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That first $1,200 check was obviously based on gross income from US federal minimum wage of $7.25/hr, for 40 hours a week, for a month: $1,160

What is this $600 amount based on?

The first was "fuck it, give em a month of minimum wage income. No, I don't give a fuck if it's $4 higher in their state."

So: $600. 2 40-hour weeks at $7.25 is $580.

Which is close enough that it *could* be what this number was based on

"Here's 2 weeks of minimum wage income for free, ya fucking plebes" does seem fully believable.

But, it doesn't seem as convincing. Deliberate gesture of cruelty, yes. But they'd try to gussy it up somehow.

It'd seem more plausible if they picked $600 not thinking of 2 weeks of minimum wage labor, but some other standard.

If you were a ghoul deserving to be tried for crimes against humanity, how would you justify that $600 amount?

In 2020, the Federal Benefit Rate for SSI is $783 per month.

People on SSI are expected to live off a bit more than two weeks of minimum wage income each month.

https://t.co/NBoxyTDkVk

So, you'd think they'd anchor on $700 or $800, as those are numbers close to a similar number already in use in a similar context.

But no, they chose to give a one-time payment $183 less than the monthly income you get on SSI.

In 2021 this monthly SSI amount will increase to $794

https://t.co/AW0O9Pas2y.

It *does* seem like the amount was calculated for maximum fuck-you-plebes cruelty.