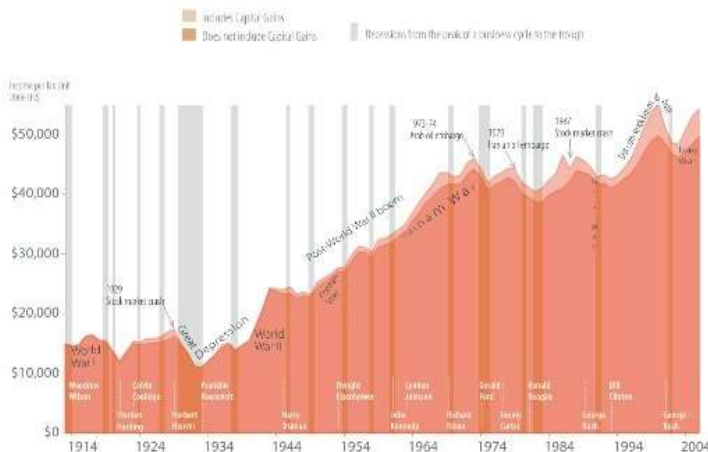
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Did everyone achieve **The American Dream**? Well, obviously not. There were still *poor Americans*, and *women and minorities* were locked out by design. And yet, as a rising tide lifts all boats, **household incomes did increase among all demographics**. Quality of life did improve. Most Americans looked to the future with hope.



Let's be clear. In developing the **New Deal**; creating **Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Disability** insurance; setting a **minimum wage**; legislating **civil rights in housing, employment and education**; regulating **environmental, worker and consumer protections**; subsidizing home ownership and higher education via the **GI Bill** and **Pell Grants**; investing in **highways, airports, schools, national parks and science exploration**; and promoting a **positive image of America abroad**, past Presidential administrations, including GOP ones, were *more ideologically Progressive* than the Trump Administration is now.

Let's look back. In the 1930s and 1940s, **Communism —and Fascism disguised as Socialism —** were *actual, tangible threats* to American freedom. Does anyone remember that?



And some people did, in fact, condemn the policies above as pink or even red.

Nevertheless, even then, most Americans, Republicans and Democrats, *agreed that a certain level of suffering and in America was unacceptable.* The reality of abject poverty, particularly of the elderly, children and low-wage workers, had come to light during the Progressive era, and shocked Americans. **Americans wanted to be better than that.**



En Masse, Americans agreed there was a need to **ensure that people who worked should have basic food, clothing, shelter and medicine.**

Contrary to today's narrative, minimum wage was not created as starting pay for teenagers' part-time jobs. Set in 1938, minimum wage was intended to be **a floor at which a full-time worker could achieve sustenance.**

In advocating for a minimum wage in 1933, Roosevelt said:

**No business** which depends for existence on paying **less than living wages** to its workers has **any right to continue** in this country. ... and by living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level—**I mean the wages of decent living.**

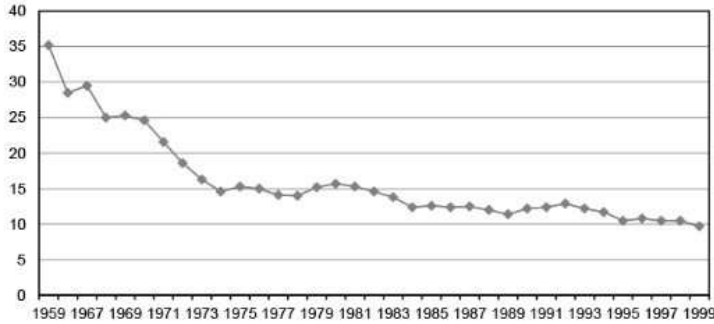
The fight for a minimum wage was intense and long. But it succeeded, in 1938. Having a "bottom floor" for wages didn't only impact those at the very bottom. **Wages of all workers continued to rise.**

The fight for programs to **protect those who could not work** was also intense and long, but also won. In 1935, with the passage of the Social Security Act, Roosevelt said:

Today, a hope of many years' standing is in large part fulfilled... We have tried to frame a law which will give **some measure of protection** to the average



Some decried its passage. But what was its impact? Well, one measure is the substantial decrease in poverty among one of the most vulnerable populations, elderly women:



Those

who recognized the need to maintain and expand such policies during the 1950s and 1960s **didn't have to fall into t...(more)**

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