

A Job For A Few Burgers

Tagline: *"The economy contributions: Choosing the Local Economy Over Hate"*

- 1) In these bad times the local economy suffers in many places worse than the national. Even where small companies may continue to thrive and maintain their overhead or create support for others. They are hanging on by payment to the next because surrounding companies usually have to bump up their overhead to avoid cutting jobs or both.
- 2) Sometimes local businesses go under simply by the down turn of a few months of income. Some by one month of revenue.
- 3) So it is important for local economies to benefit from all available or potential available revenue.
- 4) How could prisoners contribute to the local economies where they are housed? And in some special events, the communities they come from?
- 5) I posit: that prisoners could help generate jobs and stay off the foreclosures and bankruptcy of many local businesses if given the opportunity to contribute and overcome this "*prisoner hate complex*" and *retributationalism*. That prison officials exhibit an attitude in policy/discretion.
- 6) How? Anyone with a newspaper, watching tv, or listening to a radio or driving through a small city or town sees how the food restaurants are having these "pricing wars". Whether it is the pizza wars or the hamburger wars, the prices are dropping every week to entice people to buy their favorite eats at these awesome low prices.
- 7) For example: Burger King is advertising a "two for five" special of three kinds of sandwiches. The Whopper being the premium item.
- 8) If prison officials put the local economy over their hatred of prisoners, and allowed twice a month¹ for prisoners to order these specials, it would generate thousands of dollars for the local economy every month. Be it fast food or the local fish or BBQ joint, or farm made ice cream, or chocolate store.
- 9) At minimum, *five thousand a month*. Imagine what five thousand (coming in from each institution could do to a local "Ma & Pa" establishment, going up against the big chains.
- 10) Most "Ma & Pa" restaurants probably have never made that much revenue in their entire existence in a single month. Maybe two or three months.² Let alone being able to have a

¹ Some prisons already do this on a limited basis and not every month. More like once a year or every six months, or during fund raising guard support, etc.

² Or maybe on special events or seasonally.

promising niche customer that, at most, will alternate every other month to a new restaurant to spread the flow. But, nonetheless, still a faithful consumer.

11) The *sadist* will say, prisoners are in prison and being deprived to buy fast food is one of the forfeits of incarceration. Yet, the jobs that are lost and the businesses that get closed down due to the bad economy also take away tax money that is needed to pay for the prison industry complex orgies in building and overcrowding.

12) *Instead of allowing prisoners to make these types of contributions in a positive and mutual benefiting way, they desire to make cuts that only hurt the economy and contribute to the same cycles & criminality they claim to be steadfast in preventing.*

13) Cutting real and prisoners *input* programs, taking college programs, and taking food off the inmates' trays or the amounts provided are not effective, nor prudent correctional management or policy, nor budge efficiency.

Note: In another article, called: "Borrow a Kitchen", I will take a special event food project, which could be used for a lot of communities around the state, but specifically those often forgotten and the ones prisoners come from, and special community projects.

Take Away Thoughts:

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