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This is Phil Arnot for Community Comment on KINS radio.

A month or so ago Brett Baier on Fox TV spoke at great length about Food Stamps. He said that in 2008 before President Obama, there were 24 million on Food Stamps, but after only 5 years under his administration there were 47 million by 2012. The USDA (Department of Agriculture) has been pushing people onto Food Stamps. Now the USDA is moving to immigrants with lots of Spanish programs and these people push their friends to apply for Food Stamps. And now its no longer stamps. It's a card.

Here is what has happened in the last 5 years: The program is causing obesity. Food Stamps are used to purchase alcohol and people sell their stamps.

So why is the USDA trying to get more people to sign up for Food Stamps. The USDA tracks people who qualify whether these people want Food Stamps or not. When the program first started according to Brett Baurt, the program was designated to help people buy seeds for crops and then it exploded. The USDA is pushing people to take benefits they don't need. There is nothing wrong with those that need help, but not those who don't.

The result is that people get used to getting something for nothing and so they don't work when jobs are available. Our local papers advertise jobs by the numbers.

In Baier's interview with Charles Murrey who wrote the book "Losing Ground" he says it just isn't working. He says welfare reform has worked, but under Obama it has fallen apart.

I leave you with a point to ponder: Our government is going broke but it just grows and expands while a private business that is going broke, Closes.

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