Irony

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It's sort of ironic. For decades the racists have been saying that inner city black folks are lazy and that there are plenty of jobs, that the men leave the women and just want to do drugs.

Now, as the jobs disappear from the industrial Midwest (Rust Belt), we see white families falling apart and drug use skyrocketing. Without good paying jobs, men can't support their families and many turn to drink and drugs; it's all that's left for them. Then the families fall apart and that's true in both the Rust Belt and the inner cities.

It was always a lie that there were plenty of jobs. Yes, usually someone can get a job paying minimum wage (or less), but no one can support a family on that. All the training in the world won't get a job if there are none to be had, and we have fewer and fewer good paying jobs.