

Brother, can you spare \$30 billion?

America has always taken care of its poor.

In recent years, government involvement has grown so much that officials aren't even sure how many federal poverty programs there are. Some are shown above. They cost at least \$30 billion a year.

And Washington wants to spend many billions more.

With incomes rising twice as fast as population, is the richest nation in the world really this poor? Or is it that Uncle Sam's left handout doesn't know what his right is doing?