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If welfare moms

I will wholeheartedly support Debra J. Saunders' proposal to require contraceptive implants in welfare recipients ("Implanted contraceptives could curb welfare rolls," Dec. 15.) if the program can be expanded in true bipartisan fashion — i.e., if the powerful are included as well as the powerless.

Let us also require implants for the greedy, who are so much in the news today, and who have brought this nation to the brink of financial ruin. Why should the likes of Ivan Boesky, Charles Keating, and the Keating Five be allowed to pass their greedy genes along to children who will probably continue their traditions?

Why not include, too, the affluent smug, who are strongly inclined to attribute their success to their personal innate virtue, instead of giving due credit to their socio-economic class and, often, their parents' connections. (Thus would the nation's yuppy population be drastically decreased, to everyone's benefit and relief.)

There is also no reason not to include anyone not on welfare who has already had two children.

The fact is that through their habits of consumption, these classes, far more than the poor, are responsible for the resource depletion and environmental degradation which constitute the greatest threat we have ever faced. I say, let's all get on Saunders' bandwagon, for our own good.

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