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Reactionaries are like, "ah, I see that you post constantly and passionately about minimum wage, but riddle me this: have you considered that some people I don't respect or care about might benefit from this?"

I love it when a thought occurs to someone a century after everyone with a brain thought about it and quickly explained why it's irrelevant or false.

Ah, but did you know that human beings who are of high school age also are compelled by social structure to mortgage the time they have in this life to perform labor to survive, from which wealthy people extract profit??? #gotcha

I find it very clarifying to think about min. wage not as the lowest amount you're owed for your labor but the lowest amount you're owed just for giving your employer that time, even if you're standing around. Your time alive is also what they are buying from you.

This is useful in part because it negates skill-based labor objections, which are garbage anyway, but anything that reframes the conversation as a human right and not a job-based right is good.

They owe you because instead of tinkering in your toolshed to invent something or spending time with family or experiencing the wonders of this temporary world you are "flipping burgers" or providing IT support, even though we have resources to do different by everyone.

And if you don't have a social structure that guarantees human needs, the remediations for those needs are commodified specifically so you have to perform more labor, give them more of your finite time.

there is no relationship between obtaining healthcare & your paycheck except as created by capitalists on purpose to avoid ensuring healthcare becomes part of the assumed background fabric of public life like the highways you drive on without worrying

Decoupling health insurance from your work would also mean there's more cash you're owed because neither you nor your employer should be using that money to purchase the commodity known as health insurance.

That's right

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> Here\u2019s the thing with the $15 minimum wage debate: it should be a $25 minimum wage debate
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