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My heart goes out to Paul Ciotti, who complains that efforts to "suppress the seething underclass" are being frustrated by fecund young underclass women.

This fecundity exists in all sectors of the population, of course, and some might accuse Ciotti of naivete or disingenuousness for holding poor parents and their daughters to a higher standard of responsibility than exists in many middle- and upper-class

families. Far-fetched indeed is his suggestion that when welfare is abolished, parents of poor girls will make life so uncomfortable for their impregnators that other wanna-be young fornicators will take vows of celibacy. The barrage of childish diversions directed at our youth from all sides has strengthened their natural ineptness at computing, and acting upon, the consequences of their behavior.

But no need to lose hope. Suppression of the seething underclass will proceed apace when the time is right — say, after a demonstration by poor people (led by bleeding-heart liberals, of course) turns violent. Then the nation's security forces can, and most likely will, be transformed easily into efficient protectors of the non-underclass. Ozzie and Harriet are long gone, but 1984 is right around the corner.

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