

# Class Warfare

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**“There’s class warfare, all right, but it’s my class, the rich class, that’s making war, and we’re winning.”**

– Warren Buffett, Chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway

“The American Dream has been under assault for 30 years,” says former President Bill Clinton.

Dateline 13-Sep-2011 (AP):

The Census Bureau reports the number of Americans in poverty jumped to 15.1 percent in 2010, a **27-year high**.

About 46.2 million people, or nearly **1 in 6, were in poverty**. That’s up from 43.6 million, or 14.3 percent, in 2009. It was the highest level since 1983.

The number of people **lacking health insurance increased to 49.9 million, a new high** after revisions were made to 2009 figures. Losses were due mostly to working-age Americans who lost employer-provided insurance in the weak economy.

*Squeezed by rising living costs, a record number of Americans — nearly 1 in 2 — have fallen into poverty or are scraping by on earnings that classify them as low income.*

*The latest census data depict a middle class that’s shrinking as unemployment stays high and the government’s safety net frays. The new numbers follow years of stagnating wages for the middle class that have hurt millions of workers and families.*

From Census shows 1 in 2 people are poor or low-income

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