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Bush's economic plan -- focus most tax cuts on the super rich, balloon the deficit and create huge new entitlement programs that line the coffers of big business rather than making health care truly more affordable -- continues to reap big dividends.

Yep, the new Census figures show 1.3 million more Americans living in poverty in 2003 and 1.4 million more Americans are uninsured. That's the third straight annual increase for both these categories, so if he's really lucky, Bush could go 4 for 4. Go Bush!

Hardest hit of all? Kids. Per the New York Times,

"Approximately 35.8 million people lived below the poverty line in 2003, or about 12.5 percent of the population, according to the bureau. That was up from 34.5 million, or 12.1 percent in 2002.

"The rise was more dramatic for children. There were 12.9 million living in poverty last year, or 17.6 percent of the under-18 population. That was an increase of about 800,000 from 2002, when 16.7 percent of all children were in poverty."



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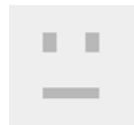


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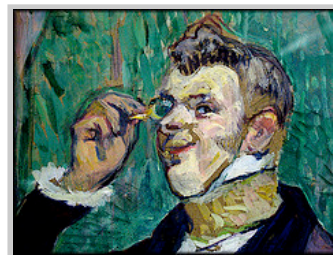
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