



99ers unemployment extension 2011 - more free money for the couch dwellers?

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99ers wait for help, not free money. An unemployment extension for the 99ers would be help, but better yet they want jobs. If the job fairy dropped 5 million new jobs on the US, the 99ers unemployment extension would not be needed. This is not going to happen, and the government has no feasible plan for job growth anytime soon. The opponents to a 99ers unemployment extension appear to believe there are jobs out there, and they are right, job opening exist, but with reports of 100 job applicants to every job opening, such as Delta Airlines just experienced, that still leaves 99, 99ers jobless.

From Connecticut to Oregon, jobs are not there, economists warned today that the job numbers in December that were considered a “hopeful sign” are not sustainable, according to Fox News Live. Ben Bernanke warns that the job market may take at least five years to stabilize. What is going to happen to the people in meantime that cannot find a job?

Nancy Folbre, an economics professor from the University of Massachusetts wrote an article today in the [New York Times](#) about what is like for the unemployed in 2011. First of

all, they are a hidden bunch. If this was 20 years ago, all the unemployed would be seen in long lines in front of the unemployment agencies. The pictures would have made front page news almost daily. There is no bigger visual than an unemployment line, to get the message across that there is a very big problem.

Flobre touches on a point that we seldom hear anymore. The unemployed come from different walks of life and often find their lot in life of being unemployed, embarrassing. Embarrassing, yes, it must be embarrassing for the once vital bread winners to be shut down to nothing.

Of course it should not be embarrassing because this unemployment crisis is out of their control. The men and women who proudly held positions for years have been cast aside with their jobs shutting down with the next event being - exhausting unemployment benefits. The little bit of unemployment benefits allotted to them is taken away after the magic week of 99.

The 99ers are not people waiting for "free money" as some have commented on the unemployment articles. These are real people like your mother, your father, sisters, brothers, aunts, and uncles who cannot provide an income to their families through no fault of their own. The 99ers do not want to be in this position. For people to make the "free money" statements and "couch dwelling" statements it just shows that they are out of touch with the harsh realities today. They should consider themselves lucky, It is easy to assume the people throwing the biggest stones are sitting with a job. But this can be gone in a blink of an eye. Even jobs that were considered to be on the rise, like the technology jobs in Connecticut, can come tumbling down at any time.

Connecticut was one of the states that fared a bit better in this unemployment crisis. Today news that the technology jobs, which is one of the growing sectors of jobs in Connecticut, are starting to decline. The reason, Connecticut is too expensive, according to the [Connecticut Technology Council](#). This is not unique to just Connecticut, with many jobs being stationed overseas. Comcast, one of the biggest cable providers in the state has people answering the phones in the Philippines. These are jobs that could have gone to Connecticut residents.

Just remember before throwing the next stone at the "free money takers" and "couch dwellers" in this nation, that it can be you tomorrow, no matter how secure you think your job is.

Reference: New York Times, Fox News Live, Comcast 1-800-Comcast. Connecticut

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