

The Georgia Basic Income Experiment

Recently it was announced that a small group of people in the Deep South state of Georgia would be given \$850 per month unconditionally. If that sounds like basic income, it's because it is. The number of recipients is slightly confusing, depending on which source is [consulted](#), but they all have something in common: they are black women.



A pilot programme in Atlanta will see two hundred women receiving this payment for a year. It will then hopefully be expanded. It goes without saying that not everyone is happy with this, including a certain black conservative YouTuber who will remain nameless. The name Martin Luther King has been thrown around by the programme's supporters, but basic income is an idea that goes back centuries, although the first person to tackle it scientifically was C.H. Douglas.

This [thirty minute video](#) explains the rationale behind it, but basically, a hundred years ago, a man could eke out a living pushing a broom. Now, many laborious jobs, many dirty jobs, many dangerous ones have gone forever, and good riddance to them. The workforce needed for the future is increasingly of technicians, some of them highly trained. People at the bottom of the food chain cannot do these jobs; this includes people who are none-too-bright, people with serious or at times quite trivial criminal records, certain types of single mothers, people who have all sorts of disabilities and social problems.

These people, indeed everyone, needs and deserves livelihood. The purpose of work isn't some higher moral good, it is to provide the goods and

services the community demands and desires. Work is a means to an end, not an end in itself. Basic income will free the unfortunates among us from means-tested benefits – the cause of the poverty trap. In conjunction with the abolition of the minimum wage, it will enable these people to do menial or simple jobs here and there, to supplement their spending money. Leaving that aside, many jobs today are of a make-work nature.

Eventually, basic income could become truly universal and extended to everyone in the world, but as things stand, this isn't possible. It can and should be implemented in certain areas of the United States and other nations, indeed it has been, but it cannot be so implemented with open borders.

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