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90% of the world's population--- circumstance.

I am a firm believer in the Islamic notion that the community has a right to a specific share of each individual's accumulated wealth --- quite apart from whatever share is accounted for by taxes. There is no direct English translation for zakat, but that is, roughly, the concept behind it. Alms-giving-as-taxation, to feed the hungry in your own geographic community (I donate to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region). But my belief in and adherence to the zakat in no way diminishes my revulsion at the feminist effort to make children interchangeable with adults, to describe children as either poor or rich with, in short, the feminist tactical effort to entrench this view-point in law so as to increase the unearned income of unemployed and unemployable women by establishing a guaranteed income for each child (which incomes would, of course, become the property of the custodial parent --- three guesses who that turns out to be). If this is not the sleazy, greedy and underhanded long-term motive behind the misuse of the term ---child poverty--- by feminists in the industrialized countries, I apologize, but I think it is ridiculous to